



MEDIA ADVISORY

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MEDIA ADVISORY **"Fraud Alert"**

The San Jose Police Department Burglary Unit is investigating several reports of suspects, impersonating Water District employees, who contact senior citizens at their homes. The suspects say they are with the water district doing work in the area due to problems with the water lines.

The suspect says he needs to test the water. Typically, the suspect will ask the victim to perform some task in one part of the house or yard while the suspect goes to other parts of the house and burglarizes the home. The suspect flees the residence after taking money, jewelry, passports, guns, or other small items.

Citizens should not allow any unscheduled visitor, repairman or "company employee" of any type into their homes. We recommend citizens call "**9-1-1**" immediately for any suspicious person, vehicle or activity in your neighborhood.

SUSPECT(S) DESCRIPTION: Several suspects appear to be committing the burglaries. They are usually men, 30-35 years old, 5'-10" to 6' tall, short brown hair. On occasion, the suspects wear orange work vests.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call the San Jose Police Department Burglary Unit at (408) 277-4401. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

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