

St. Louis Real Estate Agent Assaulted While Showing Home

This post is a reminder to agents to keep on their guard. A young agent was assaulted while showing an empty home. She did write down the license plate of the attacker before showing the home and followed proper procedures. Because she wrote down the information, police were able to track down the identity of the perpetrator. He is thought to be Mathew Wilson, a career criminal and shown in the picture to the right.

So doing the right thing may not make you completely safe, but taking proactive steps before showing homes is a great way to protect yourself and help the authorities arrest the perpetrator. And if those who want to commit crimes on real estate agents know that there are measures in place to protect themselves, deterrence may stop others from committing these crimes.

A man posing as a home buyer waited until he got a 24-year-old real estate agent in an unfinished part of the basement and then pulled out a handgun.

He handcuffed her to a pole and sexually assaulted her, at one point putting a knife to her throat, police said. Afterward, he robbed her and warned her not to scream for help, police said, before leaving her alone in the new home she thought he wanted to buy in the 700 block of South Brook Forest Court in Weldon Spring.

On Monday, police were searching for Mathew E. Wilson, 48, a man they identified as a “person of interest” in the case. Wilson regularly uses an alias, Mathew Dulin, police said, and appears to be a man pictured on video surveillance at a nearby gasoline station, which police found in a canvass of area businesses. Wilson has not been charged.

Wilson is wanted on four felony warrants in St. Francois County in connection with a car theft in January. Police believe Wilson is driving that car — a 1995 blue Ford Contour with Missouri license plate number 1AW95M.

Police described him as a career criminal who has been jailed for violent and nonviolent offenses. He has ties in Southern Illinois, throughout Missouri and in Las Vegas, police said. His last known address was in Bonne Terre.