

## GPS Horror

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As survivalists and preppers it is important for each of us to fully comprehend the various safety factors which come into play and are crucial functions of our well being. These functions of management are just as valuable as being properly prepared. Often times we are so intent and focused upon the mechanics involved in the preparations that we completely overlook any aspects that may concern the safety of our family and those of our friends who rely upon us.

I recently become aware of a situation which quickly snapped me back to the reality of life. I further felt that it was so important of a thought that I needed to address the issue to all of you as well.

According to the information that I had received a young couple were avid football fans and had been attending a local game held at a nearby football stadium. While the couple was busy enjoying the game they were unaware that some thugs were actively breaking into the vehicle.

They thought there would be no problem concerning the safety of their car since it was parked with other fans vehicles adjacent to the football stadium and the location was specifically reserved for the game fans use only. Upon examination it was discovered that the things which were stolen from the couple's car consisted of their garage door remote control, a small amount of money and their vehicle GPS which they had unfortunately left prominently displayed on their dashboard.

Later when the game was over and the couple arrived at their home they were shocked to discover that their home had been broken into and was totally ransacked. Any valuable items within the house had been removed and were now gone.

It appeared that the thieves had employed the couples stolen GPS to guide them to their home. Once at the house the criminals used the remote control for the garage door to obtain entry into the home. Since the thieves knew for certain that the owners were enjoying the football game at the stadium they could safely estimate what time they would arrive back at their house. This in turn let them know about how much time they had to finish clean out the couples house of all its valuables.

It appeared that the crooks brought a moving truck with them in order to empty the home of all its contents. This is merely something that we all should take heed of if we own a GPS. It would seem to be prudent not to put your home address in your GPS system. instead place a nearby location in its memory such as a gas station or store close to you. You would naturally know where you live but no one else would know in the event that your personal GPS were to be stolen.