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## The Dutch Centre for Bike Theft deploys cargo bikes as bait (The Netherlands)

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In addition to the “bait bike” there is now the “cargo bait bike”, designed to combat the increasing theft of this contemporary vehicle.

The ordinary “bait bike”, which is equipped with a hidden GPS transmitter, has been used in the Netherlands by a growing number of municipalities as a way to nab bike thieves. This happened recently in Drachten where a bait bike was stolen twice in one evening.

Cargo bikes are also becoming an object of desire for thieves. Exact statistics are not yet available but an indication of the extent of theft can be obtained from last year’s figures, when in the space of one month 67 cargo bikes were stolen in two Amsterdam city districts. For this reason, the Centre for Bicycle Theft and several municipalities have recently deployed cargo bait bikes. The results of this initiative will be published shortly.

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