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PREDATOR AWARENESS

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PREDATOR AND PREY

The best way to describe the daily conflict we have against crime would be to use the analogy of “PREDATOR AND PREY.”

The predator would be the criminal element out in our society, seeking out any opportunity for financial gain or to do physical harm. A Predator is defined as “An animal that naturally preys on others.”

The prey would be anyone that the predator thinks would be an easy target. Prey is defined as “A person or thing easily injured or taken advantage of.”

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WHAT DOES A PREDATOR LOOK LIKE?



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WHERE ARE THE PREDATORS?

Unfortunately predators are everywhere. The predator is constantly looking for any opening for criminal behavior. The criminal behavior could be spontaneous or a well thought out plan.

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BE A HARD TARGET (Think Situational Awareness)

Perception is everything. Project yourself as a "Hard Target," so the predator will move on to someone else. To accomplish this, do the following:

- Walk with confidence at all times.
- Have your head up, scanning the area.
- Have one hand free at all times.
- Make eye contact with people in passing
- Be prepared to cause a scene. Talking LOUDLY or YELL! (Draw attention to yourself).

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AVOID THE SECONDARY CRIME SCENE

The primary crime scene is the first location a predator makes contact with their prey (victim). For example: The predator contacts a victim at an ATM, demands money, takes the money and then leaves.

The SECONDARY CRIME SCENE is where the predator takes the victim from the first location to the next. Usually, the second location is an area of isolation. This could be a field, abandoned building and even the victim's or suspect's own home.

Victims that are taken to the secondary crime scene, generally DO NOT SURVIVE.

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PREDATORS WITH WEAPONS

A predator may use a gun or knife to gain compliance from a victim. The predator is hoping the victim will be overwhelmed by the weapon and comply with every command. When dealing with a weapon, consider the following;

Statistics show the victim has a 50% chance of getting away UNHARMED. Even if the victim is shot or stabbed, there is another 50% chance that the injury is NOT life threatening.

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FIGHT BACK

To fight back is a personal decision. Self defense techniques must be practiced to be effective. Victims that are able to fight back have a better chance of survival. Although, even without any training, the average person does have personal weapons at their disposal. These weapons include:

- Project confidence
- Voice
- Keys
- Finger nails
- You name it...

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WHAT IS NEEDED TO FIGHT BACK

Your mind set!!! Are you are willing to fight back?
Once you have fully decided that fighting back is something you are willing to do, there are two main keys.

Aggression and Violence of Action.

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HOME SAFETY

- Lock your doors and windows.
- Alarm system.
- Camera system.
- Dogs.
- Good neighbors that watches out for you.
- Weapons. Are you trained? Are you willing to use a weapon? Let's talk.
- Utah Code 76-2-405-Force or deadly force in defense of habitation, vehicle, or place of business or employment.

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BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

- Scammers will cry on the phone pretending to be a family member in need of bail or attorney fees.
- You will never win a lottery that needs you to pay for attorney fees.
- Scammers will make up a story about how they don't have an account due to scammers. They want you to deposit a check into your account. Of course you keep some of it and give them the rest in cash, purchase gift cards etc..

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BE PREPARED, NOT PARANOID

Please do not hide in your home! Enjoy life, just be aware of your surroundings at all times. When you see potential danger, avoid it. Things to remember:

- Scan any public place, inside and out before getting in or out of your car
- Walk in well lighted areas
- Go with a friend, if possible
- Always look around, walk with confidence and don't look down
- Have your keys ready (home/car)
- Follow your "gut" feeling
- Try not to be distracted

Only so much information can be taught in this short of time. Please search for information on your own to learn how to better protect yourself. PRACTICE and SHARE this information you have learned here.

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