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Residential Burglaries

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Since the beginning of July, the Rock County Sheriff's Office has experienced an increase in residential burglaries. To date, burglary investigations are underway in the following areas:

- 1700 block of South Murphy Road
- 1400 block of West Spring Valley Road
- 11000 block South Clinton Corners Road
- 1400 block of Old Highway 11
- 7300 and 8800 blocks of South County Highway K
- 11000 block of West Skinner Road
- 1100 block of South County Highway D
- 2900 block of East State Highway 59
- 2000 and 2100 blocks of East Ridge Road
- 9100 block of South Pinnow Grove Road
- 11000 block of West Beloit Newark Road
- 7000 block of North Tolles Road
- 1800 block of Sherwood Drive
- 9900 and 9700 blocks of West County Highway H
- 9800 block of West Laird Road
- 6700 block of South Smith Road

In response to the influx of burglaries, the Sheriff's Office increased the number of patrols while detectives have pursued leads. Despite our efforts, burglaries continue to occur. Therefore, Sheriff Spoden would like to remind Rock County Residents to be extra vigilant in securing their property and looking after their neighbors' property as well. Sheriff Spoden offers the following Crime Prevention Tips to take in securing your property:

- Ensure all doors and windows are locked and the locks are in working order regardless of what floor they are on. Remember to secure your home even when you are out momentarily like walking the dog or working in the yard and arm your alarm system if your home is equipped with one.
- Keep a record of the model and serial numbers of valuable items like televisions, gaming consoles, MP3 players, firearms, etc.

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- Keep your Jewelry in a secure location, such as a mounted safe (not a portable one). Keep a photo record of your jewelry so it can be identified if it is ever stolen and later recovered.
- Keep your vehicle locked. Do not leave valuable items such a purse, CDs, MP3 player or laptop in plain view. Take these items inside with you. If you must leave it in the vehicle, secure it in the trunk.
- Be alert in protecting not only your home but neighbors as well. Be aware of and report suspicious persons and vehicles to law enforcement. Be cautious of strangers and when in doubt, call law enforcement. Remember that burglars often park near their targets and approach on foot so it is important to report suspicious vehicles parked in your neighborhood.
- Get to know your neighbors. See about joining or starting a neighborhood watch in your area. Look out for your neighbors' property, as you would want them to look after yours.

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