



MEDIA RELEASE

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Prevention and Enforcement Initiative

As summer comes to a close and kids start back to school, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office will be out and about continuing their Summer Traffic Safety Prevention and Enforcement Initiative. The goal of the initiative is to raise safety awareness, reduce speeding and deter aggressive driving. Tomorrow deputies will be patrolling the Golden Beach and Country Lakes subdivisions in northern St. Mary's County. Deputies will use a number of techniques including speed detection devices and motor vehicle license plate scanners to monitor traffic and identify violators.

In addition, deputies will be patrolling the wharf and park areas of those communities, contacting residents and handing out fliers requesting the public's assistance in an attempt to identify the individual(s) who are responsible for the numerous acts of vandalism and thefts from motor vehicles which has recently occurred in northern St. Mary's County. During the late night hours and/or early morning hours of August 8, 2011 and August 9, 2011 unknown person(s) used landscaping rocks and chunks of asphalt to smash windshield of motor vehicles.

Anyone with information concerning the vandalism or the thefts from motor vehicles in the northern end of the county is asked to contact Lt. Belleavoine at 301-475-4200, extension 1982 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.