

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of January 6-12, 2003

### **Cold Spring Police:**

On 1-5-2003 police were dispatched to a burglary at Lori's bridal and formal wear. Upon arrival, the owner and an employee advised the officers that when they arrived for work at 10:30 AM, they noticed that the building had been entered. As the owner looked through the business she noticed it had been burglarized.

It appeared that the suspect had broken out the West window opened it and crawled through. Most of the store had been gone through and a safe was broken open. The suspects also went through the lockers in the locker room. The owner then noticed that several wedding dresses and other dresses were missing. Every room in the business had been ransacked with every cabinet and drawer left open. A new Dell computer was also missing. It is a Dell Dimension, serial number H63LL11 and the monitor is a Mag InnoVISION serial number, FEIZ261026490.

Total value of lost items is approximately \$20,000 in cash and dresses.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of January 13-19, 2003

### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a possible "quick change" scam artists. Three males entered a local fast food business and ordered a couple of items. They then asked the cashier to exchange money for different amounts of change. They are believed to have gotten away with \$100. The suspects are described below

1. black male, 6' 2", slender build, wearing a black coat
2. black male, 5' 8", short, early 30s, wearing a Fidora hat
3. black male, tall, early 30s, no teeth, light complexion, light colored hair

Loss is listed at: \$100.00

The Waite Park Police Department is also investigating a burglary at local business. In the evening hours of January 12th, an unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the back door of Taco Villa, located on Division Street. Nothing is reported missing at this time.

The also had burglaries within the last two weeks at PIK Fabrications, two burglaries on two separate occasions and Car X. All three of these burglaries also reported nothing missing

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of January 20 - 26, 2003

## **Little Falls Police Department:**

On Jan. 17 Little Falls Police received a report from Larson Motor Service stating that a number of A TVs had been stolen from an outdoor storage area. Ten new Polaris ATVs of various models and sizes were removed from their shipping crates and stolen. The ATVs are valued at approximately \$68,000. Police are looking for a large yellow truck resembling a moving van, and possibly six individuals responsible for the theft.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of January 27 - February 2, 2003**

### **St. Joseph Police Department:**

The St. Joseph Police Department is investigating a theft that took place at the CMS Car Wash, 107 Cedar St. Sometime during the evening hours of 01/25/03, someone removed coin machine from the wall.

The coin machine was later found on the road at 105th Ave and 345th St. Taken was an undisclosed amount of change from the machine.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for week of February 3-9, 2003**

### **The Sherburne County Sheriff cases:**

On Jan. 29 at 3 p.m., deputies responded to the 23100 block of 185th, St. in Big Lake, where unknown suspect(s) apparently kicked in the front door of a residence. Taken from upstairs bedrooms was approximately \$2,400 worth of jewelry and an undetermined amount of old coins. Two bedrooms in the upstairs portion of the house appeared to have been ransacked. A small, newer red truck was seen exiting the area.

On Jan 29 at 7 p.m. they were called to the 14500 block of County Road 30 in

Big Lake Township in reference to a burglary. Unknown suspect(s) kicked in a front door and stole a box of checks and Coke bottle with \$50 change in it. The burglary occurred sometime between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. that day.

On Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in reference to a theft from a fish house on the northwest side of Big Elk Lake near Palmer. Sometime after 7 p.m. Jan. 22, unknown suspect(s) pried the hinge lock off the fish house and stole a heating element, green Coleman lantern and five small green canisters of Coleman propane.

On Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. deputies were called to the 13100 block of Woodview Lane in

reference to a theft of three Rottweiler puppies from an unsecured barn. Sometime between 5 p.m. on Jan 25 and noon on Jan. 26 unknown suspect(s) entered the barn and took two female and one male puppy.

On Jan 22 at 8 a.m. they were called to 150th Street north of County Road 45 in

Big Lake Township in reference to a theft. Sometime after 3:30 p.m. on Jan 21, unknown suspect(s) made forced entry into a waste water treatment facility building and removed tools and a generator. Entry was made through a window on the south side of the building.

On Jan 21 at 9 a.m. to Round Lake in Haven Township in reference to a theft from a fish house. Two ice fishing rods taken from within the fish house were marked, one with a letter "A" and the other with a letter "W". Entry was made by breaking the clasp lock.

On Jan. 19 at 8 a.m., unknown suspect(s) cut two padlocks off a construction trailer on the 24400 block of 98th St., Zimmerman. The trailer was attached to a 2000 Chevrolet truck and parked in front of a pole barn. Numerous items were removed from the trailer, many of which were marked with the initials KCI.

On Jan. 18 at 11 a.m., unknown suspects pushed in the back door of a residence under construction on the 8100 block of Hunters Lake and removed one tool box full of assorted screws and fasteners worth approximately \$125.00.

On Jan. 19 at 11 a.m., Larson's Towing in Palmer reported a theft and vehicle tampering. Four vehicles were tampered with in the impound lot. A window was smashed out of one of the vehicles and a stereo removed. A stereo was also removed from a second vehicle.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of February 10-16, 2003

### **Waite Park Police:**

A vehicle was reported stolen from McKay's Family Dodge. The vehicle is a 2001 Dodge Ram 2500, 3/4 ton 4x4 pick up. It is green in color. The vehicle was last seen on their 101 on 2/8/03 and was discovered missing on 2/11/03.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 2-10-03 at 1122 PM, St. Cloud Police responded to 1107 West St. Germain in reference to a Robbery which had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the victim. The victim stated that an unknown male approached him from behind, stabbed him in the back and took his wallet. The victim is a 27 year old male from St. Cloud. The victim was treated at the St. Cloud Hospital. No suspect has been identified or arrested at this time. An unknown amount of cash was taken in the Robber.

On 2-9-2003 at 1:03 AM, St. Cloud Police responded to a Burglary in progress at Centennial Liquor, located at 2110 8th Street North. While in route, dispatch advised that a witness had observed two individuals running away from the business with items taken from the establishment. When Officers arrived on Scene, they discovered that the business had been entered forcefully. The suspects had already fled the area on foot prior to Officers arriving. The suspects were described as two males wearing white ski masks and dark colored clothing. Officers canvassed the area, but the suspects were unable to be located. The Officers were able to locate some of the items taken from the Establishment that were left behind by the suspects.

# Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of February 17-23, 2003

## **St. Cloud Police:**

On 02/16/03 at 9:54 PM, Officers were dispatched to Northern Wire at 6601 Ridgewood Rd. in reference to a burglary. Upon arrival officers discovered that the business had been entered into. Several vending machines were broken into and one was stolen. Currently the damages and loss of the vending machine total over \$1,000.00. The investigation continues.

## **Stearns County Sheriff:**

On 2/15/2003 at 6:00 AM, officers responded to the report of damage to a Stearns Electric power substation at County Roads 18 and 25, in Raymond Township.

The damage consisted of four 20 gauge shotgun rounds penetrating the transformer and destroying it. The incident occurred sometime during the previous night. The transformer is valued at \$130,000 and approximately 600 customers were left without power.

The Sauk Centre Police Department had a similar incident and both agencies are investigating.

## **Meeker County Sheriff:**

The Meeker County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in locating several ATV's, a company truck with tools and an enclosed snowmobile trailer, with a total value of approximately \$ 100,000.00, which was taken in the early morning hours of February 21,2003, from Mies Equipment in Watkins, Minnesota.

The truck is described as a white 2000 Ford F350 dually pick-up with Minnesota license YAM6361. The lettering "Mies" and "John Deere" are on both the driver and passenger side doors. There is a solid yellow stripe under a larger green stripe leading from the doors to the box.. The words John Deere, including a John Deere logo, is on the box. The box lettering is green.

The truck bed holds a large white utility tool box with several storage compartments on each side of the box. The utility box contains numerous Snap-On tools, a welder, and a portable air compressor. The utility box is open in the middle.

The enclosed snowmobile trailer is a 20 foot Gull Wing. A diamond treading plate covers the bottom portion of the trailer on the front and back. The trailer is white with a large blue Polaris logo on both sides of the trailer, including red sweeping checkers to the front of the Polaris logo. Decals with the words "The way out" is located under the Polaris logo on both sides. A yellow caution sticker, two red Polaris decals, and a smaller version of the side logos are on the rear or the trailer. This combination is very rare. There is a two inch dent on the left side of the trailer.

Also taken were five Polaris ATV's:

1. 2003, Sportsman 600, olive drab green.
2. 2004, Sportsman 500 HO, sonic-blue
3. 2004, Sportsman 500 HO, olive drab green
4. 2003, Predator 500, gray
5. 2003, Predator 500, gray

If you believe you have any information regarding these items please contact the Sheriff's Office at one of the following phone numbers:

Meeker County Sheriff's Office: 320-693-5400  
Toll Free: 866-333-3366  
Confidential Tip Line: 320-693-5411.  
Tri-County Crime Stoppers: 800-255-1301

**Sauk Rapids Police and St. Cloud Police:**

Officers from Sauk Rapids and St. Cloud are investigating a series of Thefts from Vehicles that occurred on Wednesday evening, February 19th, 2003.

In Sauk Rapids, five vehicles were broken into while parked in the parking lot Sports Arena East, 1401 3rd Avenue South. Seven women had their purses and other valuables stolen. Five of the purses were later recovered in Munsinger Park in St. Cloud.

Items taken from the recovered purses include: cash, Social Security cards, Medical cards, a Voter Registration card, a diamond pendant, credit cards, gift cards, and a prescription card.

St. Cloud police are investigating a series of Thefts from Vehicles, that same evening, at the Whitney Senior Center parking lot.

Witnesses reported seeing two vehicles containing teenagers driving around in this area.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of February 24 - March 2, 2003

**Stearns County Sheriff:**

The Stearns County Sheriff's Office is investigating a fish house break in on Kraemer Lake that was reported on 2/21/03. Taken were 2 stoves, tools, and fishing equipment. Entry was forced by prying a latch on the door.

**St. Cloud Police:**

St. Cloud Police are investigating the passing of four forged checks that were issued to business in St. Cloud. These checks were written on a TCF Bank account and came from a checkbook, previously reported as missing. All of the checks were passed on February 5th. The forged checks were #'s 1126, 1127, 1130, 1131.

**Benton County Sheriff & Rice Police:**

The Benton County Sheriff and the Rice Police are investigating a daytime residential burglary that happened in the city of Rice on 2/19/03. A firearm was taken from the residence. Excessive damage was also done to the residence.

**Sherburne County Sheriff:**

The Sherburne County Sheriff is investigating the theft of a truck, trailer and 11 ATVs from Bristow's Kawasaki & Polaris Dealership, on Highway 10, South East of St. Cloud. The theft occurred between 4:00

and 5:00 AM, Friday, February 28, 2003. Total loss in this case is set at \$100,000.00

The truck is a 1997 Chevy Crew Cab, K3500, white, with "Bristow's" logos on both sides. It has Minnesota License: YAC 3490. The trailer is a new 2003 US Cargo enclosed 24' black in color, and un-licensed.

The ATVs were removed from their crates prior to being taken. The stolen ATVs were:

- \* 3 – 2003 Predator 90
- \* 1 – 2003 Scrambler 50
- \* 6 – 2003 Sportsman 700, all Black/Silver
- \* 1 – 2003 Sportsman 700, No shadow, NBU

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of March 3, 2003

### Open cases received the week of March 3, 2003

#### Rice Police:

The Rice Police Department is investigating a series of vandalisms and criminal damage to public property cases in that community. Specifically, a number of new signs marking pedestrian crosswalks have been damaged or defaced to the point of needing replacement. Damage to the signs is not only a crime, but also endangers the pedestrians in Rice.

#### Avon Police: [Poster Available](#)

The Avon Police Department is investigating a Theft by Swindle – Quick Change Scam. **These may be the same individuals mentioned in the [Waite Park case](#) on January 14th.** These individuals are believed to be targeting fast food and convenience stores in communities along the I-94 corridor and other major roadways in the Twin Cities.

**Basic scam:** Suspects will pay with an amount of money or ask the clerk to make change for a larger bill. When the clerk makes change; they will state that they had given the clerk a larger bill or amount of money - quick change scam.

**Suspect 1:** Black male, approximately: 57 years old, 5'9" tall, 185 pounds, described as the "bigger male of the group, with no facial hair.

**Suspect 2:** Black male, approximately: 59 years old, 6'01" to 6'03" tall, 170 pounds, described as "skinny" with a graying goatee.

**Suspect 3:** Black male, approximately: 53 years old, 6'01" tall, 125 pounds, described as "skinny".

Suspects wear various clothing descriptions; however, suspects may also wear what has been described as a "blues style" or a "top hat" style hat.

Suspects have used various vehicles through out the State of Minnesota, including vehicles described as Honda Civic or Mazda Protégé looking vehicles.

#### St. Cloud Police:

The St. Cloud Police Department is investigating the theft of a 1968 Gibson ES345 Electric Guitar. The guitar is Burgundy metal flake color, with a red strap and black signatures on the face. Also stolen were a large black/silver flat guitar case with blue velvet lining and two sound control pedals. These items were stolen at DB Searle's in downtown St. Cloud on March 5th. Loss is listed at \$3,000.00.

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

The Stearns County Sheriff is investigating a series of thefts from construction sites in the St. Augusta area. A large variety of hand and power construction tools were stolen from construction company trucks and trailers along Garden Hills Lane, Garden Hills Drive, and Garden Hills Road in the Garden Hills Addition. Most of the thefts occurred on February 9th. Witnesses report seeing a white colored Ford Explorer or Chevrolet Blazer in the area, with its lights off at 2:30 AM. Loss here is listed as in excess of \$4,100.00.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of March 10, 2003**

### **St. Cloud Police:**

The St. Cloud Police Department is asking for the public's help in solving a series of city-wide Vehicle Vandalisms and Theft from Vehicles. The thieves have been smashing windows and taking anything of value they find inside. The crimes have been occurring at all hours. During the past several weeks, the following locations have been targeted:

- Whitney Senior Center - daytime
- St. Cloud State area – daytime and nighttime
- MidTown Square – daytime
- St. Cloud Technical College – daytime
- Granite Bowl North & South – nighttime

**NEVER LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE, NOT EVEN YOUR TRUNK!**

### **Sartell Police:**

On March 6th, a vehicle was broken into at the Sartell High School parking lot. An expensive amplifier and speakers were taken. This offense occurred sometime before noon.

### **Sartell Police:**

The Sartell Police Department is investigating three thefts from construction sites in the 200 block of Pinewood Street / Silver Oaks Manor. All of these crimes were committed between 6:00 PM on March 6th and 7:00 AM on March 7th.

