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## SUSPICIOUS DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES

Public warning: 'Magazine salesmen' in area

Mesa County, Colorado—You should be aware that deputies are receiving calls about door-to-door magazine salesmen in our county. This is a routine type of front door sales pitch, but the actions of the current group in our area are leading to this public warning.

Deputies have taken reports that the adult males become confrontational and verbally aggressive when the homeowner(s) express a lack of interest in the purchase of magazine subscriptions. In one case, two males were let in the house by children who left the suspects alone when they went to get their parents. While the men were left alone for a short time they are suspected of stealing cash. In all other reports, no homeowners allowed the 'salesman' inside their home, but deputies were contacted out of concern about the aggressive behavior expressed to the homeowners.

## Three simple reminders:

- If you choose to explore magazine subscription sales, make sure the salesman has proper identification for the company he represents.
- Do not allow strangers into your home for any reason.
- The safest thing to do if you don't know the person(s) at your door is don't answer it/open it.

If you see these salesmen in your neighborhood, please contact non-emergency dispatch at: 970/242-6707, so deputies can attempt to contact them.

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