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Attention would-be car thieves, you may want to avoid the fair this year

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VANCOUVER (NEWS1130) - Along with the mini donuts, the farm animals and the Midway, another tradition is returning to the PNE this weekend, and it's meant to keep your car safe.

Vancouver Police and the Provincial Auto Crime Team are teaming up for the fourth straight year at the fair. Sergeant Gord Elias says the strategy helped cut car thefts around the PNE from 26 in 2006 to just six last year.

They'll be teasing the would-be-thieves too. "We're going to have property planted in some of those bait cars, marked with microDotDNA technology. And that is a tiny little dot that positively identifies all the property in the vehicle as belonging to the Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team. So people be warned, if you want to steel something out of the car, we're going to be able to identify the property."

Undercover police will also be out and about, along with police dogs and helicopters patrolling the area.

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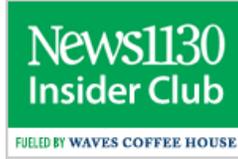
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