FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Thursday, April 28, 2005, 10:30 hours

SUBJECT:

Sheriff's Deputies investigate home invasion robbery

TEXT:

Deputies were dispatched to a mobile home behind a residence in the 1000 block of Township Road, Yuba City at approximately 2 a.m. this morning. An elderly female resident of the mobile home claimed to be the victim of a residential robbery. The victim told deputies that the suspect demanded money and jewelry while instructing her not to look at him. After ransacking several rooms in the residence, the suspect cut the telephone lines and fled. The victim heard a vehicle start up and leave and notified her ex-husband who telephoned authorities. On arrival, deputies learned that the victim's vehicle had been stolen during the incident and located it unoccupied, approximately ½ mile away. A search of the area was unsuccessful. The investigation is continuing by Sheriff's Detectives. If the public has any information on this incident they are urged to call the Sutter County Sheriff's Department Detective Division at (530) 822-7313.

The Sheriff's Department would like to remind citizens to be cautious when answering their doors at night time. They should always ask the person to identify themselves before deciding to open the door, and never without turning on the lights to aid in confirming who is knocking on the door. If there is any concern, residents are urged to call their local law enforcement agency to investigate.

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