

Someone may be following you

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Let's talk for a moment on safety. In Security Service they would always tell us to vary our car routes to work along with leaving home at different times each day. They would always stress being vigil on what is taking place in our surroundings. You are driving along on a highway with few people other than yourself and all of a sudden, an oncoming car turns around and starts to follow you. The fact that he turned around is not in itself a danger but it could be. The key like in any situation is to think ahead, and be aware of what is going on.

Think about what your actions would be in the event that a car is in fact following your car. This scenario is fairly common, and crosses many peoples mind often as they travel around their city, or one that they are visiting. Naturally, most people would realize that they don't want to lead the follower to their home, but rather continue to somewhere else. That is certainly a wise decision, but we cannot end it there. We must go further to defuse this issue.

Questions are abundant in a situation such as this. Do you pull over, and confront the driver of the other car? Suppose you are carrying a concealed weapon on you, should you feel more secure about pulling over? There are many questions that the average person starts to ask, and this article is intended to provide you with some key points to keep in mind. Common sense should prevail, and remember a shoot-out with the tracker is not always the best policy.

If the area is your home turf you likely have a good feel for the layout of the streets, and roads. You know where best to turn, where the one-way streets are, and in general the layout of your town. In that case you might try to make several turns in the same direction. This is a test to see if in fact you are being followed. Turning right three, or four times should place you back at your original starting point. This process will provide proof to you that someone is intent upon following you otherwise, the usual person would have driven off in a different direction. If the car behind you is still on your tail after these maneuvers' chances are very good that they are following you, and certain actions must be taken. A word of caution here is that if you are in strange areas that you are not familiar with do not try this trick as it could place you in a section of the city where you risk placing your car in an undesirable part of town. Things could quickly turn out worse than they were before.

Immediately call the police 911 on your cell phone, and let them know you suspect that someone is following you, and where you are located. Do as the police dispatcher instruct you to do but, do not stop your car, and do not hang up.

Watch carefully in the event that other cars are involved with the person who is following you. Avoid following too closely to the car which is in front of you as you would not want to get sandwiched between the two cars. Who knows the car in front might be

working with the one following you? Always leave yourself a route to escape if necessary, It is not unusual for a robber to follow the victim to a location that is to their advantage, and have an assistance pull in front of their mark so they can stop quickly causing an accident. Don't become a victim of this ploy. If by chance the following vehicle should strike you merely keep going as it would not be safe to stop. However, at the same time continue communications with the police dispatcher, and have them get an officer to you. I remember the Soviet Diplomatic Vehicles would do something similar on the Berlin highway between East and West Germany.

If some unforeseen conditions compel you to stop your vehicle try to plan your location to stop. Attempt to locate a location in public view where there may be a lot of people, and where it might provide you with an alternate escape route. Besides seeking a public location try to find one with good cover thus a field which is wide open would not be a good area to stop. This is not a guaranteed safety scheme since crowds tend to ignore any goings on out of fear.

If you must stop your car, you have several strategies which you could undertake. You might consider remaining in your vehicle (still running and in drive position) until the follower gets out of their car, and quickly drive away from the scene. This could net you a few needed moments to escape. If the attacker is an immediate threat you could use your car as a weapon against them. Your two-ton car would stop them much better than would six shells from your gun. Another alternative would be to get out from your car and escape to a safe location. Keep in mind that stationary cars fail to make a good cover in the event that that attacker begins shooting. The key here is you would not want to sit in your seat if you knew the individual was going to be shooting a weapon at you.

It is up to you to use every possible tactic which you can devise towards your advantage. You might even wish to turn your vehicle around and face your attacker. The point here is that if it is at night you can shine your headlights into his eyes to temporarily blind him. If you need to depart the car turn your alarm system on to attract attention.

If you find it necessary to use your weapon never do so until you have stopped your car completely. You could easily drop your gun as the pursuit continues on. This puts you at a major disadvantage when you do finally stop.

Always remain alert to your surroundings. Make a mental note of any peculiar actions by those around you. Suspicious people usually have predictable movement patterns and these are your first indications of possible trouble. Learn to recognize these types of dangerous movement patterns and devise an effective plan to counteract them. Don't be a victim.