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VIASAT 2020 RESEARCH: CAR THEFT IN ITALY STOLEN 95,403 (7,950 PER MONTH), IN THE CENTRAL-SOUTH IT IS AN EMERGENCY HOW TO DEFEND YOURSELF? WITH SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY

THE SEARCH - In Italy, car thefts are slightly reduced, but when they are stolen, more than half of their traces are lost. The emergency remains strong especially in some regions of the Center-South and the small and medium-sized models are the most "popular". How do you defend yourself? With satellite technology, the only one capable of fighting increasingly fierce and unscrupulous gangs. These are the main "highlights" that emerge from the research promoted by Viasat Group.

IN THE CENTRAL-SOUTH THE SITUATION IS ALARMING - Going into the detail of the Research in 2019 in Italy, according to the latest estimates of the State Police, 95.403 cars were stolen (in 2018 there were over 105 thousand). Data that confirm a virtuous trend, even if they are still **almost 8 thousand a month, 265 a day, 11 every hour the means taken from the rightful owner.**

However, the ranking of the regions most at risk does not change. Campania is confirmed once again in first place with 23,554 vehicle thefts; followed by Lazio (17,021) and Puglia (16,389). Gradually all the others starting from Sicily (13,178) and Lombardy (10,013).

On the recovery side, on the contrary, the news is not good. 34,198 are found (36% of the total). Traces of the remaining 64% are lost. The numbers are there to confirm that when a car is stolen, it is very difficult to find it. The most "sought after" cars continue to be those of medium-small displacement generally for temporary use: to commit crimes (robberies or thefts) or to sell spare parts. The most valuable cars, the high-end ones, disappear "on commission", or to be resold abroad: Serbia, Albania, Slovenia at the Far East the most popular markets.

HOW TO COMBAT THE PHENOMENON: WITH SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY - *"The figure of the thief has changed - Domenico Petrone, President of Viasat Group tells us - and the traditional 'car rats' have been joined by 'cyber thieves', organized in real life and hi-tech gangs that take just 30 seconds on average to steal a car. " To defend them, large or small, it is, therefore, essential today to combine the action of the police forces with technologically advanced anti-theft devices. The statistics attest to the effectiveness of the satellite and IoT technologies proposed by Viasat, registering, compared to national numbers, fewer thefts, and a more than double percentage of vehicles found within the first 28 minutes thanks to the activity of the H24 Operations Center ".*

Essential devices to stem the phenomenon even in cases where a criminal organization is equipped in a sophisticated way. **Viasat protection and security services** represent an effective contrast to thefts, also carried out with the help of jammers (which disturb the GSM and GPS signal to prevent the device from transmitting), because they allow to intercept the signal disturbance by blocking the vehicle, operating the horn and activating the control unit in less than 80 seconds.

Who is VIASAT GROUP S.p.A. – *An European excellence in the field of satellite security systems that integrate the latest communication technologies in order to ensure the complete safety of the vehicle and its occupants. It is active in the markets of satellite alarm systems, Insurance telematics, fleet management and Big Data. It is part of Viasat Group which, since 2002, has grown to become one of the economically strongest in our country, boasting a presence, either direct or through local distributors, in 69 countries across Europe, Africa, Middle East and Latin America, with more than 770 employees (as of 31/12/2018).*

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