



# HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



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### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BULLETIN

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**DATE:** May 12, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

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Yesterday our office was contacted by a Neighborhood Watch participant in South Hall regarding some activity that should be brought to everyone's attention.

The resident reported that a yellow pick-up truck pulling a trailer was in the neighborhood under the guise of selling pine straw door-to-door. Outside of the obvious solicitation violation, this in itself isn't really a huge problem. However...

The resident stated that one person came to the door to solicit the sale and after turning them away, they noticed a second individual coming from around the back of the residence, who then started running when the family dog started barking at him. Now, I don't mean to jump to conclusions here, but I don't think there's a legitimate reason why one of these guys needs to be snooping around the back side of someone's house while the potential sale of pine straw is taking place at the front door. Maybe I'm wrong; maybe he was just conducting an assessment of the resident's flower beds so that he could make a professional landscape recommendation, but I seriously doubt it.

This type of activity is not uncommon as a means to "scout" a neighborhood. Yes, the door-to-door guy might actually sell you whatever it is that he is offering, but when presented with the opportunity he doesn't hesitate to capitalize on the availability of items to steal or homes and garages to break into.

The individuals are described as a white male, somewhere around his mid-40's, with slightly long, blondish colored hair (this is the one that came to the door), and a black male with short dreadlocks or a similar braided hairstyle.

If you spot this vehicle, please call 9-1-1 so that a patrol Officer can make contact and conduct a field interview with these individuals and document who they are, not to mention clearly explaining the solicitation violation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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