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A NOTE FROM MARC

Welcome to the first issue of The Advance. In protective work, the advance is everything done before the person we protect arrives: walking the route, asking the right questions, and solving problems while they are still small. This newsletter brings the same habit to the month's news, picking out the few stories that matter for protecting your family, your home, and your organization.

This month's theme is the home, and how its protection now starts well before the front gate. I welcome your questions and am always glad to talk.

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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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Your home's security starts online

Police say a burglar used friends' vacation posts to find empty homes.

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A Secret Service guide for the workplace

Over half had a domestic violence history; only a third of those were ever charged.

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A scam that ends at the front door

A convincing call, a fake lawyer, and couriers sent to collect cash.

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A cloned voice and a €95 million loss

A faked phone call helped trick a private bank into a huge transfer.

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Holiday travel through the Gulf

U.S. embassy staff ordered out of Saudi Arabia; plan connections with care.

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OUR PERSPECTIVE

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What your family shares online is part of your home's security.
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Keep alarms and cameras working when the power or internet goes out.
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If someone urgently asks for money, call back on a number you already have.

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BY THE NUMBERS

- 53%

of workplace attackers had a domestic violence history
- 9 of 32

incidents involving well-known people in September were at home
- 34%

of S&P 500 CEOs receive personal security, nearly double 2024

FEATURE PERSPECTIVE

Your Home's Security Starts Online

What recent break-ins show about how homes are chosen, and the simple steps that help.

For years, protecting a home has meant gates, strong windows, cameras, and a good alarm company. Those still matter. But recent cases show that burglars increasingly choose a home, and the moment to strike, from a distance, using what the family or their friends have already shared online.

The clearest example comes from Arizona. On October 7, Scottsdale police described a string of burglaries in which, they say, a 41-year-old man followed wealthy acquaintances on Instagram, used their vacation posts to confirm their homes were empty, and switched off the power at the main breaker to shut down cameras before breaking in through rear glass doors. Investigators believe there may be a dozen or more victims around Phoenix. The case has not gone to court, but the method is worth understanding.

The victims were chosen from within their own social circle, and the timing came from the families' own posts.

Wider reporting points the same way. TorchStone Global, a security research firm, counted 32 incidents involving well-known people worldwide in September, and the home was the most common location, with nine. Two of those cases also show what works. In Malibu, private security stopped a trespasser before he reached the house, and in the Hollywood Hills, an alarm scared off three masked men at the front door before they got inside.

The lesson is that what a family shares online belongs in the same conversation as locks and alarms, not in a separate discussion about privacy. When we review a home, we look not only at what is installed, but at what a stranger could learn about the family from public sources.

Source: [FOX 10 Phoenix, October 7, 2026](#)

Source: [TorchStone Global, September 2026 Executive Protection Report, October 6, 2026](#)

THREE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Post trip photos after you are home.

Good habits can be undone by a spouse, child, or staff member posting during the trip. A family rule that is explained, not imposed, works best.

Keep the alarm running without house power or Wi-Fi.

If cameras and alarms rely on the home's power and internet, a flipped breaker or unplugged router can shut them down. A backup battery and a cellular connection solve this.

Make sure someone responds.

In Malibu and the Hollywood Hills, what mattered was a quick reaction in the moment. A responsive alarm company, and on-site security where it makes sense, turn a warning into a stop.

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