Mason County Sheriff's Office Warns of Crimes of Opportunity Due to Warm Weather

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The Mason County Sheriff's Office reminds people that hot weather can bring an increase in thefts and burglaries by creating additional opportunities for criminals to enter your home or vehicle. Home owners become more vulnerable to such crimes when doors and windows are left open at night to cool their homes. Citizens observing something suspicious should not hesitate to call 911 immediately. Do not worry about looking foolish if the "suspect" is not doing anything wrong.

Sheriff's Office personnel would like to remind residents about some helpful crime prevention tips regarding home security:Ø Be sure to secure your home by keeping doors and windows locked unless you are at home and awake. Windows can be partly open to allow air flow, but make the opening small enough so intruders cannot climb inØ Exterior Doors should be metal or solid coreØ Quality, heavy duty dead bolt locks, knob in lock sets, strike plates, and wide angle peep holes should be utilized on exterior doorsØ Secondary blocking devices should be used on sliding glass doors and sliding windows Ø Keep the outside of your home well lit and use motion detecting lightsØ Use interior timers to activate lights and radios to give the perceptions of occupancyØ Know your neighbors so you can distinguish suspicious activity in your neighborhood Ø Install an alarm system