

QUIET EVENING ON THE PORCH INTERUPTED

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On June 2, 2009, Clubview C.O.P. member George Haggard was enjoying a quiet evening in his front yard in east Arlington. At one point his relaxation was interupted when a subject that he did not recognize began walking through the neighborhood. George simply sat back and observed the individual's behavior. Soon after, the subject began looking into vehicles that were parked on the street. George knew at this point, it was time to call 911. Officers arrived minutes later and made contact with the subject George had observed. Officers later advised George that the subject was taken into custody on an outstanding warrant. This is a simple example of how an alert citizen can improve the quality-of-life and the crime rate in his or her own neighborhood. I am sure George's efforts sent a message to this individual that his neighborhood is not open for prowling.