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RAPID migrates to New Platform — LeadsOnline

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RAPID IN THE NEWS

- BWI acquired by Leads-Online
- Nationwide Searches with LeadsOnline
- RAPID Continues to recover property for victims!

The Maryland RAPID program was the result of legislation in 2009 and developed into a proven platform that assisted law enforcement for over a decade with the ability to search and review data from pawn shops and ADRS processors daily transactions. This has resulted in the recovery of stolen items, which often are able to be returned to their rightful owners. RAPID assists local, county and state law enforcement in the identification and prosecution of both opportunistic and career criminals.

At the end of 2022, RAPID has led to the recovery of an estimated \$57,941,409 worth of property leading to the arrests of 14,634 suspects and closed 20,053 criminal investigations.

On April 29, 2022 the Maryland Department of State Police RAPID unit was notified that BWI -RAPID had been purchased by LeadsOnline LLC. This acquisition and transition to the Leads-Online platform gives Maryland

law enforcement access to transactions from thousands of reporting businesses to monitor compliance and identify people, property, and patterns to advance cases faster. It includes advanced search tools to find customer and item images, scrap metal, catalytic converters, analyze phone extractions, and navigate online marketplaces such as eBay and OfferUp.

As we enter 2023, the Maryland Department of State Police continues to work on this platform transition and plans to have this in place by early spring of 2023. The nationwide access to the platform provides the potential for more stolen property recoveries from surrounding jurisdictions, additional case closures and the return of this property to its owners.

RAPID GROWTH		
Year	Total Users	Total Queries
2012	2541	881,246
2013	3024	1,161,699
2014	4797	1,478,317
2015	5750	1,669,750
2016	5384	2,089,914
2017	5635	2,711,592
2018	5928	2,957,698
2019	6032	3,354,076
2020	6386	3,613,429
2021	6543	3,715,536
2022	6744	3,938,298

Maryland Pawn, Scrap and ADRS Laws and Acronyms

- Business Regulation Article Title 12** – Regulates the acquisition of pawn and precious metal transactions.
- Business Regulation Article Title 17, Sub-Title 10** – Regulates the acquisition of scrap metal transactions.
- Transportation Article Title 15, Sub-Title 5** – Regulates the licenses of Automotive Dismantlers, Recyclers, Scrap Processors and the acquisition of whole and vehicle part transactions.
- Transportation Article Title 25, Sub-Title 2** – Regulates the disposition of abandoned vehicles.

ADRS – Automotive Dismantlers, Recyclers and Scrap Processors
BWI – Business Watch International
LOL - LeadsOnline

DL – Department of Labor
LE – Law Enforcement
MVA – Motor Vehicle Administration
NCIC – National Crime Information Center

RAPID Report by Jurisdiction

“The RAPID system, over the years has proven to be a helpful tool in the fight against crime in the City of Baltimore. There have been many property recoveries using this system that have led to criminal arrests and case closures.”

Detective Exdol Williams
 Baltimore City Police
 RAPID Administrator

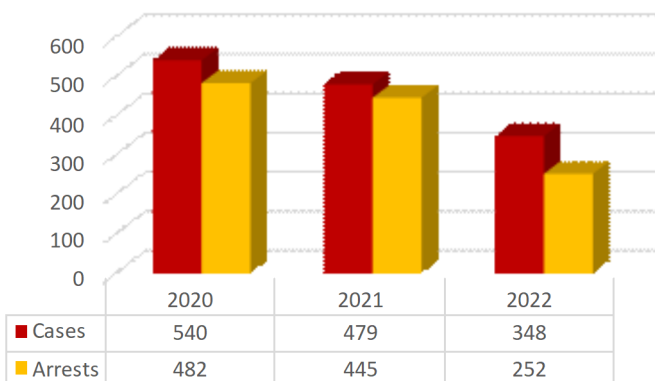
County	Cases	Arrests	Recovery
Allegany	10	10	\$4,550
Anne Arundel	28	28	\$54,626
Baltimore County	87	55	\$164,630
Baltimore City	25	25	\$135,420
Calvert	3	1	\$1,300
Caroline	0	0	0
Carroll	32	3	\$6,419
Cecil	4	3	\$6,500
Charles	10	2	\$1,084
Frederick	25	5	\$34,100
Garrett	2	2	\$260
Harford	13	7	\$1,593
Howard	16	16	\$98,716
Kent	0	0	0
Montgomery	2	0	\$12,850
Ocean City	0	0	0
Prince George's	42	52	\$123,764
Queen Anne's	2	1	\$1,404
Somerset	0	0	0
St. Mary's	5	1	\$810
Talbot/Dorchester*	14	11	\$7,693
Washington	10	10	\$16,500
Wicomico	3	5	\$3,500
Worcester	0	0	0
Westminster	7	6	\$3,154
Multi - Jurisdictional	8	9	\$44,356

