

The information below was forwarded to NJ VTI by Agent Tom Pollack. If your company would like to assist NICB and the Port Authority Police with their operation, please contact Tom directly at (845) 356-3897.

The Port Authority Police of NY & NJ has requested the assistance of NICB in establishing a liaison with Insurance Companies who are willing to participate in a "Bait Car Initiative" that is going to be introduced at Newark Airport. The objective is to eliminate every possible option when it comes to stealing a vehicle from any one of the numerous bi-state facilities.

The concept is to park a Bait vehicle in the parking areas of the airport where the most thefts have occurred, with the potential of apprehending and convicting car thieves. The vehicles will be outfitted with a GPS tracking device, video cameras, audible devices, fuel shutoff, and door locking features that will be controlled by the Police.

The surveillance of the vehicle would be conducted by Detectives. The arrest team will be uniformed officers. The vehicle data will be monitored by an officer at the Police desk using a laptop computer. Also, the PAPD helicopter will be outfitted with the same laptop monitoring system in the event aerial support is needed. The scope and objective is to affect an arrest before the suspect and vehicle leaves the parking area. Signs will be placed in the parking lots to indicate the use of a bait vehicle as a deterrent. When the vehicle is not in service it will be parked in a Police storage hanger at Newark Airport. A one year pilot program will be instituted and evaluated as needed.

A survey conducted by NICB disclosed the following:

1. The Newark Airport parking lots of vehicles stolen in 2004 were valued at \$1,721,960.00.
2. Top Three vehicle's stolen:
  - a. 2000-to-2004 BMW ..M3 & M5
  - b. 2000 & 2004 Subaru.. Impreza 4dr sedan
  - c. 2001-to 2004 Audi S4

The NICB continues to support Law Enforcement initiatives that will reduce vehicle theft and/ or recover vehicles in a timely manner and convict those individuals who are engaged in vehicle thefts. The Port Authority Police "Bait Vehicle Initiative" is such a program.

NOTE: The Port Authority Police have indicated that they would we except damaged vehicles which would not exceed \$2,000, to repair as a donation.

Agent Pollack advised that NICB is primarily looking to have high end salvage vehicles leased to NICB for a nominal fee. The vehicle would then be returned to the insurer after the agreed time and the insurer would then dispose of the vehicle. The insurer would only be losing the valuation of the vehicle while it was used in the operation. All responsibility would be covered by NICB.