

Press Release

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OVERNIGHT BURGLARIES IN ONALASKA

This morning the Onalaska Police Department received numerous reports of burglaries occurring during the previous night. All reports were of garage entries where access was gained through the service doors. Though most of the reports indicated that though the service doors were locked when the entries occurred none of the doors had a deadbolt lock engaged, making the lock easier to defeat.

The entries all occurred in the area bounded by Quincy and Vilas and 6th North and 10th North. Item reported stolen included smaller electronics such as GPS and Satellite radios, along with change and jewelry. Residents are advised to keep all doors locked.

"These perpetrators are looking for easy targets. There are things that citizens can do to make things much harder for thieves like this," said Onalaska Police Chief Jeffrey Trotnic "If you leave your garage door opener in your vehicle make sure that it's locked and not easily visible. An unlocked car with a garage door opener is an invitation for thieves to enter your garage. For your home dead bolts are best, a dead bolt is much

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harder to defeat than a conventional lock. And lastly, alert neighbors are the best first line of defense. We have a very safe community here and the Police need your help to keep it that way."

If anyone has any information pertaining to these burglaries please contact the Onalaska Police Department immediately.