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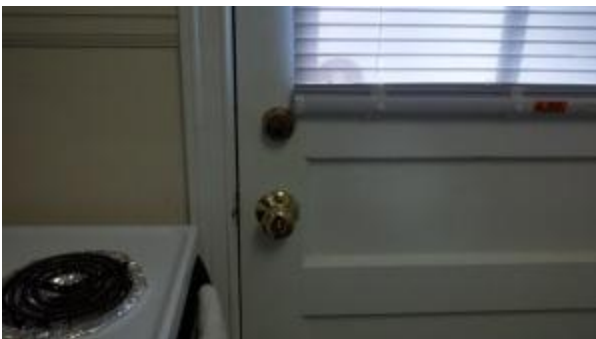
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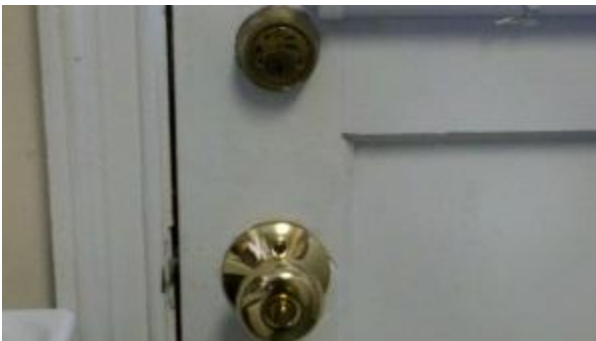
The Double Keyed Deadbolt - Robby Owens



In the left photo you see a standard residential door. Many firefighters would think that the simple answer to this problem would be to break one of the window panes reach in and unlock the door.



However as you can see in these two pictures that this deadbolt is double keyed, in order to successfully unlock this lock the key must be present. By breaking the window we have now lost the integrity of our door, allowed an uncontrolled ventilation opening into the structure, and have not accomplished the task of opening the door-delaying search, and suppression operations.



The bottom line is there is little to no way to tell what type of deadbolt we are facing from the outside. The best course of action is to force this door conventionally to ensure it is done right the first time. The hydra-ram is also an option but use caution when utilizing this tool on a wooden door with a wooden jamb, as sometimes all it does is destroy the jamb and door without defeating the lock, in which case you would have to deploy the

irons to finish the door off. Its good practice to take the irons every time in case of hydra-ram ineffectiveness.

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