

Press Release

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DAYTIME RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY UNDER INVESTIGATION

On December 20th the Onalaska Police responded to a call in the 500 block of Johnson Street regarding a burglary. Responding officers were informed that upon returning home the resident noticed that the service door to the garage was ajar and several items were missing from the master bedroom. There were additional items taken from the family room including an XBOX 360, an IPOD dock, a camera and cash.

While canvassing the neighborhood a resident indicated to officers that he had observed a wine colored vehicle, possibly a Dodge which may have had out of state plates from Iowa or Minnesota, idling at the curb in front of the residence that was burglarized. There was a white male in the driver's seat. A second white male was observed walking from the residence's driveway. Both white males were described as being of average height in their mid-twenties.

"We are asking citizens to be vigilant, we believe that the thieves may have approached from the rear of the home using the alley between houses to avoid detection," said Onalaska Police Chief Jeffrey Trotnic, "if you know your neighbor is at work or

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away be especially aware of any suspicious vehicles or activity around their home. Safe guard your residence and vehicles. We are very fortunate to live in such a safe area but keeping your doors locked is good advice no matter where you live."

According to Onalaska Police Investigator Chad Marcon a suspicious vehicle was reported just this morning.

"We had a report of a white cargo van driving slowly through an Onalaska neighborhood this morning," said Investigator Marcon, "it pulled in to the driveway of a residence but when the driver noticed a neighbor watching the van hastily pulled out of the driveway and drove away. We are encouraging citizens to contact the Onalaska Police Department if they observe any suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. Help us keep Onalaska safe during this holiday season."