



MEDIA ADVISORY

May 14, 2008

Sheriff's Office Warns of Aggressive Solicitors

WHERE: All areas of Washoe County

CONTACT: PIO Deputy Brooke Keast
911 Parr Blvd Reno, NV 89512
Office 328-6370, cell 771-8252, (after hours) pager 858-2569
www.washoesherriff.com

Deputies have been dispatched to numerous calls of aggressive door to door solicitation which is frustrating residents throughout Washoe County. Solicitors have been reported selling numerous items such as magazine subscriptions and home alarm systems.

Many of these solicitors have the necessary licensing and work cards that are required for door to door sales in our region, yet some do not. There have been numerous door to door scams in the area and some burglaries connected to solicitors being in the area.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office offers these tips when dealing with solicitors in your area.

- If you do not know the person at your door, **Do Not Open The Door.**
- If you do not want the item offered, simply close the door and lock it. You do not owe the person an explanation.
- Walk up to your home and see what is visible from the front. If you can see expensive items from the front windows, so can the burglars.
- Keep doors and windows securely locked both day and night. Storm doors or security doors are helpful when dealing with solicitors because you can see and speak safely through the door.
- If you have an issue pertaining to solicitors in your area, call your local law enforcement agency.