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Cop Impersonator Also Poses as Potential Homebuyer

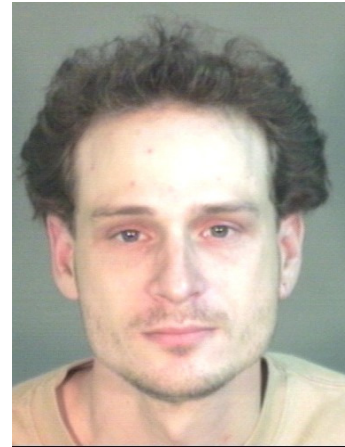
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Berkeley, California (Thursday, June 21, 2007) - City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) Property Crimes/Fraud Detectives want the community's help in finding the suspect in these photographs. He is wanted for theft, fraud and impersonating a police officer.



Paul McClung

5'10", 150, thin build, brown hair, blue eyes

In recent weeks, the suspect, identified as **Paul McClung, 30**, has been making the rounds visiting real estate open houses and realty offices in the City of Berkeley, as well as many other cities in the Bay Area. McClung is ordinarily in the company of a Caucasian woman in her 50's and is driving a dark blue four-door late model Jaguar with a light colored interior. The two claim to be mother and son who are potential homebuyers, wishing to buy homes for cash. While the woman distracts the realtor with conversation, McClung prowls the home or office for purses and wallets to steal. With wallet and identification in hand, McClung is able to commit additional fraud and theft.

During a recent open house visit, McClung made off with the badge of a former City of Santa Barbara PD officer and is now impersonating a police officer. McClung has been spotted in open houses in Berkeley as recent as last weekend. (June 16 & 17)

If you spot McClung, do not approach him, call 911 or (510) 981-5911 from your cell phone (in Berkeley) and mention this crime alert. Anyone who may have any information regarding the whereabouts of Paul McClung is urged to call the BPD Property Crimes/Fraud Detail at (510) 981-5737 (office) or (510) 981-5900 (BPD non-emergency dispatch line).

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