



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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“Dodge County Sheriff’s Office to introduce a new technology to partner with community to combat property theft”

“DNA for Property” is a special forensic adhesive that can be applied to all types of valuables. The adhesive is swabbed on an item and will permanently dry clear and invisible to the naked eye. Suspended in the adhesive are thousands of “microscopic dots” .05mm in size. That is smaller than the size of a grain of sand. Chemically etched into the microdot is a unique alpha-numeric PIN (personal identification number).

The PIN is registered in a national database linking the PIN to the user contact details, essentially personalizing all marked items. Every item that is swabbed with the DNA adhesive can be entered into the users account, including make, model, serial number if applicable, pictures and other property characteristics.

The DNA for Property Kits will be offered free of charge through a partnership with the insurance industry. Residents just need to set up their free account at www.protechDNA.com. The kits, which are a \$40 value will be mailed directly to the user’s address. There is a one-time set up and shipping fee of \$5.99. A portion of the fees will help provide equipment to law enforcement around the country.

Dodge County Sheriff’s Office will have detection equipment to determine if property has been marked with the DNA adhesive and special readers to view the PIN on the microscopic dots. The PIN will be entered into a secure law enforcement database to retrieve owner contact information.

This is very effective resource for law enforcement to link recovered property to the true owner in real time. With thousands of law enforcement agencies utilizing this technology, property that is stolen and then recovered outside of Dodge County, including around the country, will still have the ability to determine ownership and contact the rightful owners.

With a large percentage of stolen property never getting back into the hands of law enforcement, users that enter specific details of each item marked with the DNA adhesive into their account can soon be notified if their property is sold at a pawn shop. This new feature will match property details against pawn transactions and notify law enforcement and users.

The Dodge County Sheriff’s Office is one of the first agencies in Wisconsin to use the technology as their primary crime prevention effort and will officially kick off the campaign introducing the technology to their residents in the next few weeks. Currently there are over 5,000 law enforcement agencies utilizing the technology to help deter property theft and increase the return of recovered items.

If you would like additional information on this topic or the company please email info@protechdna.com or call 888-800-1503.