

Seatylock Addresses E-Bike Security and Theft Recovery After Boulder Police Reclaim Dozen High-End Bicycles

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Following a Boulder, Colorado police operation that recovered nearly a dozen high-end bicycles and scooters, Seatylock is drawing attention to a gap that many riders overlook: recovering a stolen bicycle and returning it to its rightful owner are two separate challenges.

On October 2, 2026, the Boulder Police Department announced three arrests and the recovery of suspected stolen bicycles, frames, wheels and other components, following an investigation that began with a September 20 apartment bike-storage break-in. Officers appealed to owners to identify recovered property and explained that claimants would need to provide proof of ownership. Police also noted that they recover stolen bicycles almost daily but cannot always return them because owners never reported the theft or registered their bicycles.

That difficulty highlights a distinction Seatylock describes across three stages of security: prevention,

identification and recovery. A high-quality lock helps prevent theft, while ownership documentation enables identification and supports recovery after a theft occurs. For e-bike owners, the matter carries added complexity because a single bicycle can contain multiple separately identifiable components, including its frame, battery and motor.

Seatylock outlines which identifiers matter most for e-bikes through its Seatylock E-Bike Security Guide, which covers certified locks, parking choices and the protection of removable parts such as batteries and wheels.

"A strong lock and a complete ownership record solve two different problems," said Michael Shenkerman, speaking for Seatylock. "The Boulder case shows that police can do their part and still be unable to return a recovered bike. When an owner has recorded the frame serial number, photographs and purchase records in advance, a recovered bicycle has a far better chance of going home."

The Seatylock Guide to E-Bike Serial Number Registration recommends recording the stamped frame serial number, battery and motor identifiers when available, distinctive features, clear dated photographs and a purchase receipt, then storing that file in both cloud and paper form.

Guidance published by the San Francisco Police Department similarly explains that recovered bicycles can remain unclaimed when owners lack registration records, photographs or serial numbers. The nonprofit Bike Index maintains a searchable registry that allows owners to register their bicycles and report thefts, supporting identification and recovery, though registration does not guarantee that a stolen bike will be returned.

For owners facing a theft, the Seatylock Stolen E-Bike Recovery Guide describes the recommended sequence: contacting police, submitting serial numbers and photographs, updating bicycle registries, preserving any tracker information and notifying an insurer. The guide also advises owners not to confront suspected thieves and to report any marketplace listings to law enforcement instead.

"Preparation takes a few minutes at purchase and can save weeks of frustration later," Shenkerman added. "Identification is the step most riders skip, and it is often the step that determines whether recovery is even possible."

Founded in 2008, Seatylock is a design-led mobility security brand that designs, produces and assembles bike security products in-house. Its product family includes folding locks, U-locks, chain locks, seat-lock hybrids, detachable seats and accessory protection systems, supported by independent certifications and

international patents under the tagline "Protection Perfected by Design."

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