



# *Martin Police Department*

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## Safety Tips

In light of recent home invasion assaults in Martin and based on patterns seen in the related cases thus far, our best advice to residents, particularly females under age 40 is the following: 1) Check all windows and doors for signs of forced entry before entering your residence. In each case, the suspect has either broken in through a remote window or door and ambushed the victim arriving home or followed the victim inside through an unlocked door which brings us to tip 2) and that is, lock all windows and doors once inside. 3) Finally, most crimes are solved by observations by the public passed on to law enforcement. Please, if you notice suspicious persons hanging around your neighborhood, get a good description, direction and mode of travel, vehicle make, model color and if possible and most importantly a license plate number. Call police immediately! Do not hesitate.

A number of questions regarding how to react if attacked have been directed to police and the only good answer is that fight, submit, or flight is an individual choice. It is important to note that at this time we haven't experienced a homicide related to these crimes where the victims have complied to some degree with the suspects demands.

If you have any information regarding this crime, please contact the Martin Police Department at 731-587-5355 or Crimestoppers at 731-587-5183 or 1-877-364-TIPZ. You may also leave an anonymous tip online at [www.martindps.org](http://www.martindps.org) .