



MEDIA RELEASE

May 18, 2010

Crime Solvers – Destruction of Property 05/16/10

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is investigating numerous destructions of properties which occurred on Sunday, May 16, 2010 in Leonardtown during the Patuxent Velo Cycling Club's Leonardtown Criterium Cycling Event. Unknown person(s) threw tacks along the race course deflating cyclist's tires and causing the cyclists to crash. Numerous cyclists were injured and one cyclist suffered a broken bone as a result of a crash caused by a tack.

During a racing event, cyclists travel at speeds in excess of 25 to 30 miles per hour. Below is a link to video footage of Sunday's race and cyclists crashing as a result of tacks in the roadway.

<http://vimeo.com/11792756>

Anyone with information is urged to contact Corporal M. Smolarsky at 301-475-4200 x1960 or call Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333. Tipsters can also text their tips in to "TIP239" plus your message to "CRIMES" (274637). Callers and tipsters do not have to leave a name, just the information. If the information leads to the arrest and conviction, the caller/tipster may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00.