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Subject: Annual Report on Minnesota Auto Theft Prevention Program, Minnesota Laws,
 Chapter 488, Article 6, Section 7.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 2000 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 488, Article 6, section 7, enclosed is the annual report on the activities of the Minnesota Auto Theft Prevention Program.

This past legislative session the Minnesota Legislature abolished the Auto Theft Prevention Board and director and assigned the administration of the program to the Department of Public Safety. The Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention, a Division of the Department of Public Safety provides for the administration of the program.

The 29 agencies receiving grants through this program continue to demonstrate effective methods for preventing auto theft in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Charlie Weaver
 Commissioner

Cc: Chief Clerk of Court
 Secretary of Senate
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2000 Minn. Laws Chap. 488
 Art. 6 Sec. 7

Minn. Stat. 299A.75 Subd. 2

AUTO THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM
2000 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 488, Art. 6, Section 8
January 1, 2001

How the Program Works

In 1996 the Minnesota Legislature created the Auto Theft Prevention Program. The Statute creating the program established an account to be used only for the Auto Theft Prevention Program. From this account, the program makes money available through a competitive grant process for activities to address the problem of auto theft in the State of Minnesota. The funds for this account come from a surcharge that is collected from automobile insurance carriers that provide comprehensive insurance coverage issued in the State of Minnesota. The amount of the surcharge is 50 cents per vehicle for every six months of coverage.

Mission

To reduce motor vehicle theft and its consequences in the State of Minnesota by funding programs which aid in the:

- Identification of Critical Issues
- Education and Awareness
- Investigation and Prosecution

Extent of Auto Theft in Minnesota

In 1999 there were 13,142 vehicles stolen that had a value of \$51,392.00.

The top ten stolen automobiles in Minnesota are:

1. 1991 Chevrolet Pickup 4x4
2. 1989 Ford Pickup F150 4x4
3. 1991 Pontiac Grand Am
4. 1992 Chevrolet T10 4x4
5. 1988 Chevrolet Caprice
6. 1988 Chevrolet Corsica
7. 1988 Chevrolet Celebrity
8. 1988 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4
9. 1991 Isuzu Stylus S
10. 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier

How the Money is Utilized

Annually a competitive grant application process solicits applications from state or local law enforcement agencies, local prosecutors, judicial agencies, neighborhood organizations and community organizations. Applications may be submitted for the following types of projects:

1. Training (criminal justice, citizen and business, etc.)
2. Public Education (public meetings, literature, public service announcements, neighborhood and business watch promotions, etc.)
3. Programs designed to improve or expand the resources of existing auto theft prevention, investigation, apprehension, or prosecution activities.
4. Multi-jurisdictional projects combining the resources of different agencies in the task force approach to combat auto theft.
5. Long term specialized training to further develop the expertise of auto theft investigators or prosecutors.

Twenty-nine grants are currently operating auto theft prevention programming in cities and counties throughout Minnesota including:

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| 1. Beltrami County | 13. City of Brooklyn Park |
| 2. Dakota County | 14. City of Burnsville |
| 3. Hennepin County (2) | 15. City of Duluth |
| 4. Mahnomon County | 16. City of Inver Grove Heights |
| 5. Ramsey County | 17. City of Minneapolis (2) |
| 6. Anoka County | 18. City of Owatonna |
| 7. Rice County | 19. City of Roseville |
| 8. Anti Veh. Crime Association (2) | 20. City of Shakopee |
| 9. City of Cass Lake | 21. City of South St. Paul |
| 10. City of Eden Prairie | 22. City of St. Paul (3) |
| 11. City of Eagan | 23. City of St. Louis Park |
| 12. City of Bloomington | 24. City of Plymouth |