

TRANSPORT CRIME - BELGIUM

PARKING THEFTS: WARNING: HOTSPOTS

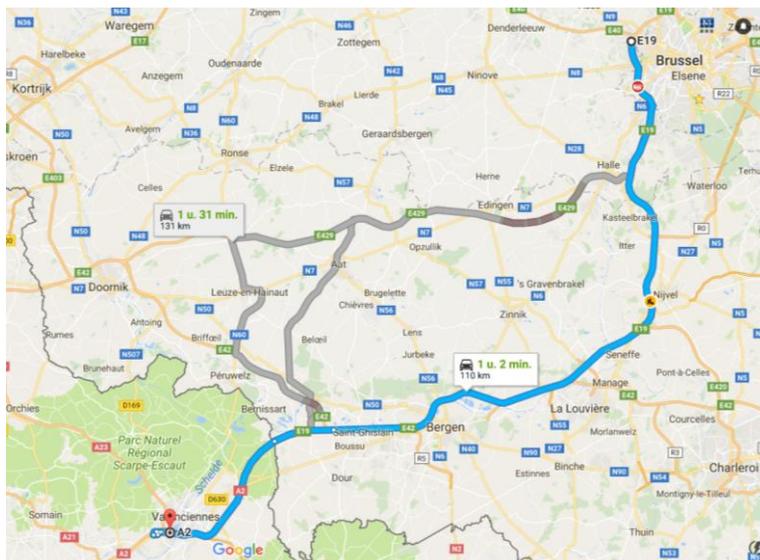
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The last weeks we were confronted with several robberies on parking areas between the FRENCH BORDER-MONS-BRUSSELS on the E 19 highway (for inst. at BESONRIEUX, NIVELLES, RUISBROEK etc...); in several cases drivers have been threatened by the gangsters with a knife.

Last week the Police has caught 2 gangsters in the act at the parking area of GROOT-BIJGAARDEN i.e. one Syrian of 17 years old and one Egyptian of 31 years old...threatening a driver with knives and being in the possession of some perfume just stolen from a truck...

This confirms once again that these thefts are the work of "itinerating gangs" who disappear quickly with the stolen goods abroad and where possible claims of the victims or their insurers will be confronted with the insolvency of the gangsters...(1)

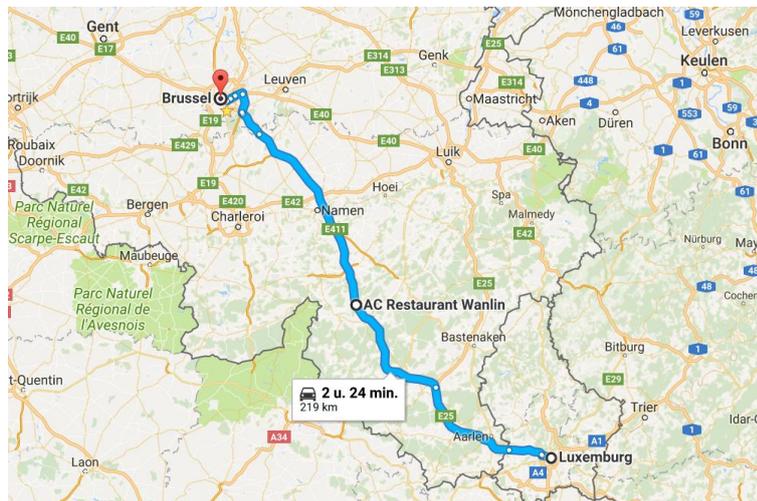
As practically all non-secured parking areas are targeted on this routing, the only alternative is to use a SECURED PARKING AREA for inst. the one in VALENCIENNES (before crossing the Belgian border)



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The same problem exist on the axle LUXEMBURG-BRUSSELS (E 411) where numerous thefts are reported to us at several non-secured parking areas like AISCHE-EN-REFAILLE, BIERGES etc...

On this routing a good alternative is to use the Secured Parking Area of WANLIN on the E 411:



Kind regards,

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- (1) *We are especially worried at the nationality of the apprehended gangsters (Syrian and Egyptian) where “normally” we use to be confronted with culprits of Eastern-European origin...The question arises if they are just “common” criminals or if there might be a possible link to terrorism? It is not the first time that it transpires that terrorism is financed by Transport Crime which is a very lucrative business in Europe (estimated at more than € 8 Billions a year...)*

One more reason for Law Enforcement in all European Countries to take Transport Crime seriously and to give it the priority it deserves in Crime Fighting!