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Vehicle theft is not just a crime of opportunity, as certain makes and models are targeted by thieves for export.

'THIS TRULY IS ORGANIZED CRIME'

HALTON SEEING SPIKE IN VEHICLE THEFTS

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Vehicle thefts are on the rise in Halton, with thieves now deploy-

ing special technology in the majority of these incidents, police say.

Halton saw a total of 867 vehicles stolen in 2021, compared to 518

in 2020.

Halton Hills and Milton had 286 vehicles stolen last year, while Oakville was the hardest hit community with 352 thefts and Burlington had 229.

Vehicle theft was closely examined at a recent crime prevention

presentation, conducted by Halton police Det. Ron Wright.

When it came to vehicle choice, he noted Lexus vehicles (typically RX 350) were the most popular target, making up 60 per cent of those

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