



MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Sheriff's Office seeks the assistance of Marshall County citizens.

Rural Marshall County - In a media release distributed today, Marshall County Sheriff, Ted G. Kamatchus requested local citizens assistance in the solving of recent burglaries in rural Marshall County.

"We've been hit by a rash of burglaries since July 1st in our county and I'm asking the help of area residents by them becoming the extra eyes and ears for our staff.", Kamatchus continued, "During the month of July, the Marshall County Sheriff's Office received 4 burglary reports in the county. We experienced a substantial increase of burglaries since that time with the county investigating 14 in August and 11 in September."

The majority of these burglaries have been occurring primarily in the eastern portion of Marshall County. The largest concentration have been reported during the daytime "work" hours while people are gone to their places of employment. Entry is normally gained by the thief forcing their way into the residence or structure, snatching items of interest and leaving the premises quickly. The property taken has primarily been electronics and firearms however there have been several other items stolen, depending on their apparent value and location.

Sheriff Kamatchus asks that people, who live in this general area, or those who possibly traverse on a regular basis through the area, keep an eye open for unusual or strange activity. "Most of those who live or work in rural Marshall County know their neighbors. If you see a vehicle in the area that you don't normally recognize, driving slowly or erratically, pay special attention to it. If possible, try to capture a vehicle plate number and description. The number of individuals who you can see inside the vehicle will also help us out." He went on to say that there have been incidents reported of people coming up to the residences, knocking on doors and if a person is home, asking directions to a fictitious location. The suspects than simply apologize and leave.

"We have a growing list of suspect vehicles as well as a list of individuals who we feel may be involved in some or all of the offences. It's our hope that some citizen, in the area, may have observed a suspicious vehicle or activity recently that will tie this all together for us. Even the smallest piece of information can be valuable during an investigation of this type."

If you feel you've witnessed activity that could be of assistance to the Sheriff's Office, please call the Marshall County Sheriff's Office "Tip-line" at: 641/844-2882 or "email" us at: TIPS@co.marshall.ia.us
Try to remember as much information on the description of persons/vehicles and type of activity. If possible also include the date and time you witnessed the activity.

IF you are the witness to a crime in progress, immediately call 911.

NOTE: Remember that the individuals who are involved in this activity may be violent in nature. Always stay safe by not becoming confrontational with them. Being a good witness will be the greatest help to the investigation.

About Marshall County Sheriff's Office

The Marshall County, Iowa Sheriff's Office is lead by Sheriff Ted G. Kamatchus. Sheriff Kamatchus is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Marshall County.

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