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Community Partners; attached is the Central Patrol Division Crime Report for 03-26 to 03-28-10. Also attached is a copy of the Operation Pawntrace log and information related to the program. Please take the opportunity to record serial numbers or identification characters on items in case you are the victim of a property crime. Yearly, thousands of items are recovered by law enforcement agencies but cannot be returned because of owners not recording serial numbers or items with no specific identifying characters marked.

Operation Pawntrace

This is a program conducted by the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, as well as numerous other police agencies all over the United States. You simply mark your property with your Missouri Drivers License Number, followed by KCMO, (Example 123456789KCMO), by using an engraver. **Never use your Social Security Number as an identifier.** If your property is lost or stolen it can be traced back to you by the police. Simply mark your property with an engraver, inventory the items, recording the make, model, and serial number, as well as where you marked the item. Then place your property list in a safe place, so that if you ever need to provide the police with the information you have it. This program works, but only if you mark your property and record the serial numbers. The following is an example as to how this pro-gram could work for you.

Let's say that you are out for the evening, and a thief enters your residence, stealing your TV and VCR. The thief takes the property and leaves the area in a vehicle. Several miles away from your house the thief pawns your property at a pawn shop. The pawn shop employee enters the information into a data base that is accessible to the police department. This data base is checked daily by property crimes detectives.

Once you file a police report with the requested information, the pawned items can be located along with suspect information. If you had not marked your property, the thief, and your property may never have been recovered.

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