

Two Unknown Suspects Sought for Series Related Scam Targeting the Elderly

Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and Investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Elder Abuse unit are asking for assistance from the public to identify two unknown suspects wanted for a series related scam targeting the elderly.

Investigators said two recent scam cases may be linked. Both cases occurred immediately after the heavy rains on February 21, 2011. A male and female suspect posed as roofing inspectors. The suspects convinced the elderly victims to allow them inside their residence to inspect their roof. Once inside the residence, the victim is distracted by one of the suspects while the other suspect looks for valuables. At this time, it appears the suspects are only targeting money. The victims have not been injured in any of the cases.

Case #1: 2/21/2011 at 12:30 p.m., 5100 block of 69th Street in San Diego (single family residence.)

Case#2: 2/21/2011 at 3:30 p.m., 5600 block of Adobe Falls Road in San Diego (condominium.)

Suspect Descriptions:

Suspect #1: Hispanic or Middle Eastern male, 35-40 years-old, 5'8"-6' tall, 200 lbs., muscular build, medium-dark skin, black collar-length thick straight hair. He was wearing a dark shirt and casual brown slacks. He was a fast talker with no accent.

Suspect #2: Hispanic or Middle Eastern female, 35-40 years-old, 5'4"-5'5" tall, 180 lbs., heavy build, brown shoulder-length curly hair and wearing brown slacks. She was a fast talker with no accent.

Anyone with information on the identity and or location of the persons responsible for this crime should call SDPD Elder Abuse unit at (619) 446-1070 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent in via <u>www.sdcrimestoppers.com</u>.

- Media inquiries about the case can be directed to Lt. Andra Brown at (619) 531-2675.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to either Officer James Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc, in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-8477.

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