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Deputies target higher crime areas of county

In the next few weeks, residents and business owners in unincorporated areas of Cleveland County shouldn't be surprised to see an increase of patrol activity.

Cleveland County sheriff's deputies have collected data and identified locations where property crime and vehicle accidents occur more frequently than other areas of the county. Deputies will step up patrol efforts in the Pecan Valley area along 192nd Ave NE and another targeted zone on 156th Ave SE between Noble and Slaughterville. This operation is aimed at reducing burglaries and traffic collisions in specific areas.

Investigators also pinpointed times and days when these incidents most happen.

Residents and business owners in targeted areas will be briefed on the operation. A deputy will be assigned as a point of contact in each section. The deputy will be available around the clock during the operation.

Sheriff Joe Lester said residents and business owners should report any suspicious activity they witness immediately to the sheriff's office.

"This operation's goal is to deter criminal activity in areas identified as higher-crime locations," Lester said. "The partnership between residents, business owners and deputies is one of the best approaches to preventing crime and makes these areas safer for citizens."

Any questions regarding this press release and/or information can be addressed to Meghan McCormick, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, community liaison/public information officer. McCormick can be reached at (405) 701-8847.