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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Home Invasions**

Madison, WI. November 10, 2017 – The Dane County Sheriff's Office wants to alert citizens to a number of home invasions that have been happening throughout the county.

A concerning theme in these incidents is that the burglars are going into houses while the residents are home. Sheriff's deputies responded to a call just before midnight on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> in the village of Windsor. The homeowners reported at least two people had entered their home through the garage and stole a purse, car keys, and a backpack containing valuable electronics. The couple's three children were also home at the time.

The night of November 7<sup>th</sup>, three similar home invasions occurred in the village of McFarland. The burglars are either entering through an unlocked door or using garage door remotes from unlocked vehicles parked outside the house to gain entry. They are quickly running inside and grabbing purses, wallets, and whatever they can quickly get a hold of, and then fleeing.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office reminds everyone to be vigilant about locking doors, EVERY door! In addition, be aware of any suspicious activity in your neighborhood and call authorities if you witness something or someone that seems unusual.