* Statistics combined. ** No statistics reported

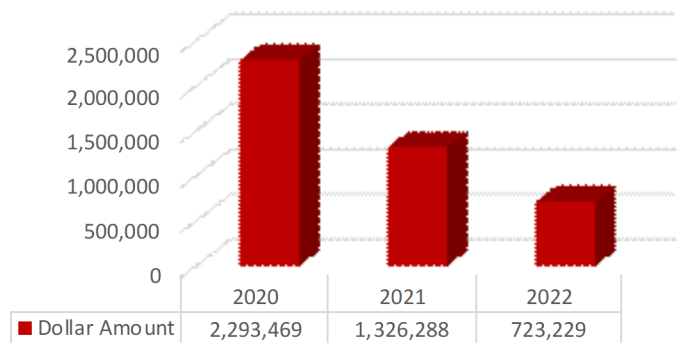
2022 Statistics

(Statistics and success stories are self-reported by the individual agencies.)
 (Not all agencies track these exact parameters or account for subsequent investigations.)

RECENT YEARS



RECOVERY



RAPID Administration & Updates

As the State of Maryland migrates to the new platform operated by LeadsOnline, law enforcement will gain access to pawn, second hand, scrap and ADRS transactions from all surrounding states and nationwide. Washington DC, Virginia and Delaware are transitioning to LeadsOnline while Pennsylvania and West Virginia currently use the platform. During the last few months, members of the RAPID Unit have used LeadsOnline daily. In September of 2022, the RAPID Unit located a firearm that had been reported stolen in August of 2017 to the MSP Cumberland Barrack. The firearm was pawned in Kentucky and able to be recovered and has now been returned to the owner.



This is just one example of the benefits of the LeadsOnline platform. Increased server reliability, a larger IT section and servicing company will result in a more reliable platform.

In 2022, the MDSP RAPID Unit instituted a RAPID recovery report. This report allows investigators and county administrators to report recovered property and closed cases directly to the MDSP RAPID Unit. The data is collected and provides for an efficient repository for tracking property recoveries from the use of RAPID by all participating Maryland agencies.

“RAPID continues to provide a solid method to find stolen property and track criminal activity.”

**RAPID Administrator
Howard County Police Department.**

Multi-agency Crime Solving

RAPID currently provides access to 274 federal, state and local agencies in Delaware, Washington DC, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

RAPID has the ability to link crimes that have been committed in one or more jurisdictions or states and provide law enforcement with the resources to identify suspects and recover property. The ability of law enforcement from all jurisdictions to work together has allowed for the recovery of stolen property, the identification and dismantling of criminal theft rings and the arrest of the persons responsible for committing these crimes.

As the State of Maryland and its law enforcement agencies transition to LeadsOnline the ability to track suspects and recover property across state boundaries will assist all of law enforcement. The ability to track suspects traveling to and from the State of Maryland as well as transactions being completed across the country will help law enforcement locate and identify theft rings and suspects operating in multiple jurisdictions. Ultimately this will result in more property recovered for crime victims and more arrests for these personal and property crimes.



Partners	Users	Agencies
DC/FED	215	38
PA	169	116
NJ	3	2
VA	281	23
WVA	16	9
NH	33	1

Cross Border Investigations

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority :

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority was able to recover a stolen Apple iPhone valued at \$800 after it was pawned at a Maryland Game Stop. A NCIC hit led investigator’s to the suspects and led to two arrests and the recovery of the iPhone.

Millsboro, DE to Cecil County, MD:

A victim visiting family in Cecil County, Maryland, returned home to New York where she realized a \$6,000 necklace she had taken to Maryland was missing. The necklace was located at a pawn shop in Millsboro, DE and was able to be recovered. The suspect was identified as the girlfriend of a family member and was charged in both Maryland and Delaware for the theft. The necklace was returned to the victim.

