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Sheriff's Office Investigating Rise in Residential Burglaries

Over the past couple of weeks, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office, along with surrounding jurisdictions, has responded to several residential burglaries. The incidents in Hanover have occurred in areas east, central and western Hanover County. The burglaries are occurring during the *daytime hours*, when the homes are unoccupied.

While Investigators are working diligently to identify persons of interest in these incidents, we would like to remind you to keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities in and around your area and report them by calling **911 immediately**. If you have any other information you would like to share about these incidents, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 804-365-6140 (24 hour number) or, if you prefer to submit information anonymously, please call Crime Stoppers at 804-780-1000.

As a reminder to you about your personal safety, please keep in mind the following suggestions:

- Keep doors and windows secure when you're not home.
- Consider adding 3-4 inch long screws into the receiver of your door frames to increase the resistance to blunt force (by kicking) of the door.
- Record the model and serial numbers of all valuable electronic equipment and keep it in two places.
- Use engravers on other property that does not already have a serial number (the Sheriff's Office has an engraver that can be loaned to you by calling the Crime Prevention Unit).
- Be wary of would be solicitors that may be trying to gain information about what you have in your home. Report ALL solicitors that do not have a Hanover Solicitor's permit immediately to the Hanover Sheriff's Office.

If you have any other questions relating to personal safety, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 804-365-6110.

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