

# New Law Would Require Pawn Shops to Register Online



September 23, 2008 Brownsville, Texas

## Police say new law would help in crime cases

**BROWNSVILLE** - The City of Brownsville wants to track all the merchandise bought and sold at all pawn shops in the city. City leaders say they want to pass a law that would require pawnshops to use the Internet to document their transactions in order to help police investigate property crimes.

Sgt. Jimmy Manrique with the Brownsville Police Department says, "Now this helps us in the sense if somebody's television is stolen, a 36-inch Sony, we go to **LeadsOnline**. We run a search on that. If it's been pawned, and everything's been done correctly, they've been identified with drier's license. We can find that."

Manrique says a fast electronic registry of every item, coded with serial numbers, will expedite the investigation of crimes.



LEADSONLINE CLIENT – BROWNSVILLE, TX POLICE DEPARTMENT

\*\*\*

LeadsOnline.com 1-800-311-2656

LeadsOnlabs.com 1-888-994-7771