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The Grady County Sheriff Dept. is anticipating opening an ANNEX in the Tuttle area. Another addition to the department's structure is the creation of an Investigative Unit. I have been motivated from the beginning to place more emphasis to do more than just take reports from the citizens who are victims of crimes – especially burglary and larceny. Drug usage has contributed to the increase in these particular crimes – recent additions to the department's man power now make this new unit a reality. I have expectations this will eventually result in recovery of stolen property and offender arrests. In the past it seemed that this was lacking due to many circumstances.

In regards to the Investigative Units beginning, I would like to relate to all of you, the importance for you to maintain serial numbers, make, model and description of all the items in your house and farm area, especially the barns; which are favorite areas available to thieves looking for quick access to items of value. Please take the time to record these very important identities. Without them there is little chance for recovery or being returned to the owners! Most burglary and larceny cases fall into two categories: **Active** which means a suspect or witnesses and proper identification of items taken or vehicles at scene have been noted on the report. **Inactive** indicates no suspects, witnesses or identifiable markings, make, model, or serial numbers are available. These cases will simply be maintained until such a time more information or a person arrested for other offenses confesses to these specific crimes committed in the past.

Without pertinent information it is difficult to have charges filed or warrants issued that result in arrests or convictions. SO WE NEED YOUR HELP, please consider my request in recording this valuable information.

We've added five (5) new reserves to our growing reserve force. All these new hires are excited and motivated to perform and will be responsible in providing the citizens of this county service and protection. With the added work force I have been able to keep my promise that a deputy is on duty patrolling this county 24 hours a day. I have made this a priority to better safe guard you the citizens.

Lastly, our Enhanced 911 and Reverse 911 Services will be fully updated sometime in Sept. '09 and online the first Monday of October. With the assistance of our County Commissioners and their quick action our out-dated and unserviceable equipment will be replaced with new state of the art Digital Equipment to better serve the county. This has been precedence from the beginning with the Commissioner and me to retain this valuable service. Their funding problems have been resolved and hopefully provide the continuation of many more years of safety in communications, during time of emergency.

PS. Take notice of the CRIME TIPS section on this web, I want you to know all these tips are very important of solving crimes and your input is the main contribution to many arrests of these offenders, so please use this service to make our county safer and rid it of these criminals.