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level, locations of apartments, bars, and auto repair shops create increased opportunity for auto theft. At the site level, she matches repeat auto theft locations to those that experienced a single victimization. She collects data on W.A.L.L.S. (Watchers, Activity Nodes, Location, Lighting, and Security Devices) variables. Location and lighting were the most significant variables. Watchers and security devices were related to repeat victimization in