



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dale J Schmidt Sheriff Scott Mittelstadt Chief Deputy

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: January 13, 2021

Sheriff Dale J Schmidt

Office: 920-386-4115

dschmidt@co.dodge.wi.us

Public Information Notice – Vehicle Thefts

The northeast sector of Dodge County, primarily the Lomira area, has experienced 3 motor vehicle thefts since December 5, 2020. It is believed that individuals are targeting vehicles that are unlocked with keys hidden inside of them. We have also found that suspects have been looking for garage door openers inside of unlocked cars. Many times they are able to open garages and locate keys to the vehicles.

Criminals often times are looking for unlocked vehicles, garages, homes, sheds and other outbuildings. Almost every time we have a rash of vehicle thefts and burglaries the investigations reveal that the victim was targeted simply because they did not lock their vehicle doors.

For your own safety and for the protection of your property we ask that you to talk with and encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to protect yourselves by securing and locking their doors. This small step may deter many of the criminals who are targeting your community.

No citizen should ever experience the feeling of being violated when their personal property is entered or taken. Law enforcement will do everything in our power to hold criminals accountable for their actions, but we need the community's assistance in limiting opportunities for criminal activity.

If you come across a suspect or suspicious person who may be involved in criminal activity, we ask that you not take the law into your own hands, but quickly call 911 so that we can respond and handle the situation. Gather all information that you are able including a description of the person(s) and vehicle(s) to include any identifying information such as a license plate if you are safely able to do so.

Thank you for helping keep our community a safe place to live, work and visit.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt.

###