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Dear Neighbors:

The City of Oakland Park has recently experienced a recent upswing in the number of residential burglaries occurring in our neighborhoods. This regional increase is also evident in neighboring cities and jurisdictions.

The M.O. or "modus operandi" of these crimes often begin with the suspects knocking on the front door of a home to ascertain if the owner/resident is home during the normal workday. These are not burglars that creep through the night, but those who take advantage of the working individual who leaves their home unoccupied during the day.

Daytime burglaries account for over 90 percent of this current residential burglary trend. This M.O. of knocking on doors is where burglary suspects are most vulnerable to discovery and apprehension. It can be assumed that for every empty home these criminals discover there are instances where they knocked on doors where a resident answered the door. Our investigations have revealed that at the point the door is answered the suspects will typically ask generic questions such as "does the person need a lawn service or their trees trimmed?" or possibly "is Jim home?" or any other similar question that might alleviate suspicion such as a subscription to a magazine or newspaper.

The suspects will then move on to another residence until finding one with no answer at the door allowing them to quietly move to the rear of the residence where they typically pry a door or smash the glass to make entry.

The BSO/Oakland Park District is asking that residents take an active role in assisting us with addressing this crime trend. Any stranger coming to your door who fails to officially identify themselves should prompt a call to the Broward Sheriffs Office to respond and investigate. Calling the police for any stranger at any time will protect both your own home and your neighbors as various individuals will soon learn that the City of Oakland Park has an Eye on Crime.

If it is suspicious to you, it is suspicious to us.

Chief John S. Bakata and Lieutenant Allan R. Hubrig

Please call 911 in and emergency or a crime in progress. Call 954-765-4321 for other non-emergency issues