

Thieves stalled by new device

EDMONTON (CP) — Selecting his target in the crowded parking lot, a thief breaks into a parked car and slips behind the wheel.

Within minutes, he hot-wires the vehicle, gets it going, backs out of the parking lot and is set to take off.

But suddenly the car stalls and, try as he might, nothing will get it going again.

Such thwarted auto thefts are the purpose of an anti-theft device invented by Edmonton mechanic Joe Goegebauer.

Patented under the name Autogard, the device cuts off the electrical supply to the engine within about 20 seconds of a hot-wire start. A switch, concealed in a location convenient to the owner, turns the

antitheft system on and off. It's true that having one's car abandoned in an inconvenient spot may result in an accident or the car being towed away, but this is preferable to having the car stolen.

The psychological effect of having the car stall at an inconvenient time or location is one of the best features of his device, the inventor said.

Unlike the various ignition locks, there is nothing to pick, and no wires to cut, as with alarm systems.

Ultratech Systems Ltd. of Edmonton plans to manufacture the device at a cost of \$20 to \$50.

This is the ninth patent Goegebauer has taken out.

SALISBURY, England (CP) — Rev. John Harvey, vicar of four tiny congregations near here, recently spent five hours sitting in a furnished country bus shelter, enduring the taunts and question of noisy

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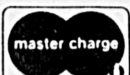
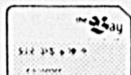
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