#### **Theft #1: TOTAL = \$3,300.85**

- 1- 18 VOLT DEWALT CORDLESS SCREW GUN \$289.00
- 1-DEWALT BEVEL DRIVE SAW \$159.95
- 1-BOSCH HAMMER DRILL\$239.95
- 2-SENCO FRAMING GUN \$389 EACH / \$778.00
- 1-MAX STAPLER \$399.00
- 1-HITACH STAPLER \$289.95
- 3-HITACH SHINGLE GUNS \$380 EACH / \$1140.00

1-TRAILER LATCH \$5.00

**Theft #2: TOTAL = \$7,485.42**

5-SENCO NAIL GUNS, \$374.99 EACH = \$1874.95  
1-DEWALT 7 1/4 aRC. SAW \$179.99  
1-DEWALT 8 1/4 aRC. SAW \$229.99  
1-DEWALT FRAMING NAILER \$324.99  
1-SENCO WIDE CROWN STAPLER \$424.99  
3 MAX COIL SHINGLE NAILERS \$419.99 EACH = \$1259.97  
1-HITACHI COIL SHINGLE NAILER \$419.99  
1-HITACHI JAST. NAILER \$464.99  
1-DEWALT 18V CORDLESS DRILL \$299.99  
1-DEWALT 18V BATTERY \$94.99  
1-DU-FAST HAMMER STAPLER \$64.99  
1-12"DEWALT CHOP SAW \$219.99  
1-BSCH HAMMER DRILL \$264.99  
2-100' EXTENTION CORDS \$49.99

**Theft #3: Total = \$500.00**

1- "SENCO" FRAMING GUN \$500.00.

**Stearns County:**

The Stearns County Sheriff is investigating the theft of a Polaris ATV from an outbuilding on 421st Street in Melrose Township. Registration on the ATV is 891HW, The ATV was stored in an outbuilding, and unknown persons loaded the ATV into a pickup and drove off with it.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of March 17, 2003

**St. Cloud Police:**

The St. Cloud Police are investigating a burglary that occurred at Premiere Tabs, located at 2820 Second Street So. This crime was committed sometime overnight between Saturday, March 15th and Sunday, March 16th.

The suspects gained entry by cutting a hole in the roof. Once inside, the suspects stole two small safes, containing \$ 15,000.00 in cash.

A poster is available: [Premiere Tab Poster](#)

**Stearns County Sheriff:**



On 3/18/03, the Stearns County Sheriffs Office received a report of a stolen vehicle from St Stephen. The car was stolen sometime between March 12 and March 18. The car is a red 1992 Geo Storm MN license DSY 390.

### **Stearns County Sheriff and Sartell Police:**

Please look at Weeks: March 3, and March 10th for similar thefts from area construction sites.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of March 24, 2003**

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 03-21-03 at 2:36 AM, officers were dispatched to an alarm at U PIK KWIK, 1100 4th Avenue South. Upon arrival, the investigation revealed that unknown persons had forced their way into the rear door of the business. After entering the building, they attempted to disable the alarm but apparently were unsuccessful. The suspects stole money from the cash register and safe. The suspects fled the scene prior to officers' arrival. The suspects left evidence that was collected at the scene. Poster Available: [U-Pik](#)

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

The Stearns County Sheriff is investigating 3 cabin burglaries reported on 3/20/03. Unknown suspects forced entry to 3 cabins on Elmway Rd on Horseshoe Lake south of Richmond. As yet no property has been reported missing.

The Stearns County Sheriff is investigating a series of vehicle break ins in the city of Holdingford occurring during the weekend of March 15-16. Seven vehicles were vandalized and had property stolen from them, including several car stereos.

### **St. Joseph Police:**

The St. Joseph Police Department is investigating two burglaries that took place sometime during the evening of March 20. Lee's Ace Hardware and Hollander' Liquor Store were both entered and an undisclosed amount of items were taken. Entry was made through holes that were cut through the outside walls of the building. Detectives from the Stearns County Sheriff's Office assisted the St. Joseph Police Department in their investigation.

Please see similar cases: U PIK KWIK Burglary above, and Premiere Tabs Week of March 17.

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

On 3/23/03 the Stearns County Sheriff received a report of stolen snowmobiles at Powder Ridge ski area over the course of a snocross event. Two skidoo racing machines were stolen, one 2002, the other a 2003. The snowmobiles were on a trailer, the trailer was recovered north of Cold Spring on Heritage Road. The racing numbers displayed on the machines are 134, and 448. They had no MN registration as they were racing snowmobiles.

On 3/24/03 at approximately 8:00 AM the Stearns County Sheriff was dispatched to 10906 Co. Rd. 131, in Brockway Township near Rice, with regard to a burglary in the 3rd degree complaint. Upon initial contact, the complainant informed the investigating officer that on 3/23/03 at approximately 6:00 PM, he locked his utility shed containing a Honda ATV. At 7:45 AM on 3/24/03 noticed the overhead door of the

utility shed was tied open using a small piece of rope and one of the other doors had pry marks located near the lock. When the owner entered the shed he noticed that his Honda ATV was missing. The ATV is a 2001 Honda Forman 450 4-wheeler with MN registration #997KQ and was valued at approximately \$5,000.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of March 31 to April 6, 2003

### **St. Cloud Police:**

The St. Cloud Police are investigating a robbery and assault. On April 2nd at about 1:00 AM, the victim was looking for a ride home got into a vehicle with two strangers. They drove him to an area of St. Cloud where they physically assaulted and stole personal property from him. The only vehicle description was a 4dr. Cutlass Cierra or Chev. Cavalier. The driver was described as a white male, 6" tall, 20-22 years of age, goatee on his chin and scruffy facial hair. There is no description for the second suspect.

### **Sherburne County Sheriff:**

The Sherburne County Sheriff's Department is seeking assistance from the public in identifying three individuals who committed an armed robbery. Three male suspects entered the Santiago Country Store at closing time or about 10 p.m. on Friday, March 7. At least one of the suspects was armed and brandished a gun, demanding the cashier give them cash. The suspects took the cash drawer from the cash register and fled the scene.

**Note:** A Crime Stopper downloadable poster is available.



Suspect #1;



Suspect #2;



Suspect #3;

### **Richmond Police:**

On April 1st, the Richmond Police received a report of a theft at C & D Granite Co., 767 1st Street NE in Richmond. Taken was a custom made 4 piece set of granite counter tops, valued at \$6,000.00. It is believed that a pickup truck and a snowmobile or similar type trailer were used. The theft occurred sometime between Friday afternoon, March 29th and Tuesday morning, April 1st.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

During the night of March 30th to March 31st, unknown person(s) forced entry into Shuler Shoes and Aeropostale. Both are businesses located at Crossroads Mall 4200 Division Street West. An undetermined amount of property was taken.

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

The Stearns County Sheriff is investigating a burglary that occurred during the early am hours of March 30th, at the Luxemburg Texaco convenience store. Suspects pried open the front door and stole several cartons of cigarettes. Suspects then fled out the back door to a vehicle nearby. The building is alarmed, but the suspects had fled the scene prior to deputies arriving at the scene.

### **Benton County Sheriff's Office:**

The Benton County Sheriff is investigating a series of five residential burglaries in their county.

#### **Case 03004181 - 10659 Finch Rd. N.E., Foley, MN, Alberta Township.**

Complainant reported on 03-17-03, that sometime between 03-14-03 and 03-17-03, suspect entered their residence and had taken the following: DeWalt screwgun, yellow in color with the initials DZ inscribed in the battery, 6 - Stanley screwdrivers, and a DeWalt Sawzall, yellow in color, 11 amp.

#### **Case 03004184 - 5464 75th Ave. N.E., Sauk Rapids, MN, St. George Township**

Complainant reported that between 9:30 and 11:15 AM, on 3-7-03, suspect forced entry into their residence taking numerous blank checks, Sunbeam toaster, and three DVD's.

A Drive by witness described suspect vehicle parked in front of residence as late 1980's, Pontiac Grand Am, two door, two tone, maroon over black or gray: rust on drivers side door, and factory wheels.

The suspect is described as Caucasian male, late 20's, 5-7/5-10, medium build, dark brown or black hair below the shoulders, black jacket possible Carhart, and black stocking cap.

**Case 03004206 - 6881 55th Ave. N.E. Sank Rapids MN Mathew Lake Township**

Complainant reported that between 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM, on 03-17-03, suspect entered their residence taking two boxes of blank checks, three pounds of butter, three pounds of cheese, numerous other food items, and several bottles of liquor.

Possible suspect vehicle is a blue, four door, rusty car that had rust around the wheels.

**Case 03005071-16040 75th Ave. N.E. Rice MN Graham Township**

Complainant reported that within the week prior to 03-28-03, someone entered their residence and had taken 150 pounds of meat from the basement freezer. Meat was wrapped in white paper with the number 228, Randy Rymer, and 10-2001 printed on the paper.

**Case 300520S - 9865 West Lake Court, Rice, MN, Watab Township**

Complainant reported a theft and burglary on 03-30-03, where two outboard motors were taken along with numerous fishing items from inside of a garage including: ice fishing rods and reels, 2-man clam fish house, ice fishing tip ups, 2-strikemaster ice augers, Mr. Buddy heater, MinnKota black trolling motor, Jennings compound bow, and other miscellaneous ice fishing items. .

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of April 7, 2003

### Albany Police and Melrose Police:

The Albany Police and Melrose Police are jointly investigating a pair of thefts that occurred overnight between Friday, April 4th at 6:00 PM and 7:30 AM on Saturday, April 5th.

First, individuals stole a 1989 Ford Cargo Van with a 24 foot box from Specialty Seat, 1600 Rail Road Avenue in Albany. This vehicle contained some pallet jacks.

This vehicle was use to transport 8 ATVs which were stolen from Melrose Marine & Sports Inc., 151 Country Club Road in Melrose. The pallet jacks were used to load the machines, after they had been removed from their crates. The stolen ATVs were all Sportsman 600 and 700 models. They were either blue or yellow and black in color. The suspects cut a hole in the security fence and drove away. The empty truck was found abandoned in St. Paul.

For information on other ATV thefts, see the following weekly reports:

- \* Week of January 20, 2003 Little Falls, Larson Motor Service
- \* Week of February 17, 2003 Watkins, Mies Equipment
- \* Week of February 24, 2003 St. Cloud, Bristow's

### St. Cloud Police:

On 4-6-03 Officers from the St. Cloud Police Department received numerous reports of American Flags

being stolen from outside of residences off of flagpoles overnight. At least 6 persons wanted to file theft reports with the police department and several Others called in to notify the department, but did not want to file a report.

The flags were stolen from various locations throughout the city, including County Rd 75, Killian Blvd and on 19th Avenue North.

The flags ranged in value from \$50 to \$100.

On 04-05-03 at 12:50 AM, officers responded to the 400 block of 6th Ave. S, in reference to an attempted robbery/assault complaint. Victim was walking home from the downtown area and was approached by 2 males asking for money. The victim refused to give them money, started to walk away, and was struck in the back of the head with an unknown object. The victim received substantial injury from the assault and was transported to the St. Cloud Hospital. The suspects were described as a black male 5'-8" to 5'-10" 18-20 years of age, medium build, with a shaved head and a white male 5'-8" to 5'-10" 18-20 years of age, medium build with no further description.

On 04-05-03 at 1:27 AM, officers responded to the 400 block of 71h Ave. S, in reference to an attempted robbery/assault complaint. 2 victims were: outside of an apartment building and were: approached by 2 males who were asking for money. The male victim refused to give them any and was assaulted by the 2 suspects and a group of others who, were also in the area. A female victim attempted to assist the male being assaulted and was struck by members in the group. The suspect males fled the area. The initial 2 suspects had similar descriptions as the males described in the attempted robbery/assault which had occurred in the 400 block of 6th Ave. S, at approximately 12:50 AM. The incidents are believed to be related.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of April 14, 2003

### **St. Cloud Police:**

The St. Cloud Police are investigating several incidents of counterfeit \$20.00 bills being passed at the Crossroads Shopping Center. The bills being passed have the same serial number, which is CB49781946E.

Retailers are urged to carefully check the currency they are accepting, especially \$20.00 bills

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of April 21, 2003

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

The Stearns County Sheriff received a report of 6 storage sheds being burglarized over the weekend of April 20th. Items stolen were an alpine car stereo, Boston acoustic speakers and Infinite speakers. The storage sheds were located on county road 50 by Big Fish Lake.

### **Sauk Centre Police:**

The Sauk Centre Police are investigating two thefts from automotive stores in that community.

A party calls NAPA and Car Quest in Sauk Centre, states he is from the school and needs some auto parts dropped off there, as he is working on some cars. Then changes his mind and goes to the parts store himself. He charges these parts to the school and leaves.

Napa lost approximately 200.00 dollars worth of parts. Car quest lost approximately 300.00 dollars worth of parts.

Subject is a white male in the mid twenties, approximately 220 pounds. He was last seen driving a 1991 maroon Toyota Camry.

### **Melrose Police:**

The Melrose Police are investigating a theft from the Melrose Area High School.

Sometime between Sunday evening, 4-20-03 and Tuesday, 4-22-03, Person(s) unknown used force to enter the automotive shop building at the Melrose Area High School. Tools were taken along with a scanner for car computer diagnostics. Scanner was a Snap-on brand, Scanner, serial # su635265132608. The police have footprints of at least two suspects.

### **St. Joseph Police:**

The St. Joseph Police are investigating two vandalisms and theft from vehicles which occurred on Saturday, April 19th. The incidents took place in the parking lot at the Lighthouse and were discovered at 10:15 PM.

The first victim ported that unknown person 5 broke out the passenger side window of her vehicle and stole approximately 250 CD's and her purse while it was parked on the north side of the building. The CD case was in the back seat under a sweatshirt and her purse was under the front passenger seat. In the purse were her checkbook and 2 credit cards along with her MN DL and Social Security Card. Loss here is estimated at \$300.00.

The second victim reported that unknown persons entered her unlocked vehicle and stole approximately 12 CDs and 3 books on CDs while it was parked on the north side of the building. Loss here is estimated at \$321.00.

### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a burglary at Crafts Direct on Sundial Drive. The burglary happened between 9:00 pm on April 15th and 8:30am on April 16th. There was forced entry and a large amount of money was taken from a safe. The bank bag was recently found empty in Little Falls.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of April 28, 2003**

### **Stearns Country Sheriff:**

The Stearns County Sheriff is investigating the theft of a motorcycle on 4-10-2003. The theft occurred at a private residence on highway 15, near Luxemburg. The unit was a 2000 Yamaha YZ250, blue and white in color, with several stickers displayed on it. This is a dirt bike, with a value of approximately \$4,000.00.

## **St. Cloud Police:**

On 4-30-2003 between the hours of 2 AM and 3:30 AM several businesses and vehicles in the City of St. Cloud along East St. Germain and the South East area received damage to property. Reports were taken that businesses and vehicles had broken glass damage.

## **St. Cloud Police:**



The St. Cloud Police are looking for the public's assistance in locating a stolen BMX style bicycle.

The bicycle was stolen from a garage at 1323 West Oaks Drive in St. Cloud, sometime between 9:30 PM and 9:45 PM on April 28<sup>th</sup>,

The bicycle is custom made with a "STAATS" bike frame which is white with yellow lettering. Across the frame is the word, "STAATS" and the handle bars are also yellow. The bike has a black and blue colored seat and there is a removable number plate on the front of the bicycle with the number "Seven".

The value of this bicycle is over \$2,200.00.

### **Poster available:**

## **Sartell Police Department:**

The Sartell Police are investigating six reports of property and vehicle damage/theft in the community.

Sometime in the late evening/early morning hours on April 26/27<sup>th</sup>, damage occurred to a vehicle in the parking lot of an apartment building on the 300 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street North.

The second case was a report that a tire on a camper had been slashed. This incident took place on the west side of the fenced area at Evergreen Park. It is not known when the incident occurred.

