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Dear Residents,

### **Crime Prevention Advisory – Theft in Dwelling on the Pretext of Checking Faulty Lightings**

Recently, a case of theft in dwelling involving a male subject of unknown race was reported at the Indus Road housing estate and its vicinity.

2 The culprit targeted elderly victims and gained entry into the unit by claiming to be a government official on rounds to check the lightings in the unit. Upon entering, the culprit then convinced the victim to stay out of sight on the pretext of needing to fix the problem. While the victim was distracted, the culprit slipped into the room and stole the victim's belongings.

3 The culprit is described by the victim as a male subject with dark complexion.

4 You can avoid being the next victim by adopting the following crime prevention measures:

- a Always verify the identity of persons claiming to be government officials with the relevant authorities;
- b. Do not trust strangers or people that you have just met, even if they appear to be friendly and nice; and
- c. If you are suspicious, alert the Police. Note the descriptions of the culprit, i.e. appearance, complexion, clothing, mannerism, movement and other physical details. This will help the Police to locate and identify the culprit later.

5 If you have any information to help us solve the case or wish to report any suspicious persons loitering in your neighbourhood, please do not hesitate to contact **Bukit Timah Neighbourhood Police Center** at **1800 – 462 9999** or dial **999**.

Yours faithfully,

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**CRIME PREVENTION – A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**