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Chief Wayne M. Longo

Coeur d'Alene Police Department
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The Coeur d'Alene Police Department is working with area agencies to fully investigate a series of burglaries that have occurred in the City and County. These burglaries have a similar pattern of taking place in the day time hours with suspects brazenly kicking open doors to residences.

The Police Department has received information from area citizens of suspicious person's knocking on their doors. On November 9th a resident reported he was home alone at 1000 block of W. Fallview Drive at approximately 2:15 pm. The reporting party said two suspects, a male and a female, knocked and rang the doorbell multiple times. The reporting party was home alone and decided not to answer the door.

The male suspect pulled some keys out of his pocket, and tried to open the front door. The victim heard this, and locked the dead bolt to the door. The male suspect looked through the half-moon shaped window on top of the front door and saw the victim. Both suspects then fled the scene.

Anyone that comes into contact with person's claiming to be selling firewood, stating they are lost or any similar scenario is asked to get a description of the suspects, and their vehicle if possible and contact their local law enforcement agency.

Residents are encouraged to keep their dead bolts locked while away from home. We also encourage existing block watch groups to have a meeting and discuss crime prevention measures. If your neighborhood does not have an existing blockwatch group and would like to start one please contact the Police Department at 769-2320. For crime prevention tips please visit our website at www.cdapolice.org

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