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## DNA-sensing cameras in bait cars target auto thieves

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Surrey, B.C. -- Metro Vancouver police departments will be seeking their own "personal bests" as they combat auto theft during the Olympics.

The Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team, known as IMPACT, has unveiled a high-tech game plan to beat car thieves and keep auto theft at a six-year low.

The plan includes flooding parking lots with so-called bait cars, to catch thieves from the minute they get behind the wheel.

Solicitor General Kash Heed says 250,000 people are expected to take transit each day of the Games, leaving thousands of vehicles unguarded.

He says that along with video monitoring and remote engine shutoff in the bait cars, the vehicles will be equipped with cameras and laptops containing cutting-edge DNA technology to identify stolen items and provide iron-clad court evidence.

IMPACT Sgt. Gord Elias says thieves should know the Games are not their ticket to easy pickings.

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