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Car Tagging

Car tagging refers to the practice of marking, tracking, or signaling a potential victim by placing an object, symbol, or indicator on their vehicle.

Traffickers or criminal scouts use these markers to identify vulnerable individuals, monitor their movements, or signal to other offenders that the person has been selected as a target.

It is not about abducting someone immediately — it's about target selection, surveillance, and opportunity assessment.

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Car tagging helps traffickers:

- Identify isolated individuals
- Track routines
- Signal to other offenders
- Assess risk
- Determine the best time to approach or groom

It is **not** always a sign of imminent abduction, but it is a sign of predatory interest.

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Car Tagging - Surveillance Tagging

- This involves marking a car to:
 - Track the victim's routine
 - Identify when they are alone
 - Signal to another trafficker to follow
 - Confirm the person returned to the same location
- This is common in parking lots, gyms, malls, hotels, college campuses, churches
- Traffickers often work in teams, and tagging helps coordinate.

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Digital Car Tagging

This is increasingly common and more dangerous:

- **AirTags or Bluetooth trackers** hidden on or inside the car
- **GPS devices** placed under the bumper
- **QR code stickers** that activate tracking when scanned
- Burner phones with GPS activated (iPhones, Androids, etc)

This form of tagging allows traffickers to **monitor movement in real time.**

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Car Tagging Summary

Car tagging is when traffickers or scouts place objects or signals on a person's vehicle to mark them as a potential target, track their movements, or communicate with other offenders.

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