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BURGLARY SUSPECTS IMPERSONATING UTILITY WORKERS

(San Diego) Detectives from the San Diego Police Department are investigating two residential burglaries that occurred in the communities of Clairemont and Mira Mesa earlier this month.

On Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at about 1:00 p.m., a male knocked on an elderly couple's door. The male said he was with the "Water Company" and he was there to investigate a water leak. The couple walked the male to their back yard and watched as he tested their faucets. After several minutes, the male thanked the couple and left. The couple later discovered their house had been burglarized, with the loss being primarily jewelry. It is believed an unseen accomplice burglarized the residence while the couple was with the male.

On May 10, 2012 at about 10:30 a.m., a male contacted an elderly Mira Mesa couple with a similar ruse. The couple turned on the faucet in the backyard while the suspect turned on the faucet at the kitchen sink. After a few minutes, the suspect left. The victims did not immediately discover the loss of jewelry, cash and identification documents.

The suspect is described as a well-groomed white or Hispanic male, 25 to 35 years of age, 5'5" to 5'8", with an average build, short dark hair, wearing a button-down white shirt and dark pants.

This case appears related to several other cases from February 2012 where a male with a very similar description posed as a utility worker and had the elderly residents accompany him to a remote part of the house, or property, while another person burglarized the residence.

Citizens are cautioned to be wary of such scams. Residents are advised if any unsolicited utility workers request access to their residence, or property, to call that utility company and confirm the work prior to allowing access. Residents can also report any suspicious activity to the San Diego Police Department at (619) 531-2000.

Anyone with information concerning these cases is asked to contact the San Diego Police Department's Elder Abuse Unit at (619) 446-1070 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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