Maryland to Texas:

A NCIC hit on a pawned firearm led to the recovery by the RAPID unit of a rifle reported stolen from Texas in 2019. During recovery it was discovered that the firearm had an altered serial number which led to an investigation by the MDSP. It was determined the subject that had pawned the rifle was prohibited from possession of firearms but not involved in the theft. The firearm was seized for destruction due to the altered serial number.

Arlington County, VA to Maryland:

A RAPID search for a stolen bicycle valued at \$5,856 led to the recovery of the bicycle in the State of Maryland. A suspect was identified and charged for the theft. This investigation closed two cases for the investigator. The bicycle was recovered and returned to the victim.

Fairfax County, VA to Maryland:

While investigating a burglary in Fairfax, VA investigators received a NCIC hit on stolen jewelry. This led to an additional RAPID search for the suspect which led to the recovery of two items valued at \$4,050 and the arrest of the suspect.

Virginia to Prince George’s County, MD:

The Fairfax County Police Department was investigating a theft of assorted jewelry valued at \$23,500. Using RAPID they conducted a name search and determined that the victim had pawned the items in Prince George’s County, MD and had committed fraud by reporting the theft. The reporting victim was charged with the false report and fraud.

“The RAPID platform allows law enforcement to locate reported stolen property and direct us to the subject’s responsible for the crime.”

Administrator / Crime Analyst

Calvert County Sheriff’s Office

RAPID Success with Business Crimes

MDSP Leonardtown - Retail Theft of NIB tools:

During the course of a traffic stop that led to the arrest of three subjects for drug violations, a vehicle search led to the recovery of empty boxes that had contained brand name tools known to be sold by and often stolen from Lowe’s. During a follow up investigation, the trooper contacted the local Lowe’s store and confirmed that the suspect had been observed shoplifting the items, valued at \$896. The suspect pawned the items 20 minutes after the theft for \$428. The property was recovered and the suspect was charged for the theft.

Harford County - Employee Theft:

The Harford County Sheriff’s Office was investigating a theft scheme involving a terminated

employee. It was discovered that the employee was purchasing electric wire from a store his company had an account with. The suspect was then scrapping the wire at a local scrap yard. The suspect was charged with the theft of \$12,000 in scrap wire.

MDSP Criminal Enforcement Division - Retail Theft:

The MDSP conducted an investigation into a suspicious subject pawning new in box property. Over a three month period the suspect had pawned 48 items for over \$8,000. During the course of the investigation it was determined that the suspect was stealing electronics and other property from two Walmart stores. Evidence from the stores matched the suspect to the thefts. The suspect was charged with theft and MDOP charges.

MDSP RAPID Unit - Employee Theft:

The MDSP RAPID unit received a NCIC hit on a shotgun that was pawned at a Dorchester County pawn shop. The shotgun, valued at \$2,500 had been reported stolen while in the possession of FedEx for shipping. Investigation revealed that the FedEx driver had stolen the shotgun and was the person that pawned it. The suspect was charged with theft.



Cross Jurisdictional Investigations and Recoveries

Montgomery and Prince George's County:

The Montgomery County Police Department was investigating a burglary and developed a suspect. During a name search in RAPID they discovered that the suspect had pawned some of the stolen jewelry at a pawn shop. The jewelry was recovered in Prince George's County. The suspect was arrested and charged with burglary and theft.

Howard County and Baltimore City:

In November 2022, a home owner hired a subject to make repairs to their home's kitchen. The day that the work was completed the homeowner discovered that three pieces of jewelry were missing. Using RAPID, the investigators conducted a search and located the jewelry pawned in Baltimore City.

The jewelry was recovered three days later and returned to the owner. A suspect was identified and charged for the theft.

Metropolitan Police Department Washington, DC and Prince George's County:

During the course of an investigation involving the theft of camera equipment, a RAPID search was conducted for a possible suspect. The search revealed that the suspect had pawned the stolen items in Prince George's County. The property, valued at \$10,997 was recovered and the suspect was charged.

Oxford Police Department and MDSP RAPID:

The Oxford Police Department was investigating the theft of \$25,000 in jewelry. During the investigation it was dis-

covered that a family member was a potential suspect and during a name search in RAPID, the property was found pawned at a pawn shop in Easton, Maryland. With the assistance of the RAPID Unit the property was recovered. The suspect was charged with theft and perjury for the official pawning document.

