## DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## The DeKalb Police Department recommends online system to help citizens keep track of valuables

<u>reportit.leadsonline.com</u> helps DeKalb citizens safely and securely store important information that is useful in recovering property in the event of a loss or theft

The DeKalb Police Department encourages all residents to use a free online system that will help keep track of valuable and invaluable personal property. Report It is a free, secure online service allowing citizens to record serial numbers and upload images for phones, electronics, and other valuables. Should those items ever be stolen, The DeKalb Police Department believes having the information will go a long way in accurately and quickly identifying your property. Citizens can access the site at reportit.leadsonline.com.

The Report It service is a part of <u>LeadsOnline</u>, the online system that works with police across the country to track and recover stolen property. The DeKalb Police Department uses LeadsOnline to help track and recover stolen property, everything from jewelry to sporting equipment to electronics, computers, cameras, and other items such as designer clothing, collectibles, and other items with invaluable personal worth. The system allows detectives to search for the items using a variety of parameters, including item descriptions and serial numbers. When an item is sold to a pawn or secondhand shop, the product information is entered in the LeadsOnline database and is immediately viewable by participating law enforcement agencies across the country.

The DeKalb Police Department has used LeadsOnline since 2013 and has reported many successes using the <u>online investigations system</u>. Using LeadsOnline, police have recovered thousands of dollars in stolen property for the citizens of DeKalb and surrounding areas. LeadsOnline has helped police track down thieves, develop leads in numerous cases and make arrests.

Citizens can store an unlimited number of serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures, and scans of receipts, so items may be more easily identified in the event of theft. This record may also come in handy when filing claims with insurance providers in the event of loss. Citizens wanting to participate in Report It can register for the free service at reportit.leadsonline.com and begin building their personal property inventory list.

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