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MEDIA ADVISORY: Sheriff Alerts Public- Possible Burglary Trend

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims would like to warn the public of a dangerous crime trend.

Over the past three months, the Sheriff's Department had investigated several residential burglaries involving forced entry into the home while it was occupied by the home owner. The burglaries have occurred during daytime hours.

The suspect(s) typically aggressively ring the doorbell or knock on the door to see if anyone answers. If no one does, they kick in the front door or go to the rear of the residence to force entry, assuming the home is unoccupied.

In at least four reported incidents, the homeowner was in fact, at home and chose not to answer the door for one reason or another. The suspect(s) then forced entry and were confronted by the victim.

This obviously results in a dangerous situation for the victim and carries with it the potential to turn a property crime into a crime of violence.

The Sheriff's Department is urging county residents to be aware of this possible trend, particularly if you are home alone during daytime hours.

Any resident who believes someone going door to door in their neighborhood is suspicious is asked to immediately contact the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111.