THE HEAT SHEET

GTA 6 wanted levels, one page
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THE STAR LADDER

★☆☆☆☆☆	Easy to shake. A 1-star can be talked down: hold Focus with your gun holstered and choose to defuse.
★★☆☆☆☆	Clue icons light up (car, face, outfit). Fix the clue, or the stars can come back after you think you lost them.
★★★☆☆☆	In the city, driving away is hard unless the car is very fast. Get on foot into alleys.
★★★★☆☆	The chase escalates: cops radio ahead, lay stinger strips (near invisible at night), send K9 units and helicopter searchlights.
★★★★★☆	Tanks arrive. Airports and military bases push you here, same as older games.
★★★★★★	New in GTA 6 (GTA 5 stopped at 5). You cannot lose this heat. Police and military hunt you until you die.

WHAT GIVES YOU AWAY

Face
Seen by a witness or camera

Outfit
What you wore during the crime

Car
The vehicle you were seen in

Weapon
A gun in hand, not slung

Partner
Jason and Lucia seen together

CCTV
Footage of you on record

Clues show as icons at the top of the screen. White stars = they see you. Red stars = they lost sight but are still hunting.

SHAKE THEM IN 6 MOVES

1. Break line of sight: alleys, on foot.
2. Stash big guns in your car trunk (owned guns come back to it anyway).
3. Change clothes: keep a spare outfit in the trunk.
4. Swap or hotwire a different car, or respray at a Pay 'n' Spray once the stars are no longer full.
5. Split Jason and Lucia to drop the partner clue.
6. Kill lights and engine, duck, let the patrol pass.

BEFORE YOU COMMIT A CRIME

1. Go in the back, mask up.
2. Destroy the camera recordings, disable the alarm.
3. Park your getaway car away from the scene.
4. Scan a car for trackers with the phone app before taking it; if a red tracker icon shows, keep your speed up so it cannot ping.
5. Bank or stash cash: dying or getting busted costs a few hundred dollars and found guns.

Busted in your own car? It gets impounded. What was in the trunk can be recovered later.

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