

Residents Employed Day Laborers

It has recently come to the attention of the San Marino Police Department that some residents have employed day laborers to perform various tasks ranging from basic yard maintenance to undertaking complex construction projects.

Unfortunately, more often than not what appears to be a good bargain turns into a frustrating and expensive experience.

In several instances, these unlicensed workers picked up at nearby home improvement stores have returned at later date to claim significant injury, demanded an increased payment other than what was originally agreed upon, and on one occasion, solicited homes in the immediate area in hopes of finding more work. These workers sometimes find themselves as prime suspects in residential burglaries committed in or around the area of the property where they were temporarily employed.

The department urges everyone to use caution, and sensible business practices whenever conducting any type of work at a private residence. The initial bargain is often overshadowed by frustration, intimidation and liability issues when the choice is made to employ unlicensed, uninsured and undocumented laborers.

Always seek out references, demand to see a City Business License and a Contractor's License before starting any work. The increased cost up front will often be rewarded with a quality, trouble-free experience.

Stay Safe!

The San Marino Police Department

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