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Media Release

From: Sergeant Donna Black
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Re: Public Awareness-Burglary Scheme

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Case#: 2009-14981

On 04/28/2009, Hernando County Deputies responded to a residence on Medford Avenue in Spring Hill reference a residential burglary.

Husband and wife victims ages 87 and 82 respectively told deputies that on April 27, 2009 between 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm two subjects drove up to the front of his residence. The driver got out of the car while the passenger stay in the car.

The driver told the victim he was hired by the neighbor, who lives directly behind the victims, to construct a fence along the property line. This subject said he wanted the victims to see where he is going to put the fence and needed their permission. At that point the subject took both victim into the back yard and engaged them in a distracting conversation. The victims contacted their neighbor today about the fence only to find out the neighbor is not having a fence erected. After finding that out they checked their house and discovered their money and jewelry missing. Essentially the subject used this ruse to lure the victims out of the house so the other subject could enter the unlocked house and steal money and jewelry from the victims.

The victims describe the subject as a white male , between the ages of 35-37 years old, wearing dark colored polo shirt, blue jeans and driving a white four door sedan. There was another subject in the vehicle but the victims did not get a look at this person.

This is the first time this particular scheme has been used in the Hernando County area. The Hernando County Sheriff's Office would like to take this opportunity to remind citizens to report any suspicious vehicles in their neighborhood. Be very cautious about subjects showing up on your door step unsolicited. These con people can be very crafty and will use any story necessary to get into your house and steal your valuables.

If you have information regarding this crime, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the Hernando County Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-990-8477(TIPS) or you may email your tip by clicking below.

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