



# Colorado State Patrol Intelligence Unit INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN



## (U//LES) Officer Safety/Escape Risk In New Ford Interceptors



(U//LES) A handcuffed suspect escaped out of the back of a 2014 Ford Explorer (Police Package) in Woodburn, Oregon on 10/27/13. The suspect was handcuffed behind his back and was able to break the door handle off the rear passenger door and gain access to a cable that can open the door. The suspect was able to briefly escape from the vehicle while the officer's attention was diverted.

(U//LES) This is an officer safety issue for all of the new Ford<sup>USBUS</sup> Taurus and Explorer Police Interceptor models. The door system is the same on both vehicles and is delivered from Ford with the door handle disconnected from the cable. This makes it easy for someone to break the plastic door handle and access the cable (as mentioned above).

(U//LES) To ensure the safety of our officers, please check that the child safety lock is engaged on both rear passenger doors.



Above is a picture of a broken handle with cable easily accessible.



Child safety lock adjustment is located under black rubber plug in picture to the left.

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