

Stanislaus County **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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NEW ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE

MODESTO, CA- The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department and the Modesto Police Department, in conjunction with our partners at the Stanislaus Regional 911 communications center, are pleased to announce two new online criminal reporting systems. By allowing members of our local community the opportunity to log on to the <http://www.scsdonline.com> website for the Sheriff's Department, or <http://www.modestopolice.com> for the Modesto Police Department, victims of certain assorted property crimes can now report the details of their crime without having to pick up the phone, or await the arrival of a Sheriff's deputy, Modesto police officer or community service officer.

Those living in the unincorporated area of Stanislaus County, or in the contract cities of Patterson, Hughson, Riverbank or Waterford, who fall victim to crimes such as destroyed or vandalized property, fraud or identity theft, harassing phone calls, lost property, or theft of property or a vehicle burglary, where losses do not exceed \$400, may be eligible to complete an online report. Expansion of the program to include additional crimes and services could be made available at a later time. For those living in the City of Modesto who fall victim to property crimes, vandalism, theft, or need documentation for insurance purposes, reports can be made online as long as there is no suspect information. On-line reporting is not intended for crimes in-progress, or crimes in which the victim has credible suspect information. In either case, law enforcement will continue to respond, as is the current practice for both agencies.

The online reporting system for the Sheriff's Department has been made possible by the tireless efforts of members of the Records and Information Technology Division at the Sheriff's Department. The project began earlier this year, and is now available to the public through basic Internet access. It was designed to be as user-friendly, simple and as self-explanatory as possible to better streamline the reporting process. The Sheriff's Department has received positive preliminary feedback from users whom have already utilized the new program during its "soft-launch" trial period.

Sheriff's Department online reports will be reviewed and evaluated for the need for additional investigative follow-up. It is important that valid phone numbers, addresses and other pertinent contact information are provided for accuracy, statistical collection, and in the event an investigator has any further questions. Complimentary reports will be mailed directly to the address provided by the reporting party.

"We hope this new on-line reporting system will make it easier for the citizens of Stanislaus County to access our services", said Sheriff Adam Christianson.

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