Case three was reported on April 26 when a mailbox post was damaged on the 300 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE. It appeared that an unknown person drove across the lawn and struck the mailbox post. Damage is estimated at \$100.

On April 19, a vehicle break-in was reported on the 500 block of Pinecone Road North. Someone broke into the truck overnight and stole the stereo equipment. The truck did not show any other damage.

Sometime after 8:00 pm on the evening of April 22, a vehicle was broken into along the 400 block of 2nd Street North. The person broke the lock on the passenger side and entered the vehicle, taking the in-dash stereo and 25 compact discs. Damage is estimated at approximately \$100.

Also on the 400 block of 2nd Street North, on April 23, someone stole a portable CD player which was sitting on the console of a vehicle. The vehicle was unlocked and the window was open.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of May 5, 2003

### **Cold Spring Police:**

Cold Spring Police are investigating the theft of at least four ATVs from Gresser Motors & Sports on Highway 23, across from Gold N' Plump Poultry, on May 8th. A store employee was passing by the store at 12:30 am and noticed a U-Haul parked at Kiess Chevrolet, a neighboring business. The U-Haul was a larger unit with dual rear tires and a storage unit over the cab.

None of the ATVs had keys in them so they were pushed from the east side of the business to the west side and loaded. The stolen items are described as:

1. 2002 new 90cc red Arctic Cat 4-wheel ATV, serial number RFLNA09CX2A601220
2. 1997 used 454cc Bearcat ATV, serial number 1CVTM08154ATV8
3. 2001 used 375cc green 4x4 ATV, serial number 4UF02ATV92T218925
4. 1993 used Polaris Trail Boss 2x4, 250 cc, no serial number available

### **St. Cloud Police:**

St. Cloud Police have released a composite sketch of a suspected purse-snatcher. On May 6 at approximately 8:35 p.m., the victim (27 year old female) was walking in the 400-block alley between 5th and 6th Ave South when an unknown person came up behind her and snatched the purse from her shoulder. The purse contained a large amount (undisclosed) of cash. The suspect then ran from the area, heading northwest.

The suspect is described as a white male, 32 years old, 6'0" tall, 175 lbs., slender build, blonde/brown shoulder length hair, wearing a baseball cap, blue jean jacket and blue jeans. The suspect's hair and clothing appeared to be unkempt. Officers checked the area and were unable to locate the suspect. A composite sketch of the suspect appears below.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of May 12, 2003

### **Sherburne County Sheriff**

The Sherburne County Sheriff's Department is seeking assistance from the public in locating three

individuals allegedly involved in a theft from the Briggs Lake General Store on May 11, which was Mother's Day. According to Chief Deputy Scott Gudmundson, three males, estimated to be in their early to mid-twenties, entered the store when it opened at approximately 7 a.m. While one of the suspects distracted the clerk at the front of the store, the other two allegedly stole deposit bags from the safe and removed a VCR connected to the store's video surveillance system.

- Suspect 1 is described as a darker-complexioned white male, approximately 5'8" tall weighing 150 pounds. Also noted was the suspect's heavily-gelled hair.
- Suspect 2 is described as a white male with brown hair, approximately 5'11" tall weighing 170 pounds.
- Suspect 3 is described only as a white male.

The three suspects arrived and left in a vehicle described as a white, 4-door car.

## **Waite Park Police Department**

The Waite Park Police are investigating a burglary which occurred on the 800 block of 2nd Ave S on May 2nd between the hours of 6:50 am and 12:00 pm. Removed from the residence were a Cyberhome DVD player and two speakers, black in color, and about 36 inches tall.

## **Sartell Police Department**

Sartell Police are investigating a number of thefts, burglaries and vandalism cases.

- May 10th, 600 block of West Sartell Street - An unlocked vehicle was entered while it was parked in the garage. The garage door was accidentally left open. There was no damage to the vehicle. Missing are a Canon 35mm Rebel camera and a black/green camera bag, value \$450.
- May 10th, 1000 block of 4th St N - A purse was taken from a vehicle parked in a garage. The garage door was left open and the car was unlocked.
- May 10th, 1000 block of Lawrence Circle - sometime between 9:00 pm and midnight on the previous night someone entered a garage and stole a Nokia Model #950 digital camera and CDs.
- Vandalism - May 12th, 100 block of 1st St N - driver's window on a vehicle was broken out. The vehicle was parked on the street in front of the house. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.
- Vandalism - May 12th, 100 block of 1st St N - driver's window on a vehicle was broken out. The vehicle was parked on the street in front of the house. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.
- Vandalism - May 12th, 800 block of 10th Ave N - three windows were broken out during the night. The vehicle was parked in the lot of an apartment building. It appeared that someone may have shot the windows out with a BB gun. Nothing missing from the vehicle.

## **Stearns County Sheriff**

The Stearns County Sheriff is investigating a large number of vehicle break-ins which occurred during the nighttime hours of May 11th. A total of 18 vehicles were broken into and vandalized. The vehicle break-ins occurred in the Sartell, Avon and St. John's area. Little of value was taken from the cars but several vehicles had multiple windows smashed out.

Also reported was a burglary at Martini Motors in Avon. Entry was gained by smashing the front door. Some cell phones and walkie-talkies were stolen and a computer monitor was destroyed. A similar crime was reported two weeks ago, also on a Sunday night.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of May 19, 2003

### **Benton County Sheriff:**

On Thurs. 5/22/03 at 1050 PM the Sheriff's Department received a report of an armed robbery at the XXX Book Store located at 638 Hwy 10 Sank Rapids. Suspect was masked and described as a white male wearing darker colored clothing. Suspect brandished a hand gun and tied the clerk up. Clerk was able to get free and contacted law enforcement. Taken was an undetermined amount of money along with some items from the store with the suspect leaving the area on foot.

### **Avon Police:**

There have been several acts of vandalism and/or criminal damage to property over the course of the last couple of months at the WOBEGON TRAIL HEAD.

The last incident occurred sometime last night or early this morning. The suspects in this incident attempted to remove the bill dispenser on the vending machines, it appears the suspects may have used a pry bar of some type and possible cutting torch. It appears that the suspects were unable to access the machines, however they did considerable damage.

Total Value of Loss: Unknown at this time

### **Sartell Police:**

Sartell Police are investigating a Burglary/theft complaint. A safe was stolen from a residence on 20th Ave. North in Sartell on May 21, sometime after 11:30 AM and before 5:30 PM. The safe contained several thousand dollars in cash and jewelry and documents. It was apparently removed from the scene in the owner's van, which was later recovered at the Minneapolis St. Paul Airport by the Airport Police.

The van was a 1995 blue Ford Econoline, Minnesota License: JZW653. The empty safe was still in the van.

Sartell Police were given a description of a suspect. It is a 32-year old Asian male, about 5'9", 145 lbs., very short black hair, and several days' growth of whiskers. He had a tattoo of an Eagle on one shoulder and a tattoo of Chinese script on the other forearm. The man used the nickname "Henry".

### **St. Cloud Police:**

St. Cloud Police are investigating a large amount of vandalism which occurred overnight from May 17 to May 18. It appeared that a vehicle drove through several yards, including gardens, along Woodhill Road, Cooper Ave S and several streets east and west of Cooper. Extensive damage occurred to the properties, and in some cases, the vehicle traveled several yards from the road to cause the damage.

St. Cloud Police are searching for a GM vehicle, 2 door, similar to a Grand Am or Grand Prix, gold color, missing the driver's side plastic running trim from the bottom of the car.

### **Sherburne County Sheriff:**

The Sherburne County Sheriff's Department is seeking assistance from the public in locating three

individuals allegedly involved in a theft from the Briggs Lake General Store on May 11, which was Mother's Day.

According to Chief Deputy Scott Gudmundson, three males, estimated to be in their early to mid twenties, entered the store when it opened at approximately 7 a.m. While one of the suspects distracted the clerk at the front of the store the other two allegedly stole deposit bags from the safe and removed a VCR connected to the store's video surveillance system.

Suspect 1 is described as a darker-complexioned white male, approximately 5'8" tall weighing 150 pounds. Also noted was the suspect's heavily-gelled hair.

Suspect 2 is described as a white male with brown hair, approximately 5'11" tall weighing 170 pounds. Suspect 3 is described only as a white male.

The three suspects arrived and left in a vehicle described as a white, 4-door car.

[\(Click here to see available poster\)](#)

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of May 26, 2003

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 5-27-03 at 1143 PM, officers responded to 10 8th Ave. SE, In reference to a robbery in progress. The investigation revealed that an unknown male armed with an unknown type of gun, attempted to Rob the Taco Bell store at 10 8th Avenue SE through the drive-through window. The suspect was described as about 5' 10" to 6' 1" tall, wearing a plaid hooded shirt and a mask. The suspect was not located. No one was injured in the incident. The suspect did not get any money during the crime. The incident is still under investigation.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 5-27-03 at approximately 4:31 AM officers were dispatched to Walgreen's on 25th Ave. Division to investigate a Robbery. Officers were told the robbery took place 10 minutes prior to the call. Officers were then taken to the location of the robbery, 1700 Block of 3rd Street North. The victim said 2 unknown white males in their early 20s punched him in the face, held him down on the ground and took money from his pocket. The victim had no visible injuries and did not want any medical attention. The suspects left east bound on foot, the victim then ran to Walgreen's to make the report. A neighbor that was awake at the time the robbery took place did not hear anything.

On 5-26-03 at approximately 11:06 PM an officer from the St. Cloud Police Department was dispatched to the SuperAmerica station at 600 Hwy. 10 South to investigate a fire. Upon arrival the fire had been put out, the fire was confined to the women's restroom. Evidence was collected at the scene. The clerk reported seeing a white female, 19-22 years of age, 5'5" tall, weighing approximately 160-170 pounds, with dark hair. She was wearing a grey sweatshirt and a white T-shirt.

### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a burglary that occurred on the 10 block of 11th Avenue S. The burglary occurred on May 24th, between the hours of 10:15 pm and 6:45 am. Removed from the residence were two speakers and a stereo.

Value: \$ unknown

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating an attempted burglary that occurred on the 200 block of 10th, Avenue N. The attempted burglary occurred on May 26th in the night time hours. Entry into the residence was not gained. A screen door and a storm door were damaged in the attempt.

Value: \$ unknown

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of June 2, 2003

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

The Stearns County Sheriff's Department is looking for assistance in identifying the person or persons involved in the thefts of several traffic counting boxes from the Holdingford and Holdingford Township area. These thefts occurred between June 3, 2003 and June 5, 2003.

### **Sartell Police:**

#### **Case #1:**

The Sartell Police are investigating a 2nd Degree Assault that occurred on June 4, 2003 at 9:25 PM.

Two juvenile males, age 11, reported to the Sartell Police Department that someone had brandished a gun at them. The juveniles stated that they were biking east on 2 ½ Street North near 13th Avenue, when a vehicle approached them from behind at a high rate of speed and then slammed on its brakes. The male driver of the vehicle opened his car door and brandished a rifle from the back seat. The boys then rode their bikes to the residence of an off-duty, State Trooper and reported the incident.

The vehicle is described as a dark green or blue compact car. The driver of the vehicle is a white male, early 20's, with acne or freckles and orange highlights in his hair. The juveniles stated that there was also a passenger in the vehicle. The juveniles described the weapon as an assault rifle with a brown wooden stock and banana clip.

#### **Case #2:**

The Sartell Police Department is investigating a burglary and property damage at the Sartell Golf Course, located on Pinecone Road North. Sometime between 10:30 PM Wednesday night and early Thursday morning, someone entered the golf course office through a window. A cash register was damaged and cabinet drawers were gone through. Approximately \$600.00 cash was stolen and damage is estimated at \$400.00.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

Tri-County Crime Stoppers, Inc. is still offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and formal charging of the person or persons responsible for the Vandalism and Criminal Damage to Property which occurred at Hustad Homes, Inc. during the evening hours of June 8th or early morning hours of June 9th, 2000.

Sometime between 10:30 PM and 5:00 AM, vandals broke into the manufactured home lot on Franklin Avenue NE near US Highway 10 in St. Cloud. A front end loader was driven around the lot, pushing,

ramming and otherwise mutilating 11 new and used homes. Damage estimates were over \$500,000.00.



**St. Cloud Police:**

**Follow-up on a case from last week.** The St. Cloud Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying one or both of the women featured in the photographs below.

On 5-26-03 at approximately 11:06 PM an officer from the St. Cloud Police Department was dispatched to the SuperAmerica station at 600 Hwy. 10 South to investigate a fire. Upon arrival the fire had been put out, the fire was confined to the women's restroom. Evidence was collected at the scene. The clerk reported seeing a white female, 19-22 years of age, 5'5" tall, weighing approximately 160-170 pounds, with dark hair. She was wearing a grey sweatshirt and a white T-shirt.





## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of June 9, 2003

### **St. Cloud Police:**

During the past week officers from the St. Cloud Police Department have responded to numerous businesses throughout the city for reports of counterfeit bills being passed. There have been approximately 10 counterfeit bills reported to the police department in the last week. Some businesses have reported more than one bill being passed. No one has been arrested at this time. The bills are in denominations of \$10, \$20 and \$100. Some have the same serial number, however not all of them do. The bills are being sent to the Secret Service.

At this time the Saint Cloud Police Department is asking businesses to be aware of this and to be watchful for counterfeit bills at their place of business. If they do have a counterfeit bill they are asked to call the St. Cloud Police Department and make a report.

### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a burglary at Crafts Direct on Sundial Drive. The burglary happened between 9pm on April 15 and 8:30 am on April 16th. There was forced entry and a large amount of money was taken from a safe. The suspect(s) spent a lot of time inside the building looking around and damaging store items. The bank bag was found empty in Little Falls.

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a 1st degree assault that happened at Cashwise on Dec 23, 2002. An unknown suspect male entered Cashwise on two occasions on this day and shoplifted



some items. When he was approached by loss prevention he pretended to be having an asthma attack and asked to go to his vehicle. Loss prevention then escorted the suspect to his vehicle. When they approached the suspect's vehicle there was another individual in the driver's seat. The suspect got into the passenger's seat and they began to drive away. The vehicle then swerved at the loss prevention officer and his arm became tangled in the seatbelt inside the car. The vehicle continued on and dragged the loss prevention officer about 150 feet. The loss prevention officer suffered disabling injuries to his neck and spine. Suspect description: 20 to 30 years old, dark complexion, possibly Asian, blue coat, blue jeans, and dark hair. The driver was described as a Caucasian, orange coat, blonde hair. Vehicle description: MN license EAD823 registering to a 1997 Saturn. This vehicle later turned out to be stolen from the City of St. Cloud

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a 5th degree assault that happened at Cashwise on March 21, 2003. An unknown suspect male entered Cashwise and was walking around the store with a shopping cart filled with bags. The suspect was placing items in the bags as he walked around the store. He then attempted to leave the store without paying for the items near the deli. When he was approached by loss prevention he was asked to present a receipt. The suspect began looking for a receipt, but did not produce one. He then turned towards the loss prevention officer and head butted him. The suspect then left the store and ran towards Cashwise Liquor. The suspect then got into the passenger's side of a gray Geo Prism that was parked at Little Dukes and the vehicle drove away.

