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To: ChapelCreekNeighbors Crime Prevention

Subject: More door to door sales info

I can not stress enough to be careful when anyone comes to your door wanting to sell you something or asking for assistance from you. I do not think it is wise to ever let anyone into your home that you do not personally know or that you did not initiate contact with them to be there. You may only be out money for a product that is not delivered, but it could be much worse. The story below was copied from the StarTelegram. This suspect was arrested at the Clifford St Wal*Mart last night by a joint effort from Grand Prairie Police and Fort Worth Police. He had been going door to door in our neighborhoods selling magazines. He was arrested when the van that had dropped him off early came back to pick him up. If you do not want door to door sales at your home, you can substantially reduce the problem by putting a "No Soliciting" sign by the door bell. The signs can be purchased at most office supply stores.

Thanks.

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GRAND PRAIRIE — A 78-year-old woman was sexually assaulted and set on fire Monday afternoon by a man posing as a would-be college student, police reported.

The woman was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas with second-degree burns from her abdomen to her chin, according to a police news release.

The woman told officers that the assailant came to her door in the 1800 block of Sunnyvale Road about 2 p.m. and introduced himself as Daniel, 22, from Chicago. He told the woman that he was working on a communications exercise to get into college, the release stated. He told her that he was staying at a motel.

She allowed him into the house, where he attacked her and then doused her with rubbing alcohol, which he lighted.

She described her attacker as black with short, tight cornrows in his hair, between 20 and 25, 160 to 190 pounds, and 6 feet to 6 feet 4 inches tall. He was wearing a white shirt and black, yellow and red

pants.

The man may have been selling magazines, according to witnesses interviewed by investigators, police said. A church pastor reported seeing a man in the area this week who fit the assailant's description, police said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Tracy Hinson at 972-237-8777 or Crime Stoppers at 972-988-8477.

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