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PRESS RELEASE

The Oneida County District Attorney's Office in conjunction with the Oneida County Law Enforcement Coalition is seeking the public's help in solving a number of car larcenies occurring throughout Oneida County, including several within the City of Utica. A number of vehicles parked in residential driveways have been targeted. The perpetrators have removed tires and rims while the vehicles are left hoisted up by bricks or rocks from neighboring properties. These larcenies are occurring in the early morning hours in primarily residential areas. Additionally, there has been an increase in the number of thefts of property, such as GPS units, iPods, laptop computers, purses, cash and other personal items, found within unlocked vehicles. To date, law enforcement is looking for a white Nissan Altima, as well as U-Haul trucks that are possibly being utilized to transport the stolen items. Law Enforcement urges all citizens to be aware of vehicular traffic in their neighborhoods and to report any suspicious vehicles with their license plate numbers. Also, citizens are urged to keep their automobiles locked when not in use, and to avoid leaving valuables inside.

The Oneida County Law Enforcement Coalition is offering a \$1,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any party involved in the tire and rim larcenies. Persons may call their local police agency with information and their identity will be kept strictly confidential.

The public can help by providing any information to the following officers at their local agency:

New Hartford Police Department (Officer Dan Herman):	724-7111
New York State Police (Inv. Allen Svitak):	736-0122
Oneida County Sheriff's Office (Sgt. Larry Wood):	765-2226
Utica Police Department (Inv. Terry Oczkowski):	223-3510
Whitesboro Police Department (Officer Peter Sobel):	736-1944
Whitestown Police Department (Chief Don Wolanin):	736-1100
Yorkville Police Department (Officer Patrick Collea):	736-8331