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News Release

RE: Recent Rash of Burglaries in Northern Wabash County

The Wabash County Sheriff's Department is asking residents to be aware of a recent wave of burglaries in northern Wabash County. Since September 1, 2007, the Wabash County Sheriff's Department has investigated nine burglaries, most of which included barns and garages separate from the residences.

"As a department, we are asking residents to be aware of these burglaries," stated Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker. "For us to be successful in apprehending these thieves we need the public's assistance—we need them to be our eyes and ears."

Five of the recent burglaries have targeted ATV (four-wheelers); three burglaries included garden tractors; however, two burglaries included the taking of numerous tools and some electronics. All these burglaries have occurred north of County Road 1100 North, with the majority taking place west of North Manchester.

The Wabash County Sheriff's Department is asking residents to secure their property and to make note of vehicles and people who are not normally in their areas. "These burglaries are in areas that do not receive a large volume of traffic. Due to our (lack of) manpower, and the large amount of calls for service, we cannot be in all areas of the county to prevent these burglaries from occurring," stressed Sheriff Striker. "To deter these thefts, residents need to begin watching out for their neighbors, and they must report any suspicious activity they see."

Areas of theft:

September 1: 1400N 700W
September 4: 12905N Bonestead Road
September 4: 2965E Singer Road
September 9: 12905N Bonestead Road
September 10: 11945N 300W
September 10: 13246N Bonestead Road
September 12: 1404E SR114
September 15: 11241N 300W
September 16: 7991W 1400N