GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS 816-474-TIPS HOTLINE

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

| DATE: | January 8, 2013 |
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| FROM: | Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator |
| SUBJECT: | Recent Thefts from Police Vehicles |

KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance in identifying those responsible for several recent thefts from police vehicles.

The crimes took place January 6, 2013 and involved four KCPD and two Jackson County Sheriff's vehicles which were parked in the area of 75th and Lee's Summit Road in south Kansas City. Among the items stolen were a rifle and a shotgun. Duffle bags and documents were also taken from the police vehicles. Kansas City Police say they did recover some equipment which had been dumped nearby. Police believe the thieves were mainly after the guns and ammo.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)'s Kansas City Field Division has added an additional reward of up to \$5,000.00 in partnership with the Greater Kansas City Crime Commission, Crime Stoppers and local law enforcement. Information provided anonymously through the TIPS Hotline could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$6,000.00 should an arrest be made.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically at <u>www.KCcrimestoppers.com</u>, or by texting TIP452 and your information to 274637 (CRIMES). Information leading to an arrest in the case could be eligible for up to \$6,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.

