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## **Ashes anonymously returned to local cemetery**

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On August 16<sup>th</sup>, the family was reconciled with the remains of their loved one after being notified that the urn was anonymously left at the Evergreen Cemetery. A note was with the urn requesting the remains be returned to the family but it is unknown who left the urn or wrote the note.

“We are pleased the car thieves recognized what the remains meant to the family and did the right thing so there could be closure,” says Detective Mike Atwood.

The Everett Police Department thanks the media for being proactive, community members for taking an interest in the case and Property Crimes detectives who continue working to find the stolen vehicle.

The note and urn had no evidentiary value for the vehicle theft but detectives hope to recover the vehicle and develop investigative leads to determine suspect information.

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## **Family seeks public’s help recovering a stolen vehicle containing their father’s ashes**

(Original Release - August 13, 2015)

EVERETT – The Everett Police Department is investigating a vehicle theft in which the cremated remains of a family’s father were taken.

On Tuesday evening at about 5:30 p.m., a victim arrived home in the 11000 block of Evergreen Way after picking up the cremated remains of his father from a local funeral home. The remains were left inside the vehicle in a gold colored urn. The family had planned the memorial service for the next day, but the vehicle was stolen overnight.

The vehicle is a white, four-door, 1999 Honda CRV with WA license AKG-1121 and a black cargo trailer hitch.

The urn is described as a gold colored tin box about eight inches square.

The victim also reports that the vehicle contained a firearm and ammunition. Any potential suspects should be considered armed.

There are no images of the incident or suspects, but a similar vehicle is shown below.



Anyone with information about this vehicle theft is asked to call 911, the Everett Police Department TIP LINE at (425) 257-8450 or Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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