

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Saint Paul Police Provide Process for Claiming Property Recovered in Burglary Ring Investigation

While a significant quantity of suspected stolen property recovered in the search warrants has been returned to victims, the Saint Paul Police Department remains in possession of many unique and valuable items.

Those seeking to claim property recovered as part of this investigation are asked to send an email to: [specialinvestigations@stpaul.gov](mailto:specialinvestigations@stpaul.gov). Emails should include the name, address, and phone number of the victim, name of the city in which the crime was reported, date of the burglary/theft, police report case number, a brief description of the item(s) taken, and the police investigator's name, if known. Those without email access can call the Saint Paul Police Department's Special Investigations Unit - Tip Line at 651-266-5703, and leave a voicemail that includes the above information.

In early 2009, investigators from the Saint Paul Police Department's Eastern District, FORCE Unit and Special Investigations were investigating a burglary ring operating throughout the entire Twin Cities metro area. As part of the investigation, search warrants were executed at several locations resulting in the recovery of a large quantity of suspected stolen property.

Several suspects have been arrested and charged in connection with some of the burglaries, and the investigation is on-going. Investigators believe the suspects targeted homes of persons who had passed away or who had moved into assisted living settings. Some of the burglaries occurred at private homes days before a planned estate sale. It is also believed that apartment building and rental storage units were targets for the suspects.

Items recovered in the search warrants include: antique furniture, jewelry, sports memorabilia, collector coins, old dishes, collector dolls, tools, pictures, and other antique or distinctive household items.