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## Break-ins plunge with Theft-Guard

Farmington and Farmington Hills police have what they say may be a sure-fire way to reduce on burglaries, and Project Theft-Guard has a good track record.

Since the project of engraving valuables was started more than three years ago, Farmington Police Capt. Daniel Byrnes knows of no homes protected by Theft-Guard in the city which have been burglarized.

Farmington Hills Public Safety Director Ronald Holbo has similar praise for the program. That city has been hit by a rash of home break-ins in recent months. But thieves have apparently avoided homes bearing the Theft-Guard stickers.

**THE PROGRAM**, similar to Operation Identification, involves marking of valuables in homes and offices. A resident's driver's license number is engraved on the items and bright green stickers which say "Warning: this property is protected by Project Theft-Guard" are placed at entrances.

The project, which was started by the Farmington-Novl Sceptomists, is administered by police departments in the three communities.

Sceptomists provide the stickers and engravers which are available at the departments.

A 25-cent charge for stickers enables the group to replace engravers and maintain the sticker supply.

Despite the high batting average for Theft-Guard, Byrnes said participants in the program are "not as many as we would like."

**IN THE PAST**, the department has had Scouts go door-to-door to aid with the engraving and promote the program.

He estimated 20 percent of the residents have participated.

Items to be engraved include televisions, radios, tape recorders, stereos, typewriters, cameras, jewelry, musical instruments, guns, lawn mowers, power tools, blowers, adding machines, bicycles and sporting goods.

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