

COUNTY OF YOLO <u>OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY</u> JEFF W. REISIG, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: October 2010

Contact: Julia Hernandez, Victim Services (530) 666-8180

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

In recognition of October as "National Crime Prevention Month" the Yolo County District Attorney's Office will be providing useful tips each week from different units.

The Victim Services division recommends the following tips to help keep you safe:

- 1) When you are out of town, have a trusted neighbor or friend pick up mail and newspapers because this can be a clear indicator to burglars that you are away.
- 2) Use automatic light timers when you are going on vacation so it looks like someone is home. You can also connect them to a TV or radio.
- 3) Burglars often use an unlocked window, door or open garage to gain access to your home or car. By keeping your valuable out of site and entry points secure, the chance of becoming a victim is greatly reduced.
- 4) Have your security system "key pad" installed away from a window or door where burglars cannot see or reach it.
- 5) Keep valuables, including social security cards, blank checks and credit cards in a safe or locked file cabinet and make sure it is bolted down

###