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Crime Duster News Release

Date of Release: **July 6, 2018**

Nature: **Theft Investigation**

Agency: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office / Hartley Police Department

The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office and the Hartley Police Department are investigating two incidents involving the theft of motor vehicles. Each of the incidents is believed to have occurred during the late evening hours of July 2, 2018 and into the early morning hours of July 3, 2018. In the first incident a blue 2004 Chevy Impala was taken from behind a business along highway #18 in Hartley, Iowa. The vehicle was located in the early morning of July 3rd after a local farmer found it abandon on a dirt road east of Primghar, Iowa. The same farmer was the victim of a theft of his own 2003 Chevy Silverado pickup earlier that morning. The pickup was taken while it was parked at the farmer's residence. It's described as a 2003 Chevy Silverado that is dark green in color with gray along the bottom and around the wheel wells. The pickup had various body damage to it prior to the theft. The pickup had an Iowa license plate of BTY 281. This pickup was located in Duluth, Minnesota on July 7, 2018.

The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office is encouraging anyone who has information related to these crimes to contact the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office with their information. The O'Brien County Crime Dusters program is offering a **\$600 reward** to anyone who provides information on this crime *that leads to the arrest and conviction of the offenders*.

You may provide information on this crime or any other crimes by calling the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office at 712-957-3415. Upon calling, you will be put in contact with a deputy sheriff who will take your information. People can also provide information or tips on crimes by using the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office website at www.obriencountysheriff.com. Website users can click on the "Resources & Links" tab and then select "Crime Dusters" and a form will be opened in which people can submit information. Arrangements can be made to assist the people who want to remain anonymous but still be eligible for the reward.