Queen Anne's and Anne Arundel County:

MDSP Centreville Barrack was investigating the theft of a \$1,400 musical keyboard. A RAPID search determined that the keyboard had been pawned in Anne Arundel County. A suspect was developed and charged with theft and perjury on a official state document.

RAPID Search Features lead to case closures!



RAPID has many features that enhance law enforcement's ability to recover stolen property. These features have been proven to provide the best outcome for locating information.

HIGHLIGHTED FEATURES

- **eBay Search**
- **Quick Search**
- **Serial Search**
- **Name Search**
- **Saved Search Alert**
- **NCIC Alert**

Howard County - NCIC Alert:

A vehicle was reported stolen to the Howard County Police Department. After the vehicle was entered into NCIC it generated a RAPID NCIC hit and the vehicle was recovered. Charges are pending against the suspect for theft.

MDSP MSAT - Name Search:

Using the name search feature, the Maryland State Apprehension Team (MSAT) was able to locate a subject with eight warrants that was actively selling scrap to a scrap yard. MSAT was able to locate the suspect as he entered the scrap yard and place him under arrest. A female with him had three outstanding warrants and was also arrested.

Howard County - NCIC Alert:

A RAPID NCIC alert located a stolen vehicle at a scrap yard in Howard County, MD. The vehicle was reported stolen from Baltimore City and brought in by a tow service and was recovered and returned to the owner. The value of the recovered vehicle was \$23,500.

Maryland Office of the State Fire Marshal - Quick Search:

The Maryland Office of the State Fire Marshal was called to the scene of a house fire in St. Mary's County. During their investigation they determined that a fire had started in a bedroom closet, but the homes sprinkler system extinguished the fire before it spread. Investigation led to the determination that the fire had been set intentionally in an attempt to conceal a burglary and theft. A property search was conducted in RAPID using the quick search feature and led to the recovery of \$1,500 worth of the stolen property and the identification of the suspect. The suspect was arrested and charged with Arson, Burglary, MDOP and Theft.

RAPID Investigative Successes

"RAPID has been a great tool over the years. The system has evolved and allowed for numerous case closures and property recoveries."

Frederick County Sheriffs Office

RAPID Admin (Retired in Aug 22')

Prince George's County - Armed Robbery:

Two suspects committed an armed robbery at a Game Stop in Bowie, MD. One of the subjects displayed a handgun and demanded cash as the other suspect stole video games. Using RAPID, detectives located the stolen video games pawned at two pawn shops in Prince George's County. The property was recovered and both suspect were identified and arrested.

Cecil County - Theft:

MDSP North East Barrack was investigating a theft from a boat. The victim reported the theft of \$2,900 in property and damage to the boat in excess of \$1,000. During the investigation two GPS fish finders reported stolen were located at a pawn shop in Delaware. Two suspects were identified and charged and the property was returned to the victim.

Howard County - Theft:

Howard County Police Department was contacted for a theft involving jewelry valued at \$65,000. During the course of the investigation a search using RAPID for a potential suspect revealed that the stolen jewelry had been sold to a pawn shop in Howard County. The property was recovered and a suspect was arrested and charged for the theft.

Baltimore City - Theft:

The Maryland Transit Administration Police responded to a call for a theft of a cell phone from a victim utilizing mass transit. The victim chased the suspect who passed the stolen phone off to another juvenile suspect. The juvenile offered to give the phone back if the victim paid him \$100. The victim declined and the juvenile suspect fled. The phone was located at a pawn shop a few days later and a juvenile suspect was charged with the theft.

St. Mary's County - Retail Theft:

MDSP Leonardtown Barrack was investigating a shoplifting incident at Bed Bath and Beyond. Two suspects entered the store and while one distracted the workers, the other stole a vacuum and coffee maker valued at \$900. The RAPID unit was able to locate the stolen items in RAPID and provide the trooper with the suspect information. The suspect was charged and the vacuum was recovered.

Easton Police Department - Theft:

During a theft investigation it was determined that a Stihl backpack blower was stolen from the victims truck while parked at Lowe's. A RAPID search located the item at a Dorchester County pawn shop. The blower was recovered and returned to the victim. The suspect was charged with theft and perjury of an official state document regarding ownership.