Suspect description: male, 40's or early 50's, has a mustache, balding head, weight around 220 to 230, approximately 5'9" tall, wearing a grey sweatshirt that said "Delta" on the front

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of June 16, 2003

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 06/15/03 at 2327 hours, Officers of the St. Cloud Police Department were dispatched to a 911 hang-up call, located at 905 Kilian Boulevard Southeast. Upon arrival, Officers met with the occupants of the residence. The investigation revealed that two unknown suspects entered the residence without permission and confronted one of the two occupants at knife point and demanded money. The occupants of the residence were not injured during the incident. The two suspects were only in the residence for a short period of time and then fled the scene on foot prior to Officers arriving. The two suspects are described as:

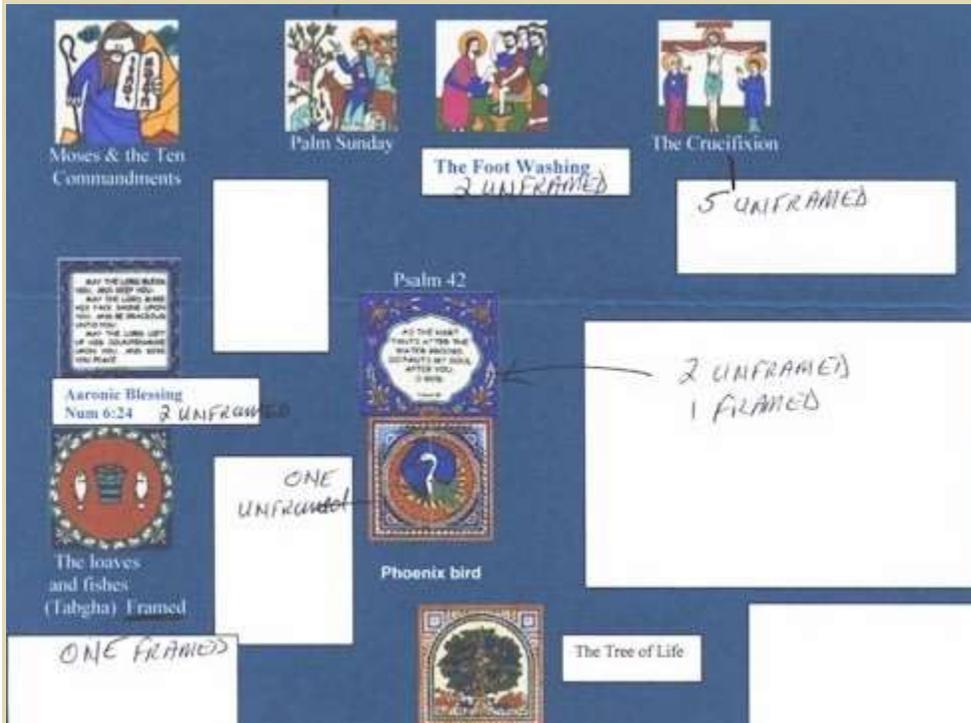
Suspect #1: White/male, 23-25 years of age, 5' 8", 175 pounds, curly light brown colored hair, wearing a gray t-shirt and blue jeans.

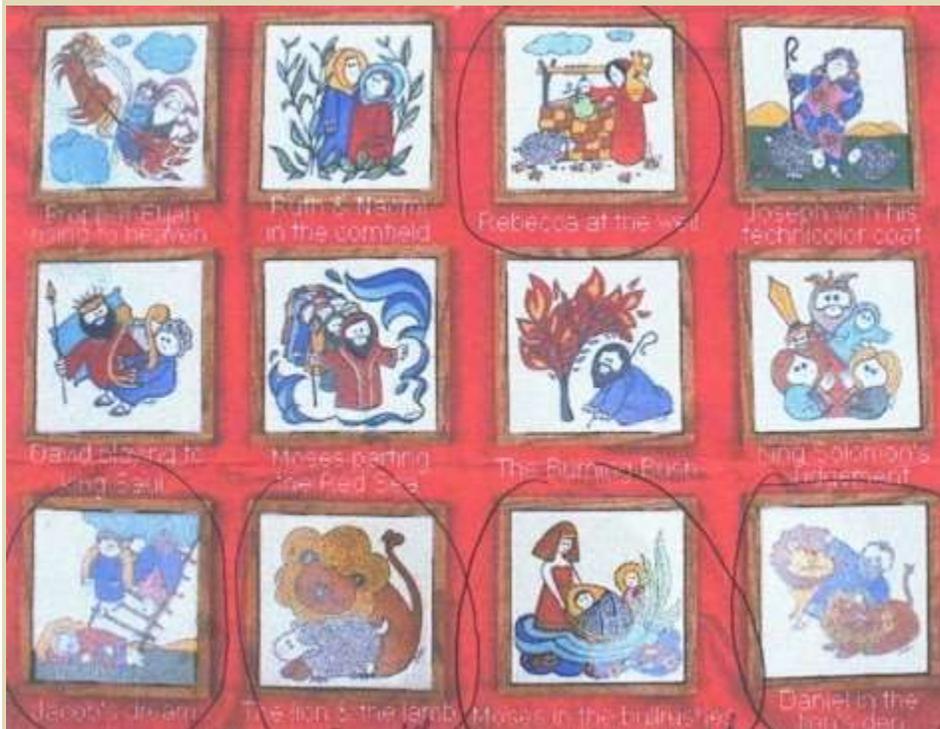
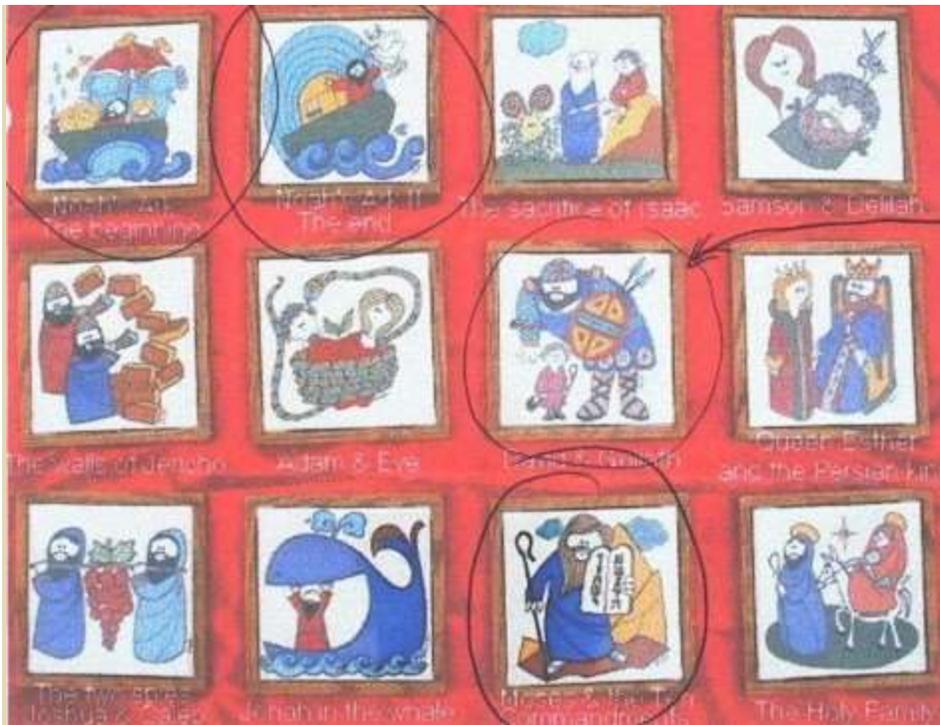
Suspect #2: Black/male, 23-25 years of age, 5' 11", 180 pounds, wearing a black/dark colored baseball hat, long sleeved shirt and blue jeans

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of June 23, 2003

## St. Cloud Police:

On 05/28/03 at 2:30 PM, St. Cloud Police were dispatched to St. Cloud State University Public Safety for a vandalism to vehicle complaint. The owner of a 1994 Nissan Sentra had parked her vehicle in K lot at SCSU, the 1300 block of 3rd avenue south. It was unattended from 12:45 to 1:45 PM, while the owner walked her dog. When she returned to her vehicle the front passenger's window had been busted out and the suitcase containing some art that was on a 6" x 6" tiles with religious paintings on them. These tiles were bought in Jerusalem and the total value for the tiles is \$800 to \$1,000.



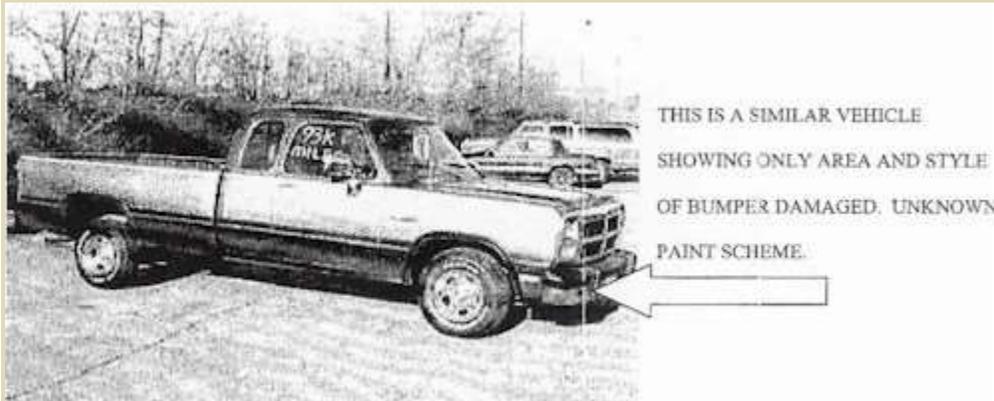


**Big Lake Police Department:**

The Big Lake Police Department responded to the 200 block of County Road 5 (Eagle Lake Road) in the

City of Big Lake, regarding a hit and run - property damage accident involving police property. The suspect vehicle is described as 1990-93 Dodge full-size pickup truck, dark red in color, with some rust. The vehicle has right front end damage. It is missing the top rubber trim cover from the right front bumper. The Big Lake Police Department is looking for the public's assistance in locating and identifying the vehicle and its driver.

Here is a picture of a similar vehicle.



### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

On 6/7/03 officers of the Stearns County Sheriff's Office were called to a burglar alarm at the Rock Stop convenience store in the city of Rockville. On arrival they found the glass to a door had been smashed out. On 6/8/2003, officers were again called to the rock stop on another alarm. The glass in the south door had again been smashed out. Suspects had thrown a large piece of granite through the glass, entered the store and stole a large number of frozen pizzas.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 6-20-03 at 10:39 PM, Officers responded to the area of Raymond Avenue NE and 6th Street NE, in reference to a gunshot complaint. The investigation revealed that an unknown person drove up to 529 6th Avenue NE and fired one shot from a handgun. No one was injured in the incident. No damage was found in the area. No suspects have been identified or locate at this time.

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

The Stearns County Sheriff received a theft report from the Central Livestock Association in Albany twp on 6/19/03. 13 finished cows were stolen sometime between 2am and 5am. The livestock stolen were 3 white Charlois and 10 mixed black and white.

### **Waite Park Police:**

Repeat from week of June 9th, now including pictures. **If you are able to identify the man in these pictures, please contact Crime Stoppers.**



The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a 5th degree assault that happened at Cashwise on March 21, 2003. An unknown suspect male entered Cashwise and was walking around the store with a shopping cart filled with bags. The suspect was placing items in the bags as he walked around the store. He then attempted to leave the store without paying for the items near the deli. When he was approached by loss prevention he was asked to present a receipt. The suspect began looking for a receipt, but did not produce one. He then turned towards the loss prevention officer and head butted him. The suspect then left the store and ran towards Cashwise Liquor. The suspect then got into the passenger's side of a gray

Geo Prism that was parked at Little Dukes and the vehicle drove away.

Suspect description: male, 40's or early 50's, has a mustache, balding head, weight around 220 to 230, approximately 5'9" tall, wearing a grey sweatshirt that said "Delta" on the front

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of June 30, 2003

### Cold Spring Police:

During the evening hours of 6-30-03 until 07-01-2003 someone vandalized a spring house and a slippery slide in Pioneer Park of cold spring. The damage is estimated to be over \$500.

On 6-19-03 during the evening hours someone broke a window out of the Pioneer Park shelter. Estimate damages are \$40.00 plus labor.

An employee of the city of cold spring reported that the Springer's Park concession stand was broken into. Police arrived and photographed the door which was kicked in. A very light foot print was noticed near the deadbolt lock. They then found various boxes of candy located near the east dug out. Employees may or may not be able to provide a good inventory of the missing items. It does not appear that beer was taken.

The city of cold spring will add \$250.00 to the crime stoppers reward.

### Sherburne County Sheriff: (From week of May 19, 2003)



The Sherburne County Sheriff's Department is seeking assistance from the public in locating three individuals allegedly involved in a theft from the Briggs Lake General Store on May 11, which was Mother's Day.

According to Chief Deputy Scott Gudmundson, three males, estimated to be in their early to mid twenties, entered the store when it opened at approximately 7 a.m. While one of the suspects distracted the clerk at the front of the store the other two allegedly stole deposit bags from the safe and removed a VCR connected to the store's video surveillance system.

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Suspect 3 is described only as a white male.

The three suspects arrived and left in a vehicle described as a white, 4-door car.

### St. Cloud Police: (From week of April 28, 2003)



The St. Cloud Police are looking for the public's assistance in locating a stolen BMX style bicycle.

The bicycle was stolen from a garage at 1323 West Oaks Drive in St. Cloud, sometime between 9:30 PM and 9:45 PM on April 28th,

The bicycle is custom made with a "STAATS" bike frame which is white with yellow lettering. Across the frame is the word, "STAATS" and the handle bars are also yellow. The bike has a black and blue colored

seat and there is a removable number plate on the front of the bicycle with the number "Seven".

The value of this bicycle is over \$2,200.00.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 6-27-2003, at 10:40 PM, St. Cloud Police and Fire Department were dispatched to 800 11th, Street So., regarding a vehicle fire. Upon arrival, the vehicle was fully engulfed and put out by the fire department. Investigation revealed that the vehicle was set on fire.

### **Sherburne County Sheriff:**

The Sherburne County Sheriff's Department is seeking assistance from the public in apprehending a suspect in an armed robbery that occurred at the Total Entertainment Center in Zimmerman on Sunday, June 22 at approximately 1:50 PM. The suspect is described as a white male, late 30's to early 40's, approximately 5' 8" to 5' 9", stocky build, shoulder length brown hair and clean-shaven face. Suspect was wearing a dark colored baseball hat, dark colored long-sleeve T-shirt, and jeans. The suspect displayed a silver handgun with a black handle and forced the clerk to give him the cash from the register. Below is an artists rendering of the suspect created from eyewitness accounts.

[A downloadable and printable poster is available for this case.](#)



### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a burglary that happened at Independent Testing Technologies on 31st Avenue S in Waite Park. The burglary occurred in the evening hours of June 24th and the early morning hours of June 25th.

Entry was gained by breaking out the front glass door. Taken from the business was one computer monitor.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

ON 6/16/03 officers responded to Oak Hill Elementary, at 2600 oak grove road, for a vandalism report. Sometime over the weekend someone shot out five windows and two glass doors on the back side of the building. It appeared as though a bb gun or something similar was used to damage the windows.

