

NEWS RELEASE



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The Garden City Police Department would like to advise everyone of an ongoing pattern of deception larcenies in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. In many cases, subjects target persons exiting banks after withdrawing money. Subjects walk up to victims as they enter their vehicles and advise them that there are nails or tacks under their rear tires or that they have just dropped money outside their car. When the victims exit their vehicles to look at the alleged conditions, another subject will enter the car and remove a pocketbook and/or money packet. In some cases, the subjects puncture a victim's tire, and as they assist them in changing the tire, another subject is stealing property from within the vehicle. A person who experiences these types of scenarios, as well as other types of potential acts of deception, are advised not to exit their vehicle, dial 911, and ensure their wallets, pocketbooks, and money packets are secure.