Talbot County - Burglary/Theft:

The Talbot County Sheriff's Department was investigating a residential burglary and theft of over \$2,500 in property. Using RAPID deputies located the stolen property pawned in Anne Arundel County. The property was recovered and the suspect was identified and charged.

Harford County - Theft:

During a theft investigation, deputies used RAPID to search for transactions made by a known suspect. The search led to the recovery of a 6 1/2 carat sapphire and diamond ring. The ring was recovered and the suspect was charged.

Frederick County - Theft:

During an investigation for thefts from a local Home Depot, officer's conducted surveillance at the pawn shop and developed a suspect. Additional investigation led to the recovery of \$2,244 in NIB property and the arrest of the suspect.

Anne Arundel County - Theft:

A RAPID name search led to the recovery of \$2,000 in jewelry being recovered. The suspect was charged for theft.

Baltimore City - Rape/Carjacking :

The Baltimore Police Department was investigating a violent rape and carjacking involving five male and two female suspects. The two victims were carjacked at gunpoint and placed in separate vehicles. A suspect raped one victim and withdrew money from her bank with her ATM card. Both victims were later forced to exit the vehicles and their cell phones were stolen. During the investigation, detectives searched RAPID for the victims cell phones and were able to locate them at a pawn shop. One suspect was charged and the case remains active for investigation as additional suspects are identified.

Calvert County - Theft:

A victim contacted police after he had loaned a friend a leaf blower and it was not returned. A search of RAPID located the leaf blower pawned at a local pawn shop. The item was recovered and the suspect was charged with theft.

Frederick County - Retail Theft:

MDSP Frederick Barrack was called to a home in Myersville, MD for a theft of jewelry and sterling silver flatware. The victim suspected a friend that had spent the night at his residence. During a name search in RAPID, it was discovered that the suspect had pawned the items at a pawn shop in Washington County. The property, valued at \$9,000 was recovered and the suspect was charged with theft.

Prince George's County - Burglary & Theft:

Prince George's County Police Department was investigating a residential burglary and theft of a guitar and amplifier valued at \$4,000. Using RAPID some of the property was located after it was pawned. As a result the suspect was identified, the property was recovered and the suspect was charged with burglary and theft.

"RAPID" helped me solve my investigation and allowed me to recover the property and return it to the victim.

Maryland State Trooper

Investigative Successes Continued

Delaware State Police - Theft

During a theft investigation the Delaware State Police (DSP) developed suspects in a residential theft in which a push mower and weed trimmer were stolen. During a search of RAPID DSP located the items pawned in a Dorchester, MD pawn shop. With the assistance of the MDSP RAPID unit the property was recovered and returned to the victim. The suspects were charged with theft of the \$500 of property.

Baltimore County - Burglary/Theft:

Officer's from Baltimore County Police Department were investigating thefts from storage units. During the course of the investigation, detectives used RAPID to conduct a property search and located stolen items from the thefts. The collectibles and sound equipment, valued at \$11,805 was pawned in Baltimore County and Baltimore City jurisdictions. The property was recovered, the suspect was charged and three cases were closed.

Montgomery County - Fraud:

Officers from the Montgomery County Police Department were investigating a theft case involving a Cuban necklace valued at \$10,000. During the investigation a name search in RAPID for the victim revealed that the victim had pawned the necklace prior to reporting the theft. The victim was charged with fraud.



Expanding the use of RAPID

RAPID has evolved from its inception as a database reporting pawn and precious metal transactions. Through the use of RAPID investigators have been able to locate information that has provided leads to a wide range of cases to include: weapon investigations, auto thefts, carjacking's, armed robberies (commercial and personal), locating wanted and missing persons, identifying accessories to crimes, homicides, fraud, identity thefts as well as other felonies and misdemeanors. Here are few examples from 2022 cases:



MDSP CED - Firearms Enforcement Unit:

During a review of pawn transactions the MDSP Firearms Enforcement Unit located a pawn transaction involving two small caliber rifles. A records check of the subject that pawned the firearms revealed that they were prohibited for a felony and a crime of violence. The firearms were seized and the suspect was charged.

