

This has been verified by the FBI (their link is also included below. Most of us take those summonses for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their summons that a new and ominous kind of fraud has surfaced.

The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he/she can verify the information to cancel the arrest warrant. Give out any of this information and bingo your identity was just stolen.

The fraud has been reported so far in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Illinois, and Colorado. This is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving them information by pretending they are with the court system.

The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites.

Check it out here: http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury_scams060206.htm
and: <http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty/asp>

DANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Field Services Division

Interoffice Memorandum

DATE:11-30-12

TO: Town Residents

FROM: Dane County Sheriff's Office

REF: Burglary Prevention Tips

During the past several months, there have been numerous burglaries and thefts in the southwest portion of Dane County. The mode of entry for the burglaries and thefts has been both forced entry and gaining access through unlocked residences and/or vehicles. Most of these crimes have occurred during daytime hours while residents are typically at work.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office would like to suggest practicing a few basic crime prevention tips especially during the Holiday season when home deliveries increase. Please consider the following information.

Make sure all vehicles, houses, patio doors, windows and garages are secured at all times. Remember, if your vehicle is left unlocked with a garage door opener or keys inside, burglars can enter your house using these items. In addition, keeping an inventory of your property (including serial numbers and photos of property) is very helpful for reporting purposes in case you become a victim of a crime. This is especially important for jewelry and other valuable items. This can also be invaluable if you have to make an insurance claim.

If you are on vacation, ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence. Also, arrange for someone to shovel your driveway, gather your mail, newspapers, etc. It's also a good idea to contact the Dane County Sheriff's Office and have them conduct a vacation check on your house, while you're away. In general, keep your bushes/shrubs well trimmed and your lighting sufficient enough to illuminate all sides of your house.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office would like any suspicious activity, noise, people, or vehicles in your neighborhood to be reported **AS SOON AS** you see them. Vehicle license plate numbers, description, location, and direction of travel can be extremely helpful in locating and preventing further criminal activity in your neighborhood. You are the eyes and ears of your neighborhood and the information you share can be very valuable in making your neighborhood a safer and better place to live.

Taking these simple steps makes your property less attractive to a potential burglar and can help prevent crime. If you're interested in more options to keep your neighborhood safe, the Dane County Sheriff's Office can help your neighborhood set up a Neighborhood Watch. Neighborhood Watch builds partnerships between law enforcement and citizens to address neighborhood concerns and works to build a greater "sense of community" by having neighbors get to know each other and work together. For more information on neighborhood watch, go to www.USAOonWatch.org.

TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CALL:

9-1-1 FOR EMERGENCIES

255-2345 FOR NON-EMERGENCIES

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFORMATION CALL:

COMMUNITY DEPUTY LESLIE FOX: 833-9560