

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

## LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR SAFETY

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Hello Neighbors,

Your Neighborhood Watch Team is hard at work to make our community a safer place to live. We've researched and found out many things that we've taken for granted. We would like to share our findings to keep all of you more informed. E-mail alerts are occasionally sent to the Neighborhood Watch. *Recent alerts in bold need immediate dissemination for everyone's safety.*

**A possible predator contact incident took place on June 7th at the intersection of Soaring Dr and Maroon Mesa, across from the entrance to the open space. Two neighborhood children were accosted by an individual with a dark complexion (possibly Indian) and dark curly hair who offered the children candy. There were four teenagers in a rust color vehicle, possibly a small truck or SUV. A license plate number was not available. This incident was reported to CSPD. If in fact this is a group of teenagers out harassing young children, when apprehended, they will be charged appropriately. With all the sexual predators out these days, we cannot take this lightly. Suggest all children be supervised when they playing out on the sidewalk. It may not be a bad idea to take note of all suspicious vehicles driving in the neighborhood.**

**During the afternoon of June 8th, a neighbor on Treeledge Dr believes that she interrupted intruder(s) that had broken into her house. She arrived home around 4:30 p.m. and her telephone was ringing...it was her security company calling about the alarm. She told them nothing was wrong since she didn't see anything out of place at the time. However, she later found some pry marks on a door and a hinge was broken. She believes that the intruder(s) had entered thru the "doggie door" in the backyard and then exited the same way. Nothing was taken and no one was injured. A report has been filed with CSPD. The intruder(s) may possibly been her former lawn care company that she had dismissed.**

Be alert if you are expecting packages. School is out for the summer and apparently the neighborhood kids are bored. Packages left on the porch have either been stolen or have been placed at a different house. This is very disconcerting, especially if you receive your medication through the mail. Report all incidents to CSPD.

Stay aware of current burglary trends to safeguard our families and homes. Thieves have been checking the obituary sections for opportunities to burglarized homes while family members and friends attended services. In the event you have to attend a service, consider asking a neighbor or Block Captain to stay alert for suspicious activities while you're away. Home invasions have been occurring more frequently.

Wild animals that were hibernating are now fully active. In addition to the local family of coyotes, foxes, and rabbits living in the ravine/open space...bears have also been sighted in the past. Parents please keep a close watch on your children and do not let them play in the ravine/open space without adult supervision.

This is a pilot program for the Neighborhood Watch Team to get important information out to all of our neighbors. We look forward to your feedback on how we're doing and what you would like to see happen in our community or items to be included in the VM Monthly Bulletin. Feedback may be sent to the Neighborhood Watch by accessing the Vista Mesa website at: <http://www.vistamesahoa.org>.

This all the room we have for now. Let's all stay alert and help maintain a safe community. Catch you on next month's bulletin when we discuss "National Night Out" (Aug 1, 2006).

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