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Press Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*Home but not Alone Academy to give children and parents tips about how to stay safe while kids are home alone during the summer months*

**Pinecrest, Fla.** – The Pinecrest Police Department will be hosting the Home *but not* Alone Academy - an informational workshop that will give parents and children tips on how to stay safe while home alone during the summer months. The workshop will be held Thursday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Pinecrest Community Center, 5855 Killian Drive.

The Home *but not* Alone Academy was created in response to a recent burglary attempt where a 12-year-old was in her home alone.

Crime Prevention Unit Supervisor Sergeant Michael Gorsline will be providing information on how to create a home safety plan, how to prepare your child to stay home alone and will provide take-home safety tips that parents can easily post in home common areas.

A few common tips for children who stay home alone are: 1) Call 9-1-1 before calling parents in an emergency situation, 2) It is better to hide than flee in an emergency situation and 3) keep a television or radio on at all times to deter burglars.

Media is welcome to attend.

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