

# WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



## ***CRIME ALERT***

Western Springs, IL-Date: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

---

The Western Springs Police Department is currently investigating a ruse burglary that occurred on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at approximately 3:30 PM in the 1300 block of Oak St.

During this incident, a darker-skinned 30 year old white male wearing a black jacket, black jeans, black wool gloves, and a reflective vest made contact with the resident at the front door. The subject told the elderly resident that he was a plumber and was there to check the water, as several people in the area had become ill with covid-19 from the water supply. He then requested the resident check the water in the basement while another subject entered the residence and took several thousand dollars' worth of jewelry. The entire incident lasted less than 5 minutes.

Two vehicles that may be associated with this incident were seen leaving the area, one a dark-colored SUV, another a white work van. No plates or identifying features were visible on the vehicles.

### **Don't