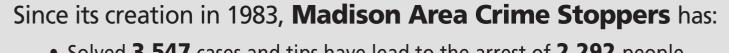**MADISON AREA CRIME STOPPERS**

We are seeing an increase in burglaries, theft from autos, and vehicle thefts all around Dane County.

The burglary trends include:

• Items taken from open garages while people are working in the yard or inside the house

• Homes being entered through an unlocked door while residents are home or away

• Home video cameras show suspects checking common locations in which extra keys are placed like top of door frames, under rocks or doormats

• Entry into underground parking facilities to target cars or storage units The theft from auto trends include:

• Unlocked vehicles being rifled through and items taken

• Locked vehicles having car windows smashed out to take items of value that are in plain view The vehicle theft trends include:

• Vehicles are stolen when keys are left inside the car

• When entry is made to the home, the burglars take keys and steal the car

Consider locking up to prevent these crimes of opportunity and look out for your neighbors. And remember, if you see activity that seem suspicious, report your observations to Madison Area Crime Stoppers at 266-6014 or call 911.

Since its creation in 1983, **Madison Area Crime Stoppers** has:

• Solved **3,547** cases and tips have lead to the arrest of **2,292** people.

• Received **29,047** tips.

• Recovered **$5,819,862** in narcotics and **$1,823,429** in property.