On 06/25/03 officers again responded to Oak Hill School for another vandalism to a window complaint. Sometime overnight someone smashed out a window in the back of the building using a shovel that had been left outside by some landscape workers.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

St Cloud Police are investigating shots fired into vehicles and a business overnight. Police took reports of two vehicles that had windshields shot out while parked in the Holiday Inn parking lot overnight. Also overnight a window on Burger King (west) was shot out. Police recovered the jacket and pieces of lead from that business

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of July 7, 2003**

### **St. Cloud Police, Coborn's Stores and Granite Bowl:**

There have been a number of thefts in places of business in the Saint Cloud area, and the individuals pictured are suspects. Generally one or both of the individuals pictured in photos 2 and 3 will divert staff, while the individual in photo 1 removes any funds that he can find in the employee areas of the store.

They are suspected in a theft at Coborn's Liquor in Clearwater on 06/28/03, Granite Bowl in Saint Cloud on 06/30/03, and Coborn's Liquor 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Saint Cloud on 07/07/03. Their involvement in other thefts in the area is also being investigated.

Be alert to this activity, and if you have any information regarding the identities of any of these individuals or related activity, please contact Tri-County Crime Stoppers of Minnesota at (320) 255-1301.



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#2



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## REWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Tri-County Crime Stoppers, Inc. is pleased to announce that rewards have been authorized in two cases. Other open cases can be seen at [www.tricountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.tricountycrimestoppers.org).

These rewards were for information, which resulted in solving several Central Minnesota crimes.

With these payments, our total for rewards paid will be \$ 27,600.00.

Callers to Crime Stoppers remain anonymous and can become eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. In some selected cases, the reward can be up to \$ 5,000. The phone line does not have Caller ID or any type of recording device. Our toll free number is 1-800-255-1301. For the St. Cloud dialing area and Cellular 2000 customers, they should call 255-1301.

### Stearns County Sheriff:

On 6/3/03 at approximately 12:17 PM, Deputies were dispatched to a burglary at 3434 210th Street in St. Augusta. Upon returning home, the residents saw that the back garage door and the entrance door into the residence had been broken into. Upon arrival the officers did observe the garage door to be open and a back door which appeared to have been kicked in.

The residents were able to compile a list of missing items.

\* A gray safe with a small shelf in the upper left hand corner. The damaged safe was later found by the Minneapolis Police, with some family papers and contents still inside.

o Life insurance policies.

- o Vehicle titles.
- o Marriage certificates.
- o Three Operation ID Fingerprint cards.
- o Social Security card.
- \* Credit card numbers, which were written down on either their bills from their credit card companies or hand written on pieces of paper.
- \* A light brown wallet containing \$800 in cash with various denominations.
- \* Wedding picture proofs.
- \* Baby pictures.
- \* A box of blank checks beginning at check #3131 and up to an unknown number.
- \* An unknown number of bonds, one being \$100, the rest are all \$50 and less.
- \* A CD from the Plaza Park Bank for \$2000.
- \* A CD from Great River Bank for \$500.
- \* Two \$1000 bonds from Great River Bank.
- \* One \$500 CD from Great River Bank.
- \* A white jewelry box, approximate size 12"X8".
- \* A silver certificate one dollar bill.
- \* A wedding ring, valued at approximately \$400 - \$600.
- \* Assorted jewelry, which was located in the jewelry box, with approximately value of \$200 - \$300.
- \* A mug of pennies, containing approximately \$5 in cash.
- \* A glass containing approximately \$10 in dimes.
- \* A glass containing approximately \$30 - \$40 in quarters.
- \* A glass containing paper bills, approximately \$45.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of July 14, 2003

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 7-15-03 at approximately 10:33 PM, officers from the St. Cloud Police Department were dispatched to Premier Tabs, 2820 2nd St S to investigate an armed robbery. Upon arrival officers learned the suspect entered the business armed with a baseball bat and a revolver demanding money. The suspect fled on foot southbound. The Waite Park Police Department's K-9 and the Stearns County Sheriff's Department assisted the St. Cloud Police Department in searching for the suspect. The investigation is on going.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 20-30 years of age, with short hair with blonde spikes in it. He was wearing a hospital scrub suit and a hospital surgical mask.

### **St. Cloud Police, Coborn's Stores and Granite Bowl:**

**Up-dated 7-17-2003 with additional surveillance photographs.**

### **Coborn's 5th Avenue store:**

[Scene 2003-2](#)

### **Coborn's Clearwater Liquor:**

[Scene 2008-4](#) [Scene 2008-6](#) [Scene 2008-7](#) [Scene 2008-9](#) [Scene 2008-14](#)

## Granite Bowl:

[Scene GB-1](#)

[Scene GB-3](#)

[Scene GB-6](#)

[Scene GB-10](#)

There have been a number of thefts in places of business in the Saint Cloud area, and the individuals pictured are suspects. Generally one or both of the individuals pictured in photos 2 and 3 will divert staff, while the individual in photo 1 removes any funds that he can find in the employee areas of the store.

They are suspected in a theft at Coborn's Liquor in Clearwater on 06/28/03, Granite Bowl in Saint Cloud on 06/30/03, and Coborn's Liquor 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Saint Cloud on 07/07/03. Their involvement in other thefts in the area is also being investigated.

Be alert to this activity, and if you have any information regarding the identities of any of these individuals or related activity, please contact Tri-County Crime Stoppers of Minnesota at (320) 255-1301.

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## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of July 21, 2003

### **Sartell Police:**

On July 20, 2003, at 3:05 PM, Sartell Police responded to a theft from vehicle report in the 800 block of 3rd Avenue North.

The victim reported that sometime between 1:30 AM and 3:30 PM, someone stole the following item out of the trunk of his vehicle which was parked in his driveway. The items were: 2 – 12 inch Infinity Perfect speakers in a custom box covered with gray carpet, a Rockford Fosgate 800 A@ Amp, and a Rockford Fosgate Ferret 1 Capassator. Loss here is listed at \$1,910.00.

### **Sartell Police:**

On July 19, 2003, at 9:46 AM, officers responded to a theft report in the 1200 block of Connecticut Avenue.

Taken were an Interchange 5.5 PH Air compressor, an 8 gallon Honda engine, green in color and a 6 gal gas can with a broken air vent. These were taken from a construction site sometime between 9:00 PM on July 18th and 9:00 AM on July 19th. Loss here is listed at \$910.00.

### **Sartell Police:**

On July 17, 2003, at 10:00 AM, officers received a report from Winkleman Building Corp., of the theft of two ladders from the Ice Arena construction site. The ladders are 35 feet long and are stamped with the initials "WBC". They were last seen on July 16th at 3:30 PM.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 7-20-03 at approximately 1:30 AM, St. Cloud Police Department received a report of a possible kidnapping, robbery and assault that took place in the 800 Block of W. St. Germain earlier at 12:20 AM.

The victim stated he was asked to come out front of a downtown bar at which time he was assaulted and forced into a motor vehicle. The victim was driven to a second location where he was assaulted again and released. The victim did not require hospitalization. He received only minor physical injuries.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 07-20-03 at 09:26 PM officers responded to DCI 600 54th Ave N on a burglary complaint. Sometime over the weekend unknown person(s) forced entry into the business and stole numerous computer related items.

### **St. Cloud Police, Coborn's Stores and Granite Bowl:**

Late last week, 7-14-03, ten additional surveillance photographs were placed on the web site. Please check to see if you can help identify these three individuals.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of July 28, 2003

### **First Fuel Banks, - St. Cloud and Waite Park Police:**

Authorities in St. Cloud and Waite Park continue to investigate a series of on-going acts of vandalism at the First Fuel Bank locations in these cities. Vandals continue to destroy the restrooms at various sites, however, the most frequent damage is done to the station on Division Street. This vandalism has been occurring off and on since the summer of 2001.

These are some pictures of the most recent damage done to the Division Street and Waite Park sites. These crimes occurred in March and June 2003.

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**St. Cloud Police: (Repeat from week of July 14, now including a sketch of the suspect.)**

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The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 20-30 years of age, with short hair with blonde spikes in it. He was wearing a hospital scrub suit and a hospital surgical mask.



### **Avon Police and Stearns County Sheriff:**

On Sunday, 7-27-03, the Avon Police Department responded to reported attempted break in at Midtown Bar in the early morning hours of Sunday, July 27, 2003. It was discovered that suspects attempted to break in through the back door using what appears to be a red pry bar approximately 1 3/4 inch in width. The door at the Midtown Bar was pried on but no entry occurred.

At approximately 07:30 AM, on Monday, 7-28-03 the Avon Police Department responded to the Church of St. Benedict Parish Office on the report of a burglary. Upon arrival officers discovered the window on the parish office door to be smashed out and entry gained into the office through the door. Again, it appears that a red pry bar of some type was used in this incident. All the file drawers in the church office were pried open; however, it appears that nothing was taken in this incident.

It should be noted that the suspect(s) may have cut themselves as there was significant amount of blood left at the scene.

No one had been in the church office on Sunday and due to the similarities of the incidents, the Police Department believes that they both may have occurred in the early morning hours of 07-27-2003.

### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a burglary that occurred at the 200 block of 6th Avenue North on July 11, 2003. Removed from the residence were DVD's, a cell phone. No forced entry.

Value: \$1340.00

**Waite Park Police: (This case was solved on July 29, 2003)**



The Waite Park Police Department is investigating reoccurring vandalism on Granite View Road. Someone is spray painting road signs and vehicles along Granite View Road. The first incident happened in the evening hours of July 24th and again in the evening hours of July 27th.

### **Benton County:**

On July 26, 2003, the Benton County Sheriff's Office received a call that a man had been shot by a robber at Sugar Daddy's on Hwy 10, North of Sauk Rapids.

Two male and one female employee of Sugar Daddy's had just locked up the business at approximately 4:40 am when they were approached in the parking lot by a masked individual armed with a short barrel shotgun. The suspect herded the three employees to the south end of the building and was in the process of tying them up, when a struggle ensued and the victim employee was shot in the stomach area.

The male victim, a 38 year old St. Cloud resident, is listed in stable condition at the St. Cloud Hospital after being transported there in a private vehicle. For his own safety, the victim's name is being withheld during the initial investigation.

The suspect is described as white male, 5'-07", thin build, light blue jeans, dark shirt and wearing a dark gray ski mask. He was armed with a sawed off shotgun. He ran from the scene and no vehicle description is known. The robber made off with an undetermined amount of money taken from the female employee.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Minnesota State Patrol and the Sauk Rapids Police Department. The investigation continues.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of August 4, 2003**

### **Stearns County Sheriff's Office**

On July 8, 2003, the Stearns County Sheriff received a theft report in Brockway Township. Unknown persons had stolen 17 solar powered yard lanterns from around a pond. Suspects were possibly using a boat to commit the theft. Loss is estimated at \$400.

### **Stearns County Sheriff's Office**

On July 16, 2003, the Stearns County Sheriff received a damage to property report from Lenneman's Distributing in St. Augusta. Unknown persons had shot out the Coors signs along Highway 15. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.

### **Stearns County Sheriff's Office**

The Stearns County Sheriff received a report on August 5, 2003 of a stolen Melroe Bobcat and Felling dual-axle trailer. License plate number on the trailer is CTK5007. The items were stolen from Clearwater Rental Center during the night of August 4, 2003.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of August 11, 2003**

### **Stearns County Sheriff's Office**

On July 31, 2003, the SCSO received a damage to property/shots fired call on 163rd St in Maine Prairie township, near Carnelian Lake. Deputies found that two motor vehicles which were parked in a driveway at a private residence had been damaged. One was a 2002 Chevy Malibu and the other a 1993 Dodge Caravan. A spent shotgun shell casing was found near the scene.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of August 18, 2003**

### **Stearns County Sheriff's Office**

On August 8, 2003, the Stearns County Sheriff received a report of tires being slashed on a red 2002 Buick LeSabre at the Horseshoe Lake public access south of Richmond. It happened at about 7:15 am. The owner of the car had launched his boat and accidentally cut a fishing line of someone fishing from a nearby dock. The owner of the car had gone out fishing and when he returned he found his tires had been slashed. The people fishing from the dock, two hispanic males and one white male, are suspected of committing the crime.

### **Stearns County Sheriff's Office**

The Stearns County sheriff received numerous theft complaints from Long Lake in Lynden Township. At least eight watercraft had property stolen from them. Missing items included a MinnKota trolling motor, fishing rods and tackle boxes. The thefts happened between 1 am and 3 am on Wednesday, August 13th.

### **Waite Park Police Department**

The Waite Park P.D. is investigating a burglary which happened on 7th St S on August 1. Someone entered the home and removed cash and two guns from the residence. There was no forced entry. Value of the stolen items is \$1,500.

### **Waite Park Police Department**

The Waite Park P.D. is investigating a burglary at Poganski Automotive, 408 3rd St N, which occurred on August 2, 2003. Forced entry occurred and three paintball guns and many boxes of paintballs were removed. Value is \$1,110.

### **Waite Park Police Department**

The Waite Park P.D. is investigating a burglary that happened at River's Edge Park on August 3. Someone entered the concession stand, sprayed a fire extinguisher and removed a dozen Rawlings baseballs, candy and candy bars. Value \$500.

### **Waite Park Police Department**

The Waite Park P.D. is investigating a burglary at HDV, located in the Ardolf Technology Building on 3rd St N in Waite Park. Two laptops were removed from the business.

### **Waite Park Police Department**

The Waite Park P.D. is investigating nine car break-ins which occurred between 4th and 7th Ave N in Waite Park. The break-ins occurred on August 5th, 6th and 7th.

### **Waite Park Police Department**

The Waite Park P.D. is investigating five complaints of gunshots being heard between August 4th and 11th in the Discovery School area along 7th St S. One bullet did enter a garage door in a home located in this area.

## **Waite Park Police Department**

The Waite Park P.D. is investigating a burglary that occurred in the evening hours of August 18th or the early morning hours of August 19th at Election Systems and Software located on 28th Ave S. Computers and software were removed from the business.

## **Sherburne County Sheriff's Office**

The Sherburne County Sheriff's Office has received the following reports of vandalism and theft.

- July 26, 2003 - Between midnight and 6:30 am, an unknown suspect(s) threw a rock through the rear window of a vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence on the 26300 block of 6th St W in Zimmerman.
- August 2, 2003 - Sometime between 9:30-11:30 pm, unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked shed located on the 26300 block of 9th St W in Zimmerman and removed two bicycles.
- August 6, 2003 - Sometime between August 1 and August 5, unknown suspect(s) entered a residence on the 4200 block of 135th Ave in Palmer Township (east of St. Cloud) and took one saxophone and four guitars, without permission. The item descriptions are as follows: Bundy II alto sax, bronze in color, valued at \$2,400; a brown, acoustic Alvarez guitar valued at \$1,200; an electric Guild Starfire III guitar valued at \$7,500; an electric Gretchy County Gentleman valued at \$5,000; and an electric Peavy Solid Body guitar valued at \$2,000. The total value is estimated to be between \$10,000 and \$12,000.
- August 8, 2003 - Sometime between 10:30 pm on August 7 and 5:30 am on August 8, unknown suspects placed Superglue on the door locks of a vehicle parked on the 9800 block of 185th Ave in Becker Township. In addition, foam insulation was sprayed in the gas tank.
- August 8, 2003 - Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked, detached garage on the 21700 block of County Road 43 in Big Lake Township and stole a PSE compound bow.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of August 25, 2003**

### **St. Cloud police:**

On 8/24/03 at 0451 hours, officers were dispatched to 814 9th street south, for a property damage in progress. Officers arrived on scene and observed several males at a nearby residence begin to enter the residence at 903 8th Avenue South. Officers were able to locate the damaged vehicle at 814 9th Street South. They were approached by the complainant, who advised them that he witnessed some males throw a ladder through the window of the vehicle and damage the passenger side window. The complainant was unable to give a description of the males or their clothing.

