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Bike Thefts Increase in the Downtown Area

Detectives have reported that since the beginning of the year they have noted an increase in bicycle thefts in the downtown section of the City. Since January 1st, over thirty-nine (39) bicycles have been stolen, many of them being expensive models that were secured with cable locks at the time they were taken. The suspects are utilizing bolt cutters or other tools to cut the cable locks and take the bikes.

A video of such a theft which took place on January 29th at 2nd Avenue North and 1 Street can be viewed at http://youtu.be/a85noY-yxjo If anyone has information on the suspect’s identity in this case, please call the St. Petersburg Police at 727-893-7780 or use the anonymous Tip-411! Text “SPPD” and your tip to 847-411 (Tip-411).

Detectives are asking the public to be vigilant and report anyone they see loitering or acting suspiciously around unattended bicycles. They are also suggesting that bike owners take extra precautions to prevent theft by utilizing high quality extra strength bike locks that make cutting more difficult. There are a number of such products available at local bike shops that can be utilized to enhance theft prevention.

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