

# **BREAKING: Alton Police searching for armed intruder who wore surgical mask**

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**ALTON** - Police are searching for an armed intruder near the 300 block of **Lindenwood Blvd.** in Alton.

**Alton Police Chief Jake Simmons**, who was assisting in the search, said a young woman's home was entered by an intruder wearing a surgical mask who was armed around 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. The woman escaped to **Eunice Smith Elementary School** where she called for help.

Upon arriving on the scene, Simmons said the man had escaped. A canine unit was used to search for the man, and his surgical mask was found in a shed on the adjacent street in the 400 block of **Brentwood Boulevard**.

The suspect was described by police as a 5' 9" black male with short hair and possibly a beard. Simmons said he was wearing a white surgical mask and a lime green vest like one utility workers may wear. The suspect was brandishing a black handgun. Simmons is asking the public to contact the Alton Police Department if anyone sees a man matching this description.

