



# Hanover County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office needs the community's assistance in curbing a recent series of residential burglaries.

During recent months several Richmond area communities have experienced evening and nighttime residential burglaries, often committed while residents are home. Although the Sheriff's Office has committed significant resources to these cases and are following up on all available leads, we need citizen involvement.

By reporting anything suspicious to the Sheriff's Office and taking certain precautionary measures, we can work together to ensure these cases are resolved and reduce the likelihood of similar burglaries. The following tips will ensure the security of your home:

- Use exterior lighting to provide you and neighbors an opportunity to identify anyone on your property.
- Ensure landscaping is trimmed back near the home to eliminate concealment.
- Lock all exterior doors while at home or away. Ensure pedestrian doors to attached and detached garages are locked. Also ensure entry door from attached garage is locked with deadbolt.
- Close blinds on ground level to conceal view of any valuables.
- Secure purses and wallets out of sight.
- Lock vehicles either in driveway or in garage.
- Notify the Sheriff's Office of any suspicious person or vehicle in your area. Collect as much information as possible of suspicious activity.

For additional crime prevention tips, contact Deputy Jim McLaughlin by phone, 804-365-6335, or e-mail, [jpmclaughlin@co.hanover.va.us](mailto:jpmclaughlin@co.hanover.va.us)

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