



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Newark Police Investigate Distraction Burglary

The Newark Police Department is investigating a distraction burglary and warning residents to take steps to prevent themselves from being victimized. On September 18th at approximately 10:45am an 82 male homeowner from the 100 block of Panorama Drive in Newark received a knock at his door from a subject claiming to be a landscaper/contractor who was doing work for his neighbor at the rear of his property. This subject then asked the homeowner to accompany him to the backyard so he could explain the work he needs to complete in the homeowner's back yard. While the homeowner was in the backyard with the subject, two additional subjects entered into the home through the front door where they were confronted by the female homeowner. These subjects advised her that her husband had sent them into the home to ask her to come to the back yard. One of these subjects then accompanied her to the back yard while the third subject remained on the front porch. This third subject then entered the home while the homeowners were in the back yard and while inside, removed an undisclosed amount of currency from the home. The three subjects eventually left after discussing their proposed work with the homeowners. The victims then discover that the subjects have stolen money from the home.

Suspect 1 is described as an olive skinned male, 50-55 years old, who spoke with an unknown accent. He was observed carrying a walkie talkie. Suspect 2 is described as an olive skinned male, 30-35 years old, who spoke with an unknown accent. He also carried a walkie talkie. Suspect 3 is described as an olive skinned male, 20-25 years of age with a thin build. The three suspects were operating a black Chevrolet Tahoe with tinted windows.

The Newark Police Department are advising all residents that anyone soliciting for sales or contract work in the City of Newark must have a permit from the City and must present this permit upon request. If they do not possess a permit, residents should refuse any services and contact the Newark Police Department immediately.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 or fred.nelson@cj.state.de.us You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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