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## **February Police Report**

### **January Crashes**

In January there were 7 crash reports made for the month. The crashes were located in the following locations: 1-Casey's parking lot, 2- the 800 block of 1<sup>st</sup> Street W, 3- Casey's driveway, 4- Hwy 30 and Lincoln Drive, 5- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW at 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, 6- Gary's Foods parking lot, 7- 1<sup>st</sup> Street & Hwy 1.

### **T.I.P.s training**

Officer Gehrke conducted TIPs training on January 25th for businesses that sell alcoholic beverages. The training is offered for staff to educate them on proper sales of alcohol and techniques in dealing with patrons.

### **Mail Theft**

Recently we investigated a case involving the theft of mail from a downtown apartment mailbox. I encourage building owners to replace mailboxes with lockable boxes when possible and tenants to remove mail promptly to avoid mail containing private information getting into the wrong hands.

### **IRS Scam**

Another scam going around is an individual calling and stating that you (the intended victim) have not paid your taxes and a warrant is being issued. The IRS will not call and demand payment of back taxes.

### **Don't Fall for Phony IRS Websites**

The IRS warns consumers about a new tax scam that uses a website that mimics the IRS e-Services online registration page. The actual IRS e-Services page offers web-based products for tax preparers, not the general public. The phony web page looks almost identical to the real one. The IRS gets many reports of fake websites like this. Criminals use these sites to lure people into providing personal and financial information that may be used to steal the victim's money or identity. (2012 issues)

### **Parking Warnings**

If you receive an orange warning sticker on your vehicle-this is a reminder to move your vehicle every 48 hours and from snow routes while snow removal is in progress. Vehicles left longer are subject to a parking ticket and or being towed.

Respectfully,

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Chief of Police