

APART from being serious, Port Moresby's break and enter scene is now becoming confused.

We can all recognise uniformed policemen and uniformed security guards — but now we have policemen wandering about the place pretending to be rascals.

This has its hazards.

One citizen recently noticed three "rascal men" sizing up her house, so she immediately rang the police.

While waiting for the boys in blue to arrive she gave the trio a somewhat colorful tongue lashing.

Surprise, surprise — they were policemen in disguise.

And when the wagon turned up she was arrested and charged with having used abusive language.

Obviously the next stage in the confusion stakes will be when honest-to-God rascals start dressing up like policemen . . .

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NEW Zealanders have been seeing things for the past couple of weeks; things like Unidentified Flying Objects.

The reports were so persistent that the Royal New Zealand Air Force mounted a K1000-an-hour UFO hunt one night.

It produced one small result.

An Orion patrol plane searching the night sky off the east coast of the South Island picked up a signal from an emergency beacon which seemed to come from near Wellington in the North Island.

A Post Office detector van and a helicopter were called in next day. They found the signal coming from a hut at the back of a beacon distributor's premises.

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The children who built the hut won't be appearing in court. They are too young.



KIWIS are not the only ones who are UFO-conscious at the moment.

A bookmaker in England, who offered odds of 50 to 1 against an alien landing on earth this year, has slashed his odds to 20 to 1 after a rush of bets from starry-eyed punters.

"Everyone seems to have gone Martian crazy," he said.

"Personally, I don't believe a word of all this UFO business, but I can't risk too big a hiding if it ever does happen."



THE cricket fever that grips Australia during the Ashes series pales to insignificance when compared with places such as India.

An alert Bombay policeman, became suspicious when he asked a man carrying a transistor radio for the score in the India v West Indies Calcutta Test. The match was on, but the radio was turned off.

The man was arrested and fined for stealing the radio.



WITH the spate of break and enters this weekend's warning is: If you have to go out driving, not only belt up, but bolt up too.

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