

Tri-County Crime Stoppers

Week of December 4, 2006

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Benton County Sheriff: Internet Scam Alert

The Benton County Sheriffs Office has recently investigated several cases of internet fraud. These cases have all involved suspects sending forged check, forged gift checks, or other seemingly negotiable items to the victim. The story behind the scheme changes, but the basic crime involves the suspect sending a forged check or money order to the victim with instructions that the victim cash the check or money order and return a portion of the money via Western Union back to the sender or an alleged third party. The two most recent victims were contacted when one offered things for sale via a newspaper classified ad that ran on the internet, while the other was lead to believe they were assisting an overseas company in conducting business in the United States. Victims have cashed these forged checks and wired the requested amounts only to find out days later that the check was a forgery, their bank account has been debited, and the money they wired is gone. Frequently these crimes originated from countries in Europe and Africa and often times the grammar in the emails or letters from the suspect(s) is poor. The Benton County Sheriff's Office urges you to use caution and be suspicious of any individual soliciting you over the internet who is, for any reason, asking you to cash a check or money order and then return a portion to them, especially if they are requesting the money be wired back to them. Anyone who believes they have been the victim of this type of crime is encouraged to contact their local law enforcement agency.

Sartell Police: 4 - Case Summaries

Tuesday, November 28

4:10 p.m. Property damage, 800 block 9th Ave North. Homeowner reported that his fence was damaged.

Wednesday, November 29

2:37 p.m. Burglary and theft, 500 block 10th St N. Suspect(s) entered residence and stole several guns, knives and two hunting bows.

Friday, December 1

8:43 a.m. Vandalism to vehicle, 1000 block of Bridgeport Drive. Vehicle was egged while it was parked outside overnight.

7:18 p.m. Vandalism, 1000 blk of Connecticut Ave. Egg thrown at residence.

St. Joseph Police: Missing Teenager



LOCATED

The St. Joseph Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in locating a 17 year old person from their city. Tylor Ivan-Carl Manning was last seen leaving the Java Joint in St. Cloud late last Friday evening. Manning is a white male, 5ft 8in tall, 140lbs with blonde and black hair and blue eyes. Manning has a pierced lower lip and four to five piercings in his left ear. Manning was last seen wearing dark blue denim jeans, a dark gray t-shirt, a blue blazer jacket and black and white checkered tennis shoes.

Anyone having information on Tylor Manning's whereabouts is asked to contact the St. Joseph Police Department at 320-363-8250 or the St. Cloud Police Department at 320-251-1200, or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-255-1301.

Sartell Police Department: Business burglary

On 12-03-2006 at approximately 11:07 p.m., Sartell Police responded to a burglary alarm at The Twin Rivers Conoco Station. Upon arrival they found that the business had been broken into. The burglary remains under investigation.

St. Cloud Police: Residential Burglary

On 11/26/06 at 2116 hours St. Cloud Police Department was dispatched to 600 block of 9th Avenue North in reference to a burglary. Once there the investigation revealed that forced entry had been made into the victim's apartment. Stolen from the apartment were a computer, some snow board equipment, and cash.