MDSP RAPID Unit - DLR Dealer violation:

The RAPID Unit initiated a investigation into a precious metal dealer suspected of failing to report transaction as required under state law. During the investigation it was determined that the dealer was traveling to personal residences and purchasing precious metals and failing to report the transactions in RAPID. The dealer had prior incidents involving the same violations. The subject was charged for violations of the Business Title 12 article.

St. Mary's County - Retail Theft:

MDSP Leonardtown Barrack investigated a theft from Lowe's during which a known suspect was found to have pawned items stolen from the store. With the assistance of Lowe's loss prevention, it was determined that the suspect is a known shoplifter in Maryland and Virginia. Charges are pending against the suspect.

Baltimore Police Department - Homicide:

The Baltimore Police Department was investigating the homicide of a 70 year old female inside of a residence. During the investigation it was discovered that her cell phone had been stolen. Detectives used RAPID to search for the stolen phone and located it after it was pawned one mile from the crime scene. The phone was recovered and a suspect was developed. As a result of the recovery the suspect was charged with 1st and 2nd degree murder and possession of a firearms as a felon.

Regulatory Partners



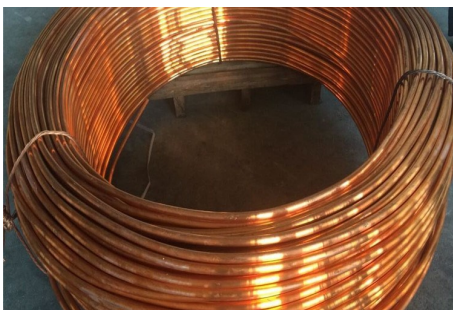
The **Comptroller of Maryland** provides high quality, efficient, timely financial and administrative services. The Comptroller’s Office has been a valued partner to our scrap metal and junk dealers. Law enforcement has been partnering with them for not only scrap cases, but also investigations relating to secondhand transactions.



The **Maryland Department of Labor** continues to change Maryland for the better by providing a predictable and inclusive regulatory environment. One of the missions of the Department of Labor is to license and regulate individuals who buy or otherwise acquire from the public secondhand gold, silver, platinum and other precious metal objects or otherwise trade with the public in secondhand precious metal objects. The program also regulates pawnbrokers in counties that do not have local laws that regulate those businesses.



The **Maryland Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Administration** developed broad goals that focus on five key elements of their vision: customer service, safety, stewardship, security and workforce. These elements assist RAPID in our efforts to partner with the MVA for pro-active compliance and enforcement issues. When issues are discovered, the local, county or MDSP jurisdiction responsible for that area are notified and requested to assist. In addition to law enforcement; during many occasions, zoning officers, Office of the State Fire Marshall, environmental protection agencies and other jurisdictions are invited to participate in the collaborative investigations.



TRANSACTION COUNT BY INDUSTRY

Industry	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Jewelry	622,908	616,777	572,198	540,015	334,387	350,370	359,498
Scrap Metal	2,119,474	2,472,050	2,292,464	2,011,225	1,462,248	1,595,659	1,813,655
Vehicles*	122,964	399,922	118,012	110,363	85,049	79,271	66,783
Cellular Phones	20,459	26,796	27,656	39,321	24,449	32,719	14,405
Others*	2,507,101	2,081,759	1,958,104	1,769,748	162,519	198,479	622,691

*Pawn and Secondhand transactions not specified under State law. Some dealers reported to LeadsOnline in late 2022 due to software issues with BWI, decreasing the reported numbers.

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As we enter 2023 and transition to a new platform provided by Leads-Online, Maryland law enforcement will gain access to thousands of records from neighboring and nationwide jurisdictions. Crime does not recognize state boundaries and often thefts are committed away from the perpetrators living area in attempts to conceal their identity. This ability to access, track suspects and recover property will increase with this new tool. During the last decade, RAPID had led to the recovery of over \$1,000,000 in property and the arrest of thousands of suspects. As we progress into 2023, law enforcement will have the ability to continue this trend.

The continued commitment from our law enforcement users and RAPID administrators is instrumental in helping to solve and deter various types of crimes but also ensures we are protecting our citizens' property.

A special thanks is extended to the administrators, legislators, regulatory bodies, allied law enforcement agencies, dealers and Business Watch International for all their efforts, hard work, support and perseverance through the years.

As evidenced in this publication and many others, it is clear these partnerships are beneficial; not only for law enforcement, but victims alike. These partnerships ensure our continued success as we enter 2023.