

## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## **Riverbank Police Asking Residents To Be Alert of Prowler**

**Riverbank, CA-** Deputies at Riverbank Police Services have been investigating complaints of a prowler in the north/west area of town since August 2007. A Riverbank resident most recently witnessed the prowler on December 4, 2007. The prowler has become more brazen in that he has returned to the homes of residents who have previously chased him away from their property. Riverbank deputies had an opportunity to catch the prowler recently when a resident reported him on their property and in their backyard. However, the prowler eluded deputies under the cloak of darkness. "We are concerned about this prowler because he seems to think that he can engage in these activities with impunity", said Riverbank Police Services Chief Tim Beck. All of our staff is aware of this guy now and everyone is hyper vigilant.

The suspect has been described as either a white male or light skinned Hispanic male, in his 20's, with a medium build.

The prowling incidents have occurred in the north/west area of Riverbank between Hwy 108 to the Stanislaus River and Jackson Ave., to Oakdale Rd. Riverbank Police Services advises residents to ensure that their homes are secure, use exterior lighting during times of darkness, communicate with neighbors and watch after each other in the neighborhood. Always report suspicious vehicles, persons and activities to the Police Department.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact the Riverbank Police Services office at (209) 869-7162. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 and be eligible for a cash reward.

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