



# *Milpitas Police Department*

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Suspicious Person**

**Date:** October 20, 2011  
**Suspicious person:** Unidentified white male, approximately 30 years old, about 6'-00" tall, weighing approximately 160 lbs and carrying a "**Brinks**" alarm sign.

Recently a suspicious person knocked on the door of a home on Costigan Circle. He identified himself as a Brinks Alarm Representative. The person did not wear a uniform, did not have any visible identification, and carried a Brinks Alarm sign. The person contacted the homeowner and asked if they had an alarm system. By the individual asking the question, he was able to determine a key piece of security information and conclude how difficult it might be to burglarize the home.

It is not uncommon for residential burglars to case potential victim's homes prior to striking. Burglars and other criminals may use a variety of techniques and ruses to obtain valuable information they can use to make it easier to burglarize a home or commit other crimes. Criminals may pose as salespersons, utility employees, contractors, or any number of other identities.

The Brinks Alarm Company was acquired by ADT in 2010. An ADT spokesperson said that ADT no longer operates the Brinks brand, nor does it conduct door-to-door solicitation for sales purposes. An ADT employee would wear a distinctive ADT uniform with an ADT logo, and would carry an ADT identification card.

All residents should be wary of door-to-door solicitors and should not provide personal or security related information to a stranger at their door. Ask salespersons and peddlers for credentials, employer identification, and City of Milpitas business license. All solicitors within the City of Milpitas are required to obtain and possess a business license from the City while conducting business. Help keep the community safe by immediately reporting any suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity.

Anyone with any information regarding this investigation or other similar incidents is encouraged to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can



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also be given anonymously by calling (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department website at:

[http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime\\_tip.asp](http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime_tip.asp)

By:                   Officer Trish Young-Orth  
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