



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE News Release

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Thieves Steal 14 Navigation Units from Dealership

Summary of Event

Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a car dealership who had vehicles damaged and navigation units stolen. The suspects broke into the vehicles overnight causing extensive damage.

Full Details

On December 29, 2011, at 7:42 am, Washington County Sheriff's Deputies were called to Braley and Graham GMC Buick at 9155 SW Canyon Road in the community of West Slope for a report of multiple vehicle break-ins. The thefts occurred overnight when the dealership was closed.

Sheriff's Deputies arrived and found there were 14 vehicles that were broken into. The only items taken out of each vehicle were in-dash GPS/navigation units. There were 12 new GMC Denali's and two other vehicles targeted by the thieves. It is estimated the cost will be about \$70,000 to repair the vehicles.



Investigators determined this is a very organized group involved in the thefts. All vehicles had one window broken and it appears the suspects crawled through the window to gain entry. Once inside, they disassembled part of the dash and systematically removed the GPS/navigation unit. They cut wires and damaged the interior during the removal process.

This theft is similar to an incident of nine GPS/navigation units stolen from Wilsonville Chevrolet early Wednesday morning.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Unit responded to assist in collecting and processing evidence. This investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 503-846-2700.

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