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OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

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Q. WHAT IS OPERATION IDENTIFICATION?

A. A program to discourage theft and burglary by the identification of valuables and advising potential thieves this action has been taken.

Q. WHAT PROPERTY SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED?

A. Generally, any item having a high value which would be attractive to a thief. In a home, such items could be bicycles, tools, microwave ovens, portable TVs, stereo systems, cameras, VCRs, and similar household property. Businesses should engrave office equipment, personal computers, calculators, and audio-visual items.

Q. HOW IS THIS ACCOMPLISHED?

A. Private individuals etch their Michigan Operator's license number on their valuables. This is the one letter, twelve digit number at the top of your Michigan Operator's license. After etching this number onto the article, follow it with MI in parenthesis to indicate this is a Michigan number.

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Q. HOW WILL THIS HELP?

A. The Michigan Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) is a computerized system which has the identity and address of every licensed driver in the State of Michigan. Any Michigan Law Enforcement Agency, and law enforcement agencies in many other surrounding States, can identify the owner of an item by querying the system with the operator's license number.

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A. Madison Heights residents and businesses can go to the Madison Heights Police Department and obtain an engraver.

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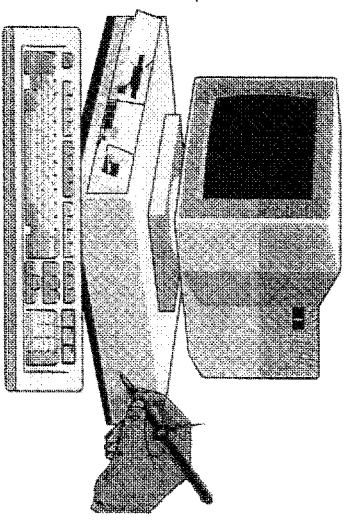
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