



- ▶ RESIDENTIAL ROBBERIES/  
HOME INVASIONS INCREASED  
19% FROM 2006 TO 2007



- ▶ 80% OF CRIME PERPETRATED  
AGAINST THE AFFLUENT  
COMMUNITY CAN BE TRACED  
WITHIN



- ▶ A HOME WITHOUT A SECURITY  
SYSTEM IS 3X MORE LIKELY  
TO BE BURGLARIZED

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## MITIGATING THE RISKS OF HOME INVASIONS

With the increasing trend of home invasion robberies targeting affluent individuals, it is imperative that precautions are taken to protect the home and family. This crime problem reverberates throughout the country, due to the high potential for violence, impacting affluent individuals, sports figures, and celebrities. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, there were over 1.4 million home invasions throughout the United States and household robberies increased by approximately 8% over the last reported period.

Personal residences will remain an attraction for criminals selectively targeting affluent individuals. The responsibility to protect yourself and family at home will continue to rely primarily with each individual. This issue is exacerbated by the ever increasing amount of personal information available on the Internet which can give a snap shot of an individual's net worth and lifestyle.

The horrific life-lasting ramifications of a home invasion robbery can be greatly reduced through a variety of security measures. However, the cookie cutter approach to security only works in the most fundamental cases; it is seldom based on protecting individuals by evaluating the full dimension of risk. Installing a comprehensive security system, hiring security guards or surrounding property with high gates and guard dogs may be effective, but not necessarily the best solution.

It is important to seek the expertise of a security specialist that can identify all vulnerabilities and develop a holistic security solution based upon the level of risk which impact the entire family. This individual should be able to devise a solution which protects the family thru proven mitigation strategies, combined with the latest technology.

### RECOMMENDED PRACTICES

- Have RCS conduct a personal/family "Lifestyle Risk Assessment"
- Install a layered and integrated preemptive physical security system
  - Provides an early warning that identifies an intruder is on the premises prior to reaching the residence
- Conduct thorough background investigations on all those in your inner circle
- Protect all communications through a secure server within the residence
- Never open an access door unless you know and can see who is there
  - Use of a voice/video intercom and CCTV will assist with this
- When building and/or renovating a home:
  - Never allow your building plans to be left on display at the site
  - Conduct thorough background investigations on all contractors, companies, and key individuals taking part in the project
  - Conduct security sweeps of location upon completion of project



### IN THE NEWS

La Jolla, CA—When Mr. Rady, the 70-year-old Wachovia Co. director and principal shareholder, his wife Evelyn, 66, and their housekeeper were assaulted by a Taser-wielding intruder in their La Jolla, Calif., home in February, "it was a life-changing event for the family," says their attorney, Robert L. Grimes. Mr. Rady was stunned with the Taser, bound with duct tape, and cut with a sharp object as the intruder tried to force the couple to produce cash and valuables. The robber, who is still at large, escaped with less than \$100, police and Mr. Grimes say.