### **St. Cloud police:**

On 8/25/03 a foreman for the Bauerly brothers company, called headquarters to report one of his company's pieces of equipment had been damaged. A nine wheel road packing machine was parked facing south in the 900 block of 8th avenue south, just north of 10th street. Sometime after 1800 hours on 8/22/03 and before 0600 hours on 8/25/03, at least two persons climbed on the machine and tampered with the machine. The muffler on the engine was ripped off, the gauges in front of the operator's seat were smashed, all of the external warning lights were taken off and broken, the strobe on the very top of the machine was broken, wires were ripped out, and the engine may have been tampered with. Also an unknown black tar like substance was thrown on the machine. Police found at least two separate sets of foot impressions on the machine. The foot impressions probably belonged to males due to the fact they

were approximately ten to eleven inches in length. One may have been some type of a boot, where the other appears most likely to have been from a tennis or athletic shoe.

### **Sartell Police:**

The Sartell Police are investigating a report of some vandalism to a construction site on Scout Drive on August 26, 2003. The owner of Scholing Construction, Inc., reported that two hydraulic hoses on his Bobcat had been cut. Loss here is listed at \$400.00.

### **Benton County Sheriff:**

On 08-10-03, Rapids Canvas, Sauk Rapids, MN reported a Burglary to the Benton County Sheriff's office that occurred overnight between 9:00pm on 08-09-03, and 5:30pm on 08-10-03. Suspect(s) entered building through the exterior wall of the business. Suspect(s) removed items from the building including:

- 1 - Hewlett Packard, Bevilian Computer, Model 763N, Serial no. MX23664758, black in color
- 1 - AST Vision 4N computer with 15' or 16' monitor, Serial no. HMDGB01002
- 1 - Cannon Copier, Model PC420, Serial no. 841-889WPDCF135031-500, cream in color
- 1 - Visionair Scanner, Model no. 5800USB

along with a power strip, Samsung monitor, Hewlett Packard mouse, a Koss Stereo, DeWalt Cordless drill - yellow and black in color, office chair, drill bit kit, and bulk assorted canvas

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of September 1, 2003**

### **Sartell Police:**

On 9-2-02, a foreman from Berschid Builders reported a theft of building materials from 1502 Pebble Creek Drive in Sartell. The theft occurred between 4:00 PM on August 29th and 10:00 AM on September 2nd.

The boxes containing these items are all printed with "130723 Desertone Edco Steel". Total loss for the following items is listed at \$3,523.14.

- 10- pieces of starter \$28.60
- 17- pieces of sub straight \$135.66
- 10- pieces of snap on corners \$90.60
- 3- boxes of trim nails \$12.42
- 12- center vent \$149.28
- 30- pieces of faca \$175.50
- 35- pieces of sofet \$96.60
- 2- rolls of tyvek 9x100's \$207.68
- 12-rolls of tyvek tape \$108.60
- 40-pieces of siding "j" \$178.80
- 19- square siding \$2254.73
- 1. Roll of coil 24x50 \$84.67

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

Over the past 8 months the SCSO has received several reports of burglaries and incidents of vandalism on or near Augusta Road in Fairhaven Twp. Forced entry has been made to several cabins. Items stolen include liquor and cash. In addition to the stolen property, vandalism to property inside the cabins was reported. It appears all the crimes are connected. Blood evidence was found at two of the burglaries.

### **Sartell Police:**

The Sartell police are investigating a theft from vehicle and property damage complaint. Complainant reported that sometime overnight between August 28 and the 29th, someone had entered his vehicle and removed a CD player from the dash. This offense occurred in front of 605 Watab Court in Sartell. The CD player was valued at \$800.00 and damage to the dashboard amounted to \$500.00.

### **Sartell Police:**

On 9-2-03, a foreman for Tri-City Electric of St. Cloud reported that one of their construction trailers had been vandalized. The padlock hasp had been cut or twisted off. Currently, there is no list of missing items available. This occurred at 1324 Scout Drive in Sartell. Vandalism and thefts from construction trailers has been an on-going problem in Sartell.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of September 8, 2003**

### **Avon Police:**

At 6:30 PM, on September 6, 2003, The Avon Police responded to a Burglary complaint at St. Benedicts Church. Unknown suspects broke into the church parish office. It appears as though suspects pried open the west door of the building gaining entry to the Facility. Then the suspects pried open the parish office door. Once in the office the suspect(s) pried open desk drawers and file cabinets, taking checks and cash totaling approximately \$400.00, the burglary occurred between noon and 2:45 PM in the afternoon of 09-06-2003. This is the 2nd time this office has been burglarized in the past 5 weeks nothing was taken during the 1st burglary. However the M.O., is similar in both incidents.

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

The SCSO received a burglary report on 8/23/03. A storage shed at a private residence on CR 9 in Eden Lake Twp was burglarized and two wake boards were stolen. Total value of the loss is estimated at \$1600, plus the damage done to gain entry. The burglary took place between Aug 17th and Aug 22nd .

### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating burglary that happened at Tri County Mobile Home Park. The burglary happened on Sept 2, 2003. Removed from the residence was a X-Box video game box and a Madden Football game. Value: \$192.00

### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating numerous car break-ins that happened on September

5th, 2003 at the Parkbury Apartments on 15th Ave N. Many vehicles were damaged and many items were taken.

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

On Labor Day, Sept. 1st, the Stearns County Sheriff received a report of a stolen 1997 white Chevrolet K15 Suburban from Lakeview Storage in Maine Prairie Twp. License plate is 236PGS. The Suburban was last seen south bound on Hwy 15 towing a 1995 Karavan snowmobile trailer, license. AAVD915 with two snowmobiles. The Karavan trailer and the snowmobiles were also stolen. The snowmobiles were a 1998 Polaris XC700 and a new Arctic Cat F7 Firecat.

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

On 7/7/03, the SCSO received a report of a burglary from a storage shed at Heartland Drywall on Julep Road, St. Joseph Twp. Unknown persons entered a locked storage shed on the property and stole a Lincoln Arc Welder, a Graco Paint Sprayer, and a texturing hopper. Also missing from the lot in front of the building was a 5x8 galvanized trailer with MN license H27558. The trailer is specifically built to haul the welder and has a dipped galvanized coating. It is a single axle trailer, built in 2000.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of September 15, 2003**

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 091603 at 10:01 PM, Officers from the St Cloud PD were dispatched to Go For It Gas, 9 River Rd, in reference a robbery. Upon further investigation officers learned that the suspect had threatened the clerk with a knife and then took an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect then left on what was described as a "NinJa" style motorcycle. Officers from the St Cloud PD and Sauk Rapids PD searched for the suspect but were unable to find him. The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 30 years of age, 6'0, 170 lbs, wearing a baseball hat and blue jeans.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 09/14/03 at 6:35 PM, officers were dispatched to the Ramada Inn for a report of a robbery that had just occurred. Investigation determined that a male suspect had approached the desk clerk, shown her a revolver and demanded money. The clerk gave the male an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect fled through the motel westbound. Officers searched the motel and surrounding areas with the assistance of a K9. The suspect is described as a black male 18-20 years of age, 5-11', 180 lbs with a baseball cap, and longer cornrow braids in his hair.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of September 22, 2003**

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 09/23/03 at 6:44 PM, officers were dispatched to 811 W. St. Gem1ain for a report of a male who had been assaulted. Upon arrival officers met with the victim, a 30 year old homeless male. Investigation revealed that an unknown male approached the victim and demanded his money. When the victim refused to give him the money, he struck him over the head with a bottle. The suspect then fled on foot

without taking any money. He was last seen leaving the area on foot.

The victim was transported by Gold Cross and remains in the St. Cloud Hospital.

The suspect is described as a B/M, early 40's with a medium build and a mustache.

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

The Stearns County Sheriff received a damage to property report on 9/12/03. A radio tower located near CR9 and CR 40 in Farming Township sustained significant damage when unknown persons fired several rifle shots into the tower, some hitting the power cables. The damage was about 450' above the ground.

### **Sauk Rapids Police:**

At approximately 9:42 PM, 9/19/03 Benton County Dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from a female employee at R & F Services, a convenience store/gasoline service station located at 400 South Benton Drive in Sauk Rapids, reporting that she had just been robbed by a black male wearing a dark blue shirt and a dark blue hat. The suspect held an object under his shirt and pushed it toward her like it was a gun although a weapon was not actually seen. After obtaining an undetermined amount of cash, the suspect left the store and ran in a northerly direction.

Units from the St. Cloud and Sartell police departments and the Benton County Sheriffs Department assisted in a search of the area. Sartell's K-9 unit was deployed during the search as well.

A more detailed description of the suspect was obtained after viewing video tapes at the scene and re-interviewing the store employee. The suspect is described as a Black male, 5-8 to 5-11, 180-210 lbs, wearing blue jeans, a dark blue sweatshirt a dark blue baseball-style cap with an emblem of some sort on it and a white doo rag on his head.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of September 29, 2003**

### **Avon Police:**

The Avon Police are investigating a Burglary and Criminal Damage Property at the Avon Car Wash at 430 County Road 50 on 9-29-03. Between 5:30 and 7:15 PM, unknown suspect(s) entered the car wash and pried open the change machine inside the car wash. Missing from the business is \$600.00 to \$700.00 mostly in quarters. The suspect(s) also removed and stole the coin machines bill validator. It appears that the suspect may have been interrupted and left the scene in a hurry. The car wash was open for business at the time of the incident. The Albany Police are assisting in the investigation.

Total value of loss: \$1200 plus damage to the property.

### **Benton County Sheriff and Rice Police:**

The Benton County Sheriff and Rice Police are investigating a theft at Pine's Edge Grocery at 1490 110th Street NW in Rice. On 09-29-03, a Black male and Caucasian female walked into the store and while an employee was attending to other customers, the black male reached over the counter and removed a money bag containing approximately \$225.00, from under a cash register. Digital surveillance video was

obtained of the suspects and will be added to this web site when available.

Suspect #1; Black male, in his 20's, black hair, brown eyes, medium to heavy build, wearing a tee shirt, shorts and white tennis shoes with red toes. He also had on a dark blue Addidas baseball cap.

Suspect #2: Caucasian female, in her late 20's or early 30's, Sandy Blond shoulder length hair in two pony tails. She was wearing a light colored sleeveless shirt, jean shorts and white tennis shoes.

### **Benton County Sheriff and Rice Police:**

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is Investigating two burglaries that occurred overnight in the City of Rice. At 6:00 am on 9-30-03, an employee of the Creamery Cafe, 405 Main St. E., Rice reported finding the rear door forced open and over \$400.00 in cash missing from the cash register.

### **Benton County Sheriff and Rice Police:**

At approximately 6:44 am, on 0-30-03, a maintenance person at the Rice Elementary School found that the School Office had been forcibly entered and a safe forced open, The loss is not known at this time.

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

On 8/20/03, SCSO received a report of a burglary at the St. Martin Ballpark, on Sauk Landing Road. Extensive damage was done to the main door when suspects forced entry. A 4" crescent wrench was found at the scene. Nothing was reported missing at the time of the report

### **Stearns County Sheriff:**

On 9-14-03, the SCSO received a report of a burglary at Midwest Coverall in Maine Prairie Twp. Stolen were two Miller wire feed welders, one a model 250, the other a model 130. Also stolen were 5 Dewalt 1/2" impact wrenches and a portable power washer

### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a burglary that occurred on Sept 28th at MINCO in Waite Park. There was forced entry and several computer items were taken. Value: \$270.00

### **Waite Park Police:**

Value: \$3000+

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a theft that occurred between Sept 25th and Sept 26th, 2003 at Anderson Storage Sheds in Waite Park. A boat parked at this location had several fishing related items removed from it.

### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a possible Nigerian Internet Scam.

The victim placed a trailer for sale on the internet. He was contacted via email by someone who was interested in purchasing the trailer. He was advised that he would receive a check for more money than he was asking for the trailer to cover shipping costs, etc. When the check was received he was then to cash the check and take the money owed to him. He was then instructed to wire the remaining amount to the shipping agent who would then deliver the trailer to the buyer. The check was a forged check. Value: \$1000+

**St. Cloud Police: (From week of September 22, 2003) Correction, this case was not solved as previously reported.**

On 09/23/03 at 6:44 PM, officers were dispatched to 811 W. St. Germain for a report of a male who had been assaulted. Upon arrival officers met with the victim, a 30 year old homeless male. Investigation revealed that an unknown male approached the victim and demanded his money. When the victim refused to give him the money, he struck him over the head with a bottle. The suspect then fled on foot without taking any money. He was last seen leaving the area on foot.

The victim was transported by Gold Cross and remains in the St. Cloud Hospital.

The suspect is described as a B/M, early 40's with a medium build and a mustache.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of October 6, 2003

### **Sherburne County Sheriff:**

Sometime between 2 p.m. Oct. 2nd and 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 3 unknown suspects stole an ATV from the 16100 block of 255th Ave. in Orrock Township. The ATV was out of gas and was sitting in front of a home. The suspects apparently pushed the vehicle about 50 yards to the road where it was loaded onto a trailer or truck. The ATV is described as a 2250cc 000 Polaris Trail Blazer, white in color with a black seat and bearing license #595JV. Identifying characteristics of the ATV include a broken front brake, a crack in the front fender and the left rear tire rim is bent.

### **Sherburne County Sheriff:**

Sometime between 11:30 p.m. Oct. 3 and 12:30 a.m. Oct. 4 unknown suspect(s) slashed tires on two separate vehicles that were parked in a driveway. The incident occurred on the 18500 block of 148th St. NW in Big Lake Township. Two juvenile males were seen leaving the scene at 12:30 a.m. One of the juveniles was riding a skateboard and the other was riding a bicycle.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of October 13, 2003

### **Sherburne County Sheriff:**

Sometime between 4 p.m. October 4th and 11 a.m. the following morning, unknown suspect(s) forced entry into a residence on the 7300 block of 27th Street Southeast in Haven Township. Stolen from the residence was an antique roll-top desk that was recently refinished in a dark brown stain. Estimated value of the desk is \$2,500.

### **Sherburne County Sheriff:**

Sometime between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. on October 9, unknown suspect(s) forcibly entered a residence on the 26400 block of 120th Street in Zimmerman. Suspect(s) stole a VCR and a Sony Playstation II with

three games and an extra controller as well as cash and jewelry. In addition, a dark blue Snap-On brand tool chest full of miscellaneous tools and customized motorcycle parts was taken.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

On 10/14/03 at 1:02 AM, Officers were dispatched to an alarm at Best Buy, located at 4130 West Division Street. Upon arrival, Officers discovered an open door into the building on the west side of the establishment. Officers checked the interior of the building and discovered that it had been burglarized. No suspects were located during the search of the Interior and it was determined that they had fled the scene prior to police arriving. The investigation revealed that multiple suspects had entered the building causing damage to various items of merchandise and removed four large plasma television sets. The items taken and damage was valued in excess of \$28,000.

