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Incident: Armed Robbery Security

Details of Incident:

The Town of Madison has recently seen an increase of armed robberies. The victims of these robberies have been a cab driver, food delivery personnel and a business.

For security purposes the Town of Madison Police Department is recommending the following security measures:

1. Require payment of the product over the phone with a valid credit or debit card.
2. Do not carry more than \$20.00 in change and notify your customers when they call in their order.
3. Use caller ID to identify a customer when they call. If the caller's number is blocked, ask they call back turning off their caller ID blocking (normally *82 will turn off caller ID blocking for that call); or
4. Require a valid call back number from the customer and call back the number to ensure the number provided is valid.
5. Require the customer meet the driver at a location safe for the driver.
6. Businesses should always have two or more people working.
7. Never fight with a suspect, when safe immediately dial 911.
8. Drivers should not respond back to the business; go to a safe location near the crime scene and dial 911.

These are merely suggestions to help keep business employees and citizens safe. The Town of Madison has investigated 13 armed robberies this year. The last four armed robberies have occurred to businesses, or their drivers, within the last month.

A list of the armed robberies that have occurred in the Town of Madison is listed below.

2008-00005553	01/07/08	17:18	2022 FORDEM AVE	Business, armed
2008-00073529	03/20/08	00:21	402 ALHAMBRA PL	Home invasion
2008-00083534	03/30/08	22:31	700 BLK W BADGER RD	On-street, strong armed
2008-00160591	06/12/08	01:27	881 W BELTLINE HY	Hotel, strong armed
2008-00180824	06/29/08	14:49	903 W BADGER RD	Home invasion, armed
2008-00221857*	08/03/08	22:04	2617 PHEASANT RIDGE TR	On-street, armed
2008-00260484	09/06/08	21:55	2800 GRANDVIEW BL	On-street, armed
2008-00285709	09/28/08	19:37	2207 WOODVIEW CT	In common hall, armed

2008-00304617	10/15/08	19:41	2215 WOODVIEW CT	In common hall, armed
2008-00309655	10/20/08	21:10	140 LAKEWOOD GARDENS LA	Parking lot, armed
2008-00348336	11/26/08	20:51	1902 W BELTLINE HY	Business, armed
2008-00356649	12/05/08	11:22	100 ALHAMBRA PL	Delivery driver, armed
2008-00358484	12/08/08	00:15	103 ALHAMBRA PL	Cab driver, armed
2008-00363825	12/13/08	00:18	402 ALHAMBRA PL	Delivery driver, armed

Anyone with information regarding any of these robberies is urged to call the Town of Madison Police Department Tips Line at 661-8477 or Madison Area Crime Stoppers 266-6014.

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