



On 20 January 2017 two new and unregistered Manitou Telehandlers were stolen from a dealership in Brechin, Angus.

Police Scotland would encourage owners of large agricultural and plant equipment, including dealerships, to take the following steps to secure their vehicles:

- Remove keys when not in use and store securely away from the vehicle.
- Fit steering locks.
- Fit CESAR security marking system to the vehicle.
- Mark or customise your vehicle so it is easily identifiable. This can deter thieves and assist recovery if they are stolen.
- Consider fitting vehicle tracking devices.
- Park the vehicle in a well lit area covered by a good quality CCTV system.
- Keep a record of all machinery, tools, vehicles and equipment with photographs and serial numbers.

Remember: If you can think of a way of defeating your existing security measures, so can the criminal.

A complete guide to “Security in the Rural Environment” can be accessed from the Police Scotland website, http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/keep_safe/rural-prevention-booklet?view=Standard

Comprehensive crime prevention advice can be obtained from your local Community Officer by telephoning 101.

Any suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101, or alternatively information can be passed anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. For emergencies call 999.