



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
220 Elkton Road
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Crime Alert

Water Department Scam

The Newark Police are warning City of Newark residents of two recent scam incidents where subjects claimed to be water department employees. The first incident occurred on September 14th at approximately 2:30pm in the 300 block of Phillips Avenue. During this incident the elderly resident answered a knock at her door and was contacted by a white male, approximately 23-27 years of age, wearing an orange construction vest. The male entered the residence, claimed he was there to test the water, and requested further entry into the residence. The resident requested identification and when he declined to produce ID, she refused and pushed the male out of the home, locking the door. The male left in what was described as a white pickup truck.

The second incident occurred on September 15th, at approximately 4:15pm in the 400 Block of Orchard Road. During this incident an elderly resident answered a knock at her door and contacted a white male wearing an orange construction vest. The male claimed to be a City of Newark Water Department employee and that he needed to test her water. The resident requested ID and refused the male entry into the home when he would not produce any. The male left in what was described as a white box style truck.

Both residents properly requested identification from the men and refused them access into their homes, likely preventing a theft. 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 or if they are suspicious in any way, they should refuse access and contact the Newark Police Department immediately.

As always, residents are encouraged to report all suspicious vehicles and persons to the police right away by dialing 911.