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Follow these simple guidelines to reduce the risk of you becoming a victim of this type of crime:

- remove all valuables including portable sat nav systems, mobile phones and laptops, even if you're only away from your vehicle for a few minutes
- clean suction marks from your windscreen if using a portable sat nav – these show a potential thief that it might still be inside
- don't hide valuables in the boot or glove compartment as these are the first places a thief will look
- thieves steal number plates to use in other crimes, you can fit tamper proof number plate screws to help prevent this.

Has anyone tried to sell you a second-hand sat nav system or other electronic equipment in unusual circumstances? If so, you can report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report. You can also call Kent Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

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