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Associated Locksmiths of America speaks out on “Bump Keys”

Dallas, TX – **The Associated Locksmiths of America (ALOA)** says that consumers have been unduly alarmed by attention-seeking individuals who have used the media to create a panic over recent reports of the use of “Bump Keys” to commit burglaries. However, because of the widespread distribution of this information through various media, it now has the potential to become a real security threat to consumers.

The technique of using “Bump Keys” is one of many methods used by locksmiths over the past 75 years to open locks for which there is either a cylinder malfunction or a lost key. There are, in fact, many ways to prevent this method of opening so it is not a first-line technique that is used by professional locksmiths.

Initially the individuals who promoted this information to the press may have been making what ALOA perceives as a mis-guided attempt at “consumer awareness”. They gave the impression that opening locks by “Key Bumping” was a wide-spread problem. It certainly has **not** been a method used by most burglars for many reasons. However, now that this method of opening some locks has become a popular theme, the most probable effect will be to stimulate the interest of would-be burglars to attempt to “Bump Open” locks!

For consumers who are concerned whether their locks or premises are susceptible to this or any other form of burglary attack, ALOA recommends that they consult an ALOA Certified Locksmith and ask for recommendations for improving security. For information regarding the closest ALOA Certified Locksmith go to www.aloea.org or call ALOA at 800-532-2562.

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