### **Sartell police:**

On Sunday, October 12th, Sartell police were called to the Smoke Shop at 1090 2nd Street South, #600, in response to a counterfeit money complaint.

The clerk reported that a black female attempted to purchase 3 packs of Newports with a \$100 bill. The bill was put into the light and there was no face on the right hand side of the bill. The bill was too thin and did not look right. The comp stated he was going to call the police and the female grabbed the bill and took off. The suspect got into a newer style silver minivan, possibly a ford. She was last seen going South bound on pine cone road.

The suspect is described as a black female, in her 40's, approximately 150 pounds, with shoulder length black hair, wearing black pants and a red shirt.

### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department are investigating a burglary that occurred between the night of October 8th and the morning of October 9th, 2003. The burglary was at Callan's furniture. Removed from the business was money, a dining room table set, a 42" round cherry table with 1 18" leaf, 4 Ladderback side chairs and a Cherry Kinkaid Mule Chest. Total loss is listed at in excess of \$1,800.00.



## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of October 20, 2003

### **St. Cloud Police: Robbery**

On 10-23-03 at 1:36 AM, Officer's responded to the Comfort Inn, 4040 2nd Street South in reference to a Robbery. The victim stated that a male displayed a handgun, forced him into the bathroom and stole a safe from the business. The victim was not injured. An undetermined amount of money was stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

### **St. Cloud Police: Weapon Display**

On 10/21/03 at approximately 08:23 AM, a student was walking to school when she was approached by two Hispanic males driving a newer red or possibly maroon 4 -door with no rear license plate and tinted rear window.

The one male occupant flashed what looked like a handgun at the student and then left the area.

Limited physical description; two Hispanic males in their 20's, last seen in the Centennial Park area of 10th Street North and 11th Avenue North.

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Burglaries**

On 10/17/03, the Stearns Co Sheriffs Office received reports of burglaries at 8 different businesses in western part of the county. Break ins were reported in Elrosa, Greenwald, and Spring Hill. Small items such

as change, cigarettes and beverages were stolen, along with significant damage due to forced entry. All of the break ins appear related.

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Mailbox Vandalisms**

On 10/15/03 reports of numerous mailbox vandalism's were received by the Stearns Co Sheriffs Office. Roughly 30 mailboxes were damaged between Richmond and Farming along CR 23. Mail was removed from several of the boxes, opened, and thrown into the ditch. The US Postal Service is assisting in the investigation.

### **Avon Police: Burglary**

The Avon Police are investigating a burglary and an attempted burglary of two businesses overnight October 19th to October 20th.

Avon's true value hardware store, at 107 Avon Avenue So., was burglarized with forced entry to the rear door. An undetermined amount of cash was taken.

Also reported was an attempted burglary at the Midtown Bar, 110 Avon Avenue So.

Both cases are actively being investigated.

## **St. Cloud Police: Robbery**

On Saturday, October 18, 2003, at 9:41 AM, officers were dispatched to the Tom Thumb at 1501 Northway Drive, for a robbery complaint that had just occurred. The lone cashier that was working stated suspect tried to grab money from the till while she was getting the suspect change. She slammed the drawer shut on his hand and the suspect then came around the counter and confronted the cashier. The cashier allowed the suspect into the till and took an undetermined amount of currency. The suspect fled the area on foot.

Suspect was described as: White male, 5'-8" tall, thin build, blue eyes, early 30's, wearing blue or purple jersey, blue jeans.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of October 27, 2003**

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Theft from vehicle, Damage to Property, Cabin Break-in**

On 10/18/03, the SCSO received a report of a car break in. The car had been parked at a wildlife management area south of El Rancho Manana. The door lock had been punched and a Ruger .22 along with ammunition, 2 gun cases, and a plat book were stolen from the car.

On 10/18/03, the SCSO received a damage to property report on Franklin Road in north Lynden Twp. A section of wooden fence had been damaged by persons breaking out a large number of wooden boards.

On 10/27/03, the SCSO received a report of a cabin break-in on Two Rivers Road. Forced entry had been made to the cabin by breaking out a window in a service door. Items stolen from the cabin included a

Whirlpool Microwave, Pioneer Stereo, Craftsman Air Compressor, Harley Davidson mirrored picture, a Skill electric drill, sleeping bags, and bb guns.

### **Sartell Police: Theft and Property Damage**

On October 23, 2003 responded to a theft complaint at 195 Autumn Drive. Sometime between October 19th and the 23rd, someone broke the lock off of a storage shed and removed the following items. Total loss is listed at \$4,019.00.

- \* Milwaukee angle grinder, \$ 179.00
- \* Dewalt power set, 5 piece cordless 500.00
- \* Shure wireless sound system 2,550.00
- \* Craftsman red tool box 75.00
- \* Craftsman wrench set 100.00
- \* Tap and die set 100.00
- \* Snap-On torque wrench 70.00
- \* Vise grips 80.00

### **Sherburne County Sheriff: Damage to Property, Burglary, Theft from Vehicles, ATV Theft, and Mailbox Vandalism**

\* Sometime between 8 p.m. Oct. 25 and 6 a.m. the following morning, unknown suspect(s) damaged a

lawn on the 13300 block of 2nd Ave. S. in Zimmerman. The suspect(s) poured an unknown substance on the lawn to kill the grass and write profanity.

\* Sometime during Oct. 22-24 unknown suspect(s) entered a storage building on the 24500 block of County Road 1 in Livonia Township and removed a wood splitter. The machinery is described as a red MDT model 500-510 and was between one and two years old.

\* Sometime before 8:45 a.m. on Oct. 28 at least two suspect(s) burglarized two homes under construction on the 27400 block of 109th Street in Livonia Township. Suspects parked a car in the garage of one residence and closed the garage door while loading numerous items. From a second residence items taken include: air compressor, paint sprayer, cordless drill, cordless circular saw, two ladders and a finishing nailer.

\* Sometime during the early morning hours of Oct. 24 unknown suspect(s) entered two unlocked vehicles on the 10900 block of 262nd Ave. in Livonia Township. Stolen items include: CD's, blue bag-less Dirt Devil vacuum, a Ski-Doo jacket, a \$300.00 pool cue, and miscellaneous clothing.

\* Sometime after 11 p.m. on Oct. 27 and 6:50 a.m. the following morning unknown suspect(s) slashed four tires on a vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence on the 20700 block of 199th Ave. in Big Lake Township. Estimated damage is \$400.

\* Sometime between Oct. 16th and 25th unknown suspect(s) stole an ATV being stored in a temporary shed at a residence on the 30700 block of Hwy 169 in Baldwin Township. The ATV was secured to the shed by a chain and the chain was cut by the suspects. The ATV is described as a 2004 Polaris 600 Sportsman, yellow in color, bearing MN license 048PH and had front and rear rack extenders as well as a brush guard with winch. Estimated loss is \$8,000.

\* At least three residences had their mailboxes vandalized. They are located on the 4000 block of 121st Ave. and the 11000 block of 37th St. in Clear Lake Township and the 26700 block of 128th St. in Livonia Township.

## **Waite Park Police: Burglaries**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a number of burglaries that occurred between the evening hours of October 25th and the early morning hours of October 26th. The burglaries occurred on the 200 block of 9th avenue north and the 100 block of 8th avenue north. Forced entry was used to gain entry into garages. Vehicles were gone through and miscellaneous items were removed from the garages and the vehicles.

## **St. Cloud Police: Attempted Abduction**

On 10-25-03 at 11:59 PM, Officers responded to the area of Lake George in reference to an attempted abduction. The 16-year-old female victim stated that a male grabbed her by the pavilion at Lake George and attempted to pull her into his van. The victim stated that she got away and ran home. The victim was not injured.

The van was described as an older model light blue van with a black rack on top, sliding door on the right side and a windshield wiper on the back window.

The male suspect was described as a white male in his 40's, with dark eyes, black shaggy medium length hair, black beard and mustache, 5'6" to 5'9" tall, 190-210 lbs., with an Unknown tattoo on his right forearm. The suspect has not been located at this time.

## **Sherburne County Sheriff: Mail Box Vandalisms**

The Sherburne County Sheriff's Department reports numerous mailboxes were vandalized sometime during the evening hours of October 17-19. The vandalisms occurred primarily on County Roads, including:

16600 and 16700 blocks of CR 14, Elk River; 15100 and 21200 blocks of CR 79 in Big Lake Township; 3400 block of 12th Street, SE St. Cloud; 28400 block of 144th St, Zimmerman.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of November 3, 2003

### **St. Cloud Police: Robbery**

On 11-03-03 at 2:24 AM, Officers responded to 425 7th Avenue North in reference to a Robbery. The victims at the scene stated that three males forced their way into the house. Two of the males were armed with handguns. The victims stated that the suspects demanded money. An unknown amount of money was taken during the incident. Two of the victims received minor injuries and were treated at the scene.

The three suspects were described as 1 white male, 19-22 years old, 6' tall, 170 lbs, wearing dark clothes and a ski mask. The other two males were described as being Hispanic males 19-22 years old, the first 5' 11" tall, 180-190 lbs, with a shaved head and blue jacket, the second as 5'8" tall, 160 lbs, wearing dark clothes. These two males both were wearing bandanas to cover their face.

### **St. Cloud Police: Robbery**

On 11-01-2003, at approximately 7:29 PM, the St. Cloud Police Department was notified that an armed robbery had occurred at Premiere Tabs, 2820 2nd Street South, Upon arrival, officers were informed that a person wearing a costume walked into Premiere Tabs, displayed a handgun, and demanded cash. The suspect was given an undetermined amount of cash and the suspect then fled the scene on foot.

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Theft**

On 10/18/03 the SCSO received a report of a theft from a storage shed at a private residence on Arbor Street in Bel Clare Estates. Unknown persons entered a storage shed and stole a Toro power blower, a jig saw, and a socket set.

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of November 10, 2003

### **Stearns County: Residential Burglary**

Sometime prior to October 24, 2003, someone entered a residence on Clear Lake Road in Farming Township and removed several guns including rifles, shotguns and a handgun. The home owner is also missing a violin.

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Criminal Damage to Property**

The Stearns County Sheriff's Office is seeking information in reference to ongoing damage to the Leighton Broadcasting Tower located at the intersections of County Road 9 and County Road 40 in

Farming Township. On or around September 12, 2003, the tower was damaged by vandals shooting it with a shotgun. Over the weekend of November 8-9, 2003, it was damaged again by gunfire. Between the two incidents, damage exceeds \$20,000.

### **St. Cloud Police: Vehicle Vandalism**

St Cloud Police are investigating several vehicles that were vandalized overnight, November 10th to the 11th. These incidents occurred between 1:00 AM and 8:00 AM. Over one dozen vehicles had their windows smashed (mostly rear windows). Most of the vehicles were in the southern portion of the city (South of Division St.) from the campus to CR 74. The damage could be several thousand dollars.

### **Stearns County Sheriff and St. Cloud Police: Home Invasion Robberies**

The Stearns County Sheriff and the St. Cloud Police are investigating two home invasions that have occurred within the past week. 3-4 armed males have entered the residences demanding drugs and money. The invasions appear to be organized and well planned. The first occurred on 10-31-03 near Cold Spring and the second on 11-3-03 in St. Cloud. Authorities are working together to determine if they are related.

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Theft**

On 10/23/03, the SCSO received a report of a theft from a van at Bel Clare Estates Mobile Home Park in St. Joseph Twp. Unknown persons had entered a locked van on Arbor Street and stole 50 adult size t-shirts, 25 child size t-shirts, and an undisclosed amount of zippered cases. The shirts were stored in plastic tote cases, ready for resale at various events. (See similar case below, from last week.)

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Theft (From week of November 3, 2003)**

On 10/18/03 the SCSO received a report of a theft from a storage shed at a private residence on Arbor Street in Bel Clare Estates. Unknown persons entered a storage shed and stole a Toro power blower, a jig saw, and a socket set.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of November 17, 2003**

### **Waite Park Police: Garage Burglaries**

The Waite Park Police Department is still investigating a number of burglaries that have been occurring in the areas of 8th, 9th and 10th Avenues North. The burglars continue to break into garages and go through vehicles removing items from vehicles and garages.

**Please note: The Crime Stopper web site server will be taken down for maintenance from 2:00 PM until 3:30 PM on Friday, November 21st.**

## **BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT**

**Tri-County Crime Stoppers is looking for citizen volunteers to fill several vacancies on their Board of Directors.**

**Applicants are welcome from all walks of life from any where in the Tri-County area. We especially need citizens to represent the rural areas and communities in the Tri-Counties.**

**The time commitment is one Board meeting a month, which is usually less than two hours long. In addition each board member sits on a sub-committee and that may involve another meeting a month. These Board meeting are scheduled from noon to 1:30 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month. Currently the meetings are held at the Sartell Police Department.**

**Anyone wanting more information should call either of the Crime Stopper phone numbers and leave their name and phone number(s) with the operator. St. Cloud dialing area and for Cellular 2000 customers, call 255-1301. Outside the St. Cloud dialing area, call 1 800 255-1301. You may also send an e-mail to [mntccs@yahoo.com](mailto:mntccs@yahoo.com). Someone from the Board will contact you.**

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of November 24, 2003**

### **Sherburne County Sheriff: Theft**

The Sherburne County Sheriff is investigating the theft of a 300 pound antique organ which was stolen from Becker's Snake River Church. The theft occurred between Wednesday, November 19th and Saturday, November 22nd. The organ was at least 80 years old. Other items taken included were a large library table and five chairs designed for children. Authorities are estimating that the organ was carried out by a number of men.

### **Stearns County Sheriff and St. Cloud Police: Home Invasion Robberies (Repeated from week of November 10, 2003, by request of law enforcement.)**

The Stearns County Sheriff and the St. Cloud Police are investigating two home invasions that have occurred within the past week. 3-4 armed males have entered the residences demanding drugs and money. The invasions appear to be organized and well planned. The first occurred on 10-31-03 near Cold Spring and the second on 11-3-03 in St. Cloud. Authorities are working together to determine if they are related.

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Burglaries, Vandalism and Thefts**

On 11/22/03 the SCSO received reports of burglaries, theft and vandalism in the Roscoe and St. Martin areas. During the early morning hours of 11/22/03 unknown persons forced entry into the Roscoe Bar and Roscoe Post Office. Property stolen included a large number of VCR tapes, batteries, cameras, cash, approx. 20 bottles of liquor, several 12 packs of beer, and about 5-10 cartons of cigarettes.

On the same date SCSO also received a report of a theft from vehicle on 290th Street in St. Martin Twp. Unknown persons entered a garage and took cash, credit cards and checks from a Chevrolet Blazer, and

attempted to force entry into a camper. About two miles away from this crime, unknown persons entered a home under construction and broke several windows which had just been installed. Damage is estimated at \$2,000. It appears these cases are related.

## **Sherburne County Sheriff: Thefts**

Sometime between 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 17 and 9:30 a.m. the following morning, unknown suspect(s) entered a home under construction on the 26000 block of 12th St. in Zimmerman and stole numerous power tools. Missing were: 3/8" Makita drill, 2 batteries, and a drill case; one Porter Cable air compressor; one Porter Cable nail gun and case; one Porter Cable brad nailer and case; one Rigid brand Miter box saw. All the items were labeled with the word "Droogsma" in either yellow paint pen or black marker.

Sometime between 9 p.m. on 111703 and 7:15 a.m. on 111803, unknown suspect(s) stole vehicle parts from a vehicle repair business on the 21400 block of 125th St in Baldwin Township. Stolen were custom/special order parts from a high-performance engine on a 1985 Chevy Monte Carlo. Also stolen was the vehicle's stereo.

## **Sherburne County Sheriff: Multiple Cases**

Sometime during the weekend of Nov. 1-2, unknown suspect(s) slashed 12 tires on vehicles parked at a residence on 17700 block of 57th Street in Becker Township. The suspect(s) then entered the residence and proceeded to do additional damage, including: kick a can of paint over in a hallway; smash a television; bend a shotgun barrel by striking it against a door frame; and stab a knife through a hat and into a VCR. Damage is estimated at more than \$3,500.

Sometime on Oct. 29 unknown suspect(s) stole a 4-wheeler from the 5700 Block of County Road 6 in Palmer Township. The vehicle is described as a 1987 Honda 250X, gray and red in color. It has a fog lights mounted on it; homemade exhaust that is black with chrome on the end; homemade suspension; and a ripped seat. Estimated loss is \$2,500.

Sometime between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Nov. 1 unknown suspect(s) stole an in-dash CD player from a vehicle parked on the on the 100 block of Center Street in Clear Lake. The CD player is described as an in-dash JVC with am/fm and a gray faceplate. Estimated loss is \$150.

Sometime on Nov. 1 unknown suspect(s) used a vehicle to damage the grass on the practice football field at Zimmerman High School.

Sometime between Oct. 20 and Oct. 31 unknown suspect(s) stole a shotgun from a residence on the 11900 block of 257th Ave. in Livonia Township. The shotgun is described as a Remington 870 with wooden stock and the rear site screw is stripped out. Estimated loss is \$370.

Sometime between 10 p.m. and Midnight on Oct. 31 unknown suspect(s) smashed the rear window of a vehicle parked at a business on the 31900 block of 125th Street in Baldwin Township. Suspect(s) removed several carpet and linoleum tools. One of the tools stolen was a 2' by 2' automatic welder made by a German manufacturer. Some of the carpet and linoleum tools had blue spray paint on them.

Sometime between 11:00 p.m. Oct. 27 and 6:50 a.m. on Oct. 28 unknown suspect(s) sliced four tires on a vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence on the 20700 block of 199th Ave. in Big Lake Township.

Sometime between 4 p.m. on Oct. 28th and 4:30 a.m. Oct. 29th unknown suspect(s) removed numerous drywall tools from a pickup parked in a driveway on the 17100 block of 117th Street in Becker Township. Suspect(s) tore a truck bed cover to gain access and stole an airless sprayer, drywall box applicators,

angle heads, drywall pumps, a Dewalt cordless drill, a Dewalt electric drill, 2 drywall hoppers, a scaffold, and drywall banjo. Estimated loss is approximately \$5,000.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of December 1, 2003**

### **Waite Park Police: Business Burglary**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a burglary that occurred on November 29th, at Altobell Imagery on County Road 137 in Waite Park. Approximately \$10,000 worth of digital camera equipment was taken. Value: \$10,000+

### **Waite Park Police: Business Burglary**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a burglary that occurred on November 30th, at Auto Trim and Sign in Waite Park. Forced entry was used to gain access into the business. Several watches, pens and mugs were taken from the business.

### **Waite Park Police: Residential Burglary**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating a burglary that occurred on November 26th, in the 10 block of 11th Avenue North. Forced entry was used to gain access into the home. Several items including a camera, watches and a VCR were taken from the home. Value: \$1,000+

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Criminal Damage to Public Property**

The Stearns County Sheriff is investigating a series of vandalisms and criminal damage to public property cases in Oak Township, South of Freeport.

Specifically, 17 street and traffic control signs have been damaged or stolen. These crimes were committed over the weekends of July 12th, 2003 and November 15, 2003.

### **Cold Spring Police: Burglary**

On 11-29-03 the Cold Spring Police department responded to Hardees, 200 3rd Street South, for a burglary which occurred during the evening hours between 11-28-03 and 11-29-03.

Forced entry was used to gain access and to the building. The burglars broke into the safe and cash was stolen.

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Theft**

The Stearns County Sheriff is investigating the theft of a snowboard at Powder Ridge. The theft occurred on November 28th, between 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM.

Taken was a Burton Snowboard, Feather model, Orange/red in Color with red bindings and Serial #

113503767. Loss here is listed at \$400.00.

## **Stearns County Sheriff and St. Cloud Police: Home Invasion Robberies (Repeated from week of November 10, 2003, by request of law enforcement.)**

The Stearns County Sheriff and the St. Cloud Police are investigating two home invasions that have occurred within the past week. 3-4 armed males have entered the residences demanding drugs and money. The invasions appear to be organized and well planned. The first occurred on 10-31-03 near Cold Spring and the second on 11-3-03 in St. Cloud. Authorities are working together to determine if they are related.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of December 8, 2003**

### **Sherburne County Sheriff: Construction site theft**

Sometime between 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 3 p.m. on Dec. 5, unknown suspect(s) took lumber and plywood from a job site on the 14100 block of 312 Ave. in Princeton. Missing are took 20 to 25 sheets of 4' X 8' X .5" OSB plywood, 15 sheets of 4' X 9' X .5" OSB plywood, and 40, 2 X 6 X 8 studs. The incident likely occurred prior to the snowfall on Dec 4. Estimated value of the lumber was approximately \$1,000.

### **Sherburne County Sheriff: Gunshot damage to vehicle**

Sometime between 6 p.m. Nov. 24 and 9:45 the following morning, unknown suspects shot at a vehicle parked near the intersection of 2nd St. East and 5th Ave. North in Zimmerman. The vehicle was shot numerous times with a gun that shoots 9 bullets. The individuals responsible for causing the damage may have been deer hunting in a nearby wooded area.

### **Sherburne County Sheriff: Damage to mailbox**

Sometime between midnight and 11 a.m. on December 10, unknown suspect(s) damaged a mailbox on the 27400 block of 127th Street in Livonia Township. The suspect vehicle may be missing a passenger-side door handle.

### **Sherburne County Sheriff: Theft of vehicle parts**

Sometime on December 2nd or 3rd, unknown suspect(s) removed a tailgate from a 1190 Chevy pickup, white in color, while it was parked in the 24600 block of 113th Avenue in Livonia Township. Estimated loss is \$500.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of December 15, 2003**

## **Stearns County Sheriff: Stolen Snowmobiles**

On 11/24/03, the SCSO received a report of stolen snowmobiles and trailer from a private home on CR141, Kimball. Unknown persons had driven a vehicle onto private property and hooked up to a trailer loaded with two snowmobiles and left the area. Stolen were a 1993 Polaris Storm, registration BE7871, black w/pink & blue striping, and a 2000 Polaris XCF440 Edge, registration CT2491, red with yellow striping. Additionally, the two place trailer was black with wood planking in the center area and a 1 7/8" hitch. The trailer was not registered. Investigation at the scene showed an unknown vehicle had entered the property off CR 141 and driven down a field road to reach the location where the snowmobiles were stored.

## **St. Cloud Police: Robbery**

At 9:35 PM on December 13th, St. Cloud Police were called to the Tom Thumb store, 2715 Clearwater Road relative to an armed robbery that had just occurred. A man walked into the store, displayed a gun and demanded cash from the clerk. The robber left the store with an undetermined amount of cash. Police don't know if the man ran or drove away. Police officers and a dog searched the area, but didn't find the suspect.

## **Stearns County Sheriff: Criminal Damage to Public Property (From week of December 1, 2003)**

The Stearns County Sheriff is investigating a series of vandalisms and criminal damage to public property cases in Oak Township, South of Freeport.

Specifically, 17 street and traffic control signs have been damaged or stolen. These crimes were committed over the weekends of July 12th, 2003 and November 15, 2003.

[Click here to see a poster.](#)

## **Stearns County Sheriff: (From week of March 24, 2003)**



On 3/23/03 the Stearns County Sheriff received a report of stolen snowmobiles at Powder Ridge ski area over the course of a snocross event. Two skidoo racing machines were stolen, one 2002, the other a 2003. The snowmobiles were on a trailer, the trailer was recovered north of Cold Spring on Heritage Road. The racing numbers displayed on the machines are 134, and 448. They had no MN registration as they were racing snowmobiles.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of December 22, 2003**

### **Benton County Sheriff: Attempted Abduction/Sexual Assault**

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is investigating an Attempted Abduction / Sexual Assault that occurred at approximately 12:40 AM on Tuesday morning, December 16, 2003.

A female victim was driving south bound on US Hwy 10 in Watab Township when she was motioned to

pullover by a male suspect with the indications being she had a flat tire on her vehicle. Both vehicles stopped near the Intersection of Hwy 10 and Benton County Road 13.

When the victim got out of her vehicle to inspect the reported flat tire the suspect grabbed her breasts, over her clothing, and was exposing his penis to her. He then attempted to pull her by the arm towards his vehicle. The victim was able to break free of the suspects grip and drive to a relative's home in the area. The victim was not physically injured in this incident. The suspect was last seen leaving the area north bound on Hwy 10.

**Suspect Description:**

Sex: Male Race: Caucasion Age: Late 20's/Early 30's  
Ht.5-7 / 5-9 Wt. 150-180 Hair: Black- To the back of the neck / Possible facial hair  
Eyes: UNK Misc. info Victim described eyes of suspect to be "bugged out" similar to that of a person under the influence of methamphetamine

**Vehicle description:**

Late 80's/Early 90's van possibly Ford – possibly dark green License # Unknown

## Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of December 23 - 29, 2002

### Sauk Rapids Police:

On December 20th, a bank robbery was reported at 3:11 pm at the US bank in Sauk Rapids. Suspect is described as a white male, 35-40 YOA, medium build, unshaven, salt & pepper shadow (beard), wearing a knee length trench-coat type camo jacket, possibly made of fleece like a hunting jacket (not the army variety), and a large army green hat (rolled up once), and blue jeans. Suspect had a note that indicated that he had a gun, but no weapon was displayed. Suspect left with an undetermined amount of money through the east door. No further direction of travel or vehicle information is available.

### Waite Park Police:

On Monday, 12/23/02, at 0905 hours, a Cash Wise Loss Prevention Officer attempted to make an



apprehension relating to a shoplifting incident. The LP Officer followed the suspect out to the parking lot and after identifying himself, the suspect feigned an asthma attack. The Waite Park Police and an ambulance were called to the scene.

The suspect sat down in the passenger seat of a vehicle and at some point, pulled his feet into the Car while the driver began to accelerate. In the process, the LP Officer became pinned between the door and the car. While trying to free himself, the LP Officer's hand became tangled in the seat belt causing him to be dragged by the vehicle. The LP Officer was dragged through the parking lot, onto Waite Avenue and was thrown from the vehicle into the roadway after the vehicle turned onto Hwy 23 to go East bound.

A witness to the incident provided a description and license plate number for the vehicle. The vehicle was described as a 1997 gold colored Saturn. The vehicle turned out to be stolen from a dealership in St. Cloud, MN. The car was found, abandoned, on 12/25/02 in Coon Rapids, MN.

The driver of the vehicle is described as a White male, wearing an Orange color coat and blonde hair.

The passenger is described as an Asian male, 20-30 years of age, dark hair, wearing a blue jacket and jeans.

### **St. Cloud Police:**

Over the last two days officers have recovered dozens of pieces of US mail located in ditches, cemetery, and roads around the south portion of the city. Most of the mail was from the same area of the city and most was opened. It appears the mail had been delivered by the Postal Service and then unknowns removed the items from mailboxes. Most often the opened mail was Christmas cards. Officers destroyed all of the cards etc that could not be identified to a specific address. The remaining letters were delivered to the owners. If anyone sees abandoned mail in their area they are asked to call the police. They are also reminded to deposit mail to be sent out into an official mail drop site and not in their personal mailboxes due to the high number of thefts.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of December 29, 2003**

### **St. Cloud Police: Residential Burglary**

On 12-31-03 at approximately 0144 hours officers from the St. Cloud Police Department were dispatched to 1260 Johnson Rd. # 106 to investigate a Burglary in progress. Upon arrival officers learned that an unknown male entered apartment #106 through a window. The male then entered the victim's bedroom pulling the covers off of her. The victim was able to kick the suspect several times causing him to leave through the same window he entered.

The suspect was described as a W 1M 5-7 to 5-11 with a medium build. A photo lineup including a photo of a level 2 sex offender living in the area was put together and shown to the victim. The victim was unable to identify anyone in the line up. Outside on the west side of the apartment building it appeared the suspect had stopped next to all of the windows

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Home Burglary**

The SCSO received a report of a home burglary on 12-25-03 at about 5pm. A private home on CR 131 in Brockway Twp was entered, and a 2' square "Sentry" safe was stolen. The safe contained car titles, jewelry and cash. The burglary happened sometime between noon and 5pm on Christmas Day, entry had been gained by forcing open the front door

### **St. Cloud Police: Car Jacking - Stolen Vehicle**

On 12/30/03 at 0645 hours Officers were dispatched to a reported car jacking at 5th Avenue and 1st, Street South (M - Lot). Upon arrival, Officers met with a 22 year-old female victim. The investigation revealed that the victim had driven to the library and parked her car in the "M - Lot" parking lot. The victim left her vehicle (locked) with the motor running and walked to the Library. After completing her errand at the Library she walked back to her vehicle. At this time, a male suspect came up behind her and pushed her aside. Simultaneously the suspect snatched the keys to her vehicle from her hands. After being confronted by the suspect, the victim fled on foot. The suspect then got into the victim's vehicle and fled the area at a high rate of speed. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Suspect Description; Male wearing a black stocking hat (No further description known).

Vehicle Description; MN License #GNC-610 - 1996 Maroon Chevrolet Cavalier, 4 door, cracked rear bumper, dent in rear drivers side passenger door. (This vehicle was recovered on 12-31-2003)

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Home Burglary and Theft**

On 12/23/03, SCSO received a report of theft from a homeowner in Sauk Centre Twp. A private home had been entered between 12 noon and 6:30pm and a large amount of cash was stolen. There was no forced entry to the home. The home is located on Sauk Lake Road in Sauk Centre Twp. The only thing taken from the home was the cash.

### **Stearns County Sheriff: Gun Shots into a Home**

At approx. 2:30 am, Sunday, December 28, 2003 someone fired a gun at an occupied residence located on Parkland Lane, Oak Twp, Stearns County MN. This home is located near Lake Maria southeast of New Munich. There was significant damage to the home.

## **Crime Stoppers Open Cases for Week of December 30, - January 5, 2003**

### **Waite Park Police:**

The Waite Park Police Department is investigating two burglaries at local business. In the evening hours of Dec. 29th or the early morning hours of Dec. 30th, unknown suspect(s) broke out the front door windows of Hirshfield's Wallcoverings and Blinds and Wheelchairs Plus, both located on 3rd Street North. Nothing is reported missing at this time, however entry into some areas in the store were attempted.