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ALERT!

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Smash and Grab Commercial Burglaries

The City of Madison Crime Analysis Unit is reporting finding several similarities between commercial burglaries that occurred in October.

- **Locations-** These burglaries occurred on the west side of Madison in the Gammon Rd, Mineral Point Rd and Verona Rd areas.
- **MO (Method of Operation) -** Suspect(s) pushed in windows or smashed glass in doors or windows to gain entry.
- **Targeted Areas-** Cash in file cabinets and cash register drawers, electronic items (laptops, cameras and cell phones).
- **Time-** All incidents occurred overnight between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- **Other-** No evidence of cut wires to alarms and some areas targeted indicate that the suspect is familiar with typical locations of hidden bank bags.

You may not be able to prevent a similar break-in but you can take some target hardening steps to limit your loss.

- Exterior lighting, alarms and cameras.
- Secure all money and valuables- **DO NOT** leave them in the register or hide them in a drawer or file cabinet.
- Report any suspicious persons/activity to the police.

