



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 December 26th, 2012 at approximately 2:30pm an 89 year old male homeowner from the 700 block of Elkton Road in Newark was contacted by a male suspect claiming to be a water department employee. This suspect then advised the homeowner that he needed to test the water in the home due to the recent construction on Elkton Road. The homeowner then allowed the suspect into the home and accompanied him to the basement to “test” the water. During the incident the suspect used a two way radio to communicate with another unknown subject.

The suspect eventually left after discussing the water testing. The day following the incident the homeowner discovered that two antique handguns had been stolen from the home.

The suspect is described as a male in his early thirties with a full beard, wearing an unknown color plaid shirt, blue jeans and an unknown color baseball cap.

The Newark Police Department are advising all residents that all city employees are required to carry City of Newark identification cards and must present them upon request. If the worker does not possess an ID card they should refuse access and contact the Newark Police Department immediately.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. Mike Watson at 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or michael.watson@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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