

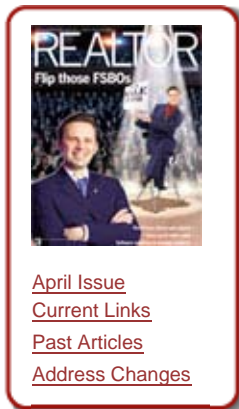
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Md.: Practitioners Warned of Assailant

Practitioners in Maryland are being warned to be on the alert for a bearded, red-haired man in his mid to late-40s who may be stalking open houses and showings of new model homes in search of lone female real estate salespeople.

According to a Maryland state police bulletin, in late April a female salesperson working at a model home in Eldersburg, near Baltimore, was struck on the head by an assailant who fits the man's description. She managed to fend off the attack and the man fled.

The man has been seen stalking other sites since then but no other attacks have taken place, says Debbie Hager, communications and public affairs director for the Maryland Association of REALTORS®. MAR has alerted members to the attacker and has begun distributing safety information for conducting open houses.

Hager says she's been contacted by CBS's Inside Edition, which is doing research for a possible segment on this stalker and a similar situation in Charlotte, N.C.

—By Pat Taylor for REALTOR® Magazine Online

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