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## More real estate agents say assault suspect went to their open houses

By Dan Bewley

(Kalamazoo, November 25, 2003, 6:26 p.m.) Timothy Forshee, 41, is charged with assaulting a Kalamazoo real estate agent earlier this month. Police say Forshee went to an open house on Montrose Avenue and strangled the female realtor in the basement.

Since then, Kalamazoo Public Safety has heard from six other female real estate agents who said Forshee came to their open house and tried to get them into the basement.

These incidents have caused the Greater Kalamazoo Association of Realtors to hold seminars on personal safety.

Today, real estate agents learned different ways to protect themselves while doing their job.

"What we're just trying to do is focus on the positive here and just trying to be aware of what we can do to not make this happen again and I think one of the most important things is you just follow your gut," said Debra Mumford.

Forshee's preliminary hearing is scheduled for tomorrow.

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