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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### ***Daytime Burglaries on the Rise***

Madison, WI. October 5, 2012 – The Dane County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate a large number of daytime burglaries occurring in the western part of the county.

Since August 16<sup>th</sup>, deputies have been called to 23 homes that were burglarized while the residents were away. In some cases the thieves left with nothing, while in others, they stole electronics, cash, jewelry, and guns. If the thieves find an unsecure door or window they take advantage of it, but they have also forced their way into homes on numerous occasions.

On Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, three homes in the town of Westport were burglarized. As one of the homeowners approached their house, they witnessed a white Toyota or Honda leaving the area at a high rate of speed. Sheriff's investigators are seeking information on the possible involvement of this vehicle in the burglaries, and any other tips related to these crimes. It remains unknown if all of these break-ins are related, but there are commonalities.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office is asking citizens to be aware of neighborhood activity and report anything suspicious by calling 911 immediately. Protect belongings by locking doors, windows, and garages, in addition to securing valuables inside the home. Anyone with information on these crimes is asked to call the Dane County tip line at (608) 284-6900.

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