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**POLICE WARNING CITIZENS OF SCAMS IN THE AREA**

WHEN: Currently  
WHERE: South Reno and possibly other areas

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DETAILS:

Police are warning citizens to be wary of persons going door to door attempting to sell magazine subscriptions. Recently this has occurred in southwest Reno. A group of scammers are posing as salesmen. Once a citizen agrees to a purchase, the thief attempts to gain payment in check form.

The group then uses the personal information from the check to deceive neighbors by posing as relatives to get more information. Washoe County Detectives believe the group might be looking for vacant homes for future burglaries. The group has been moving around neighborhoods in large, nondescript vans.

Detectives are warning citizens of this scam and encourage anyone who has been approached by the group to call the Sheriff's Office Detective Division at 328-3320.