

Deception Burglary



On Wednesday, November 14, 2012, the San Marino Police Department responded to a report of suspicious persons identifying themselves as Edison Co. workers. The alleged workers knocked at the door of a resident in the 2100 block of Roanoke Road and attempted to get the resident to follow them into her rear yard. The resident refused and the suspects left the location in a white truck. The resident contacted Edison Co. who confirmed that they did not have any workers assigned to the area. The resident called the police who searched the area, however were unable to locate the suspects or their vehicle.

On Wednesday, November 14, 2012, a Deception Burglary occurred at a single family residence in the 2300 block of Lorain Road. One male knocked at the front door of the residence at about 4:00 p.m. and another male sat in a white truck parked in front of the residence. The worker stated he was from the Edison Co. and had to check power lines in the rear yard. He asked the homeowner to follow him to the rear yard. The homeowner accompanied one of the workers to the rear yard and the other male suspect stayed at the front of the residence. After talking with the homeowner for approximately 10 minutes, the suspects left the location. When the resident went into her house she discovered her safe was missing along with additional valuables. She notified the police.

Suspect and vehicle description are as follows:

Suspects: Two male Hispanics, wearing long sleeve blue work shirts, and blue baseball caps, possibly with the logo of a tree service patch on the front of the cap.

Vehicle: Late model pick-up truck, white in color. Described as a work style truck.

These cases are under investigation.

Press inquiries can be addressed to Lieutenant Les Rune at (626) 300-0720.



Deception Burglary Tips

A deception burglary is a burglary committed by person(s) that gain entry to the home by posing as an employee of a particular company. This includes, but is not limited to, utility companies, delivery companies and construction companies such as UPS, FEDEX, EDISON and CITY EMPLOYEES.

To avoid being a victim of a deception burglary the San Marino Police Department is offering the following safety tips:

The San Marino Police Department suggests that you do the following:

- Stay inside your home
- Don't open the door
- There is no need to invite anyone into your home
- If possible, verify his/her I.D. through the peephole

To verify an Edison employee's I.D. you can call (800) 655-4555.

To verify a City of San Marino Employee you can call (626) 300-0700.

If you cannot verify the I.D. or if you feel unsafe or suspect criminal activity:

- Call 911 immediately

REMEMBER, never give out any financial information, especially your:

- Social Security Number
- Credit Card Information
- Bank Account Information