

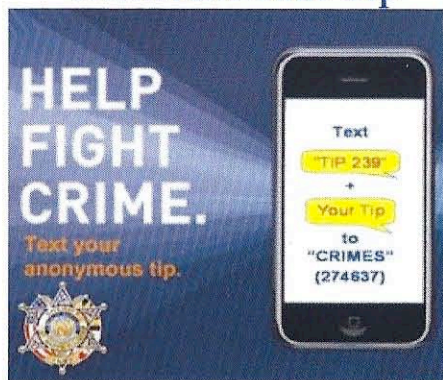
Don't Let This Happen To You!

Report Crimes & Suspicious Activity

Wish to remain **anonymous**?
Crime Solvers 301-475-3333



Or....Text Your Tip



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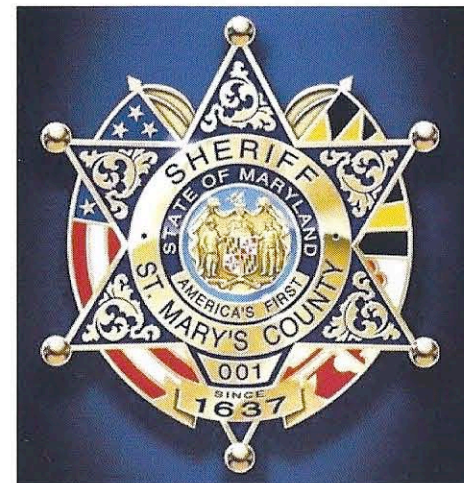
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Thefts from Motor Vehicles

Remove Your Valuables!
Lock It Up!

301-475-8008
Non-Emergency Number

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Easy Target

In 2012, over 500 incidents of thefts from vehicles were reported in St. Mary's County. The vast majority of the vehicles entered had been left unlocked by the victims and valuables often in plain view were stolen. These items included currency, purses, and expensive electronic items such as GPS, radar detectors, and MP3 players.

We ask everyone to do their part in helping prevent these crimes.

Remove Your Valuables! ***LOCK IT UP!***

Lock Your Vehicle

Windows Up

Glove Compartment/Center Console Locked

Never Leave Items in Plain View

Park in Well Lit Areas

Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity such as unfamiliar persons and/or vehicles in the area. If possible, note as much descriptive information as possible of the person or vehicle. License plate numbers are extremely helpful.

Community Meetings & Neighborhood Watch Programs



These programs provide opportunities for our District Commanders to meet with local community groups, civic associations, and homeowners associations to discuss specific concerns. Organizations interested in hosting a community meeting should contact the appropriate District Commander listed on the back of the brochure. Those interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program should contact:

Sergeant Michael W. Butler
Special Operations Division
301-475-4200 Extension 9006

Certain crime patterns are detected throughout St. Mary's County. These crimes include:

- *Burglaries to Sheds, Garages, and Residences and;*
- *Thefts of Currency, Purses and Electronic Equipment from Vehicles*

We encourage citizens to adopt a crime prevention mindset and use precautions to protect property & ensure safety.

- ✓ Lock all residence and vehicle doors and windows. Keep valuables out of view, both in vehicles and residential windows.
- ✓ If you find your residence has been broken into, **DO NOT** enter the residence; immediately call **9-1-1** and wait for police arrival.
- ✓ Report suspicious activity, persons and vehicles; provide a description of the person(s) and/or vehicle including a tag number.
- ✓ Outside doors to residence & outbuildings should be made of solid wood or metal and have deadbolt locks.
- ✓ Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available locks or with a broomstick/wooden dowel in the track to help prevent the door from being pried open.
- ✓ Secure double-hung windows by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in each top corner of the inside sash and part way through the outside sash. Lock basement windows!
- ✓ Light property at night; use timers which automatically turn on outside lights at dark. Consider motion sensors that set off lights or alarms.
- ✓ Record serial numbers of power equipment, i.e. dirt bike, pressure washer, riding lawn mower, power tools, electronic equipment, etc and bicycles.
- ✓ Cut back shrubbery that hides doors, windows, and lights.
- ✓ Warn thieves you're on the alert with "No Trespassing" and other signs around your property.
- ✓ Lookout for your neighbor.

