



## GLOUCESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### **Gloucester County Sheriff's Office signs on to use online investigations tool to solve property crimes!**

**LeadsOnline, the nation's largest online investigative tool, helps police instantly track and recover stolen property no matter where it is stolen or sold.**

In an effort to further combat crime in Gloucester County, the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office is now using [LeadsOnline](#) – an investigative system that enables Investigators and Deputies to search for suspects and stolen property across secondhand stores, scrap metal dealers, pawnshops, and internet (eBay) drop-off stores both locally and nationwide.

The system equips criminal investigators with the ability to instantly solve crimes and to return goods to their rightful owners. Property can be searched using serial numbers, suspect name, item descriptions, or other information. Most searches are completed within seconds. Often, these property crimes are associated with larger crimes such as homicides, arson, and fraud.

***"This is the largest online investigative system of its kind nationwide. Our investigators will use it to solve crimes ranging from burglaries to homicides by instantly searching for missing items in the transaction records of businesses across the area and the country. We appreciate the support of our local businesses as they work with us to serve our community," says Sheriff D. W. Warren, Jr.***

Without LeadsOnline, investigators had to undertake a time-consuming process of visiting all the stores in the area, collecting paper tickets and computer diskettes, and manually filing the tickets into a database. Keeping up with the volume of information was costly and overwhelming, and investigators were limited to searching for stolen property within the county. With LeadsOnline, information is automatically collected from businesses each day. Gloucester County businesses that accept merchandise from the public throughout the area are now reporting electronically via LeadsOnline.

***"More than 2,100 law enforcement agencies and businesses across the country are using the system to the benefit of countless victims of crime. We're excited about the opportunity to serve Gloucester County and are expecting great results," says Dave Finley, CEO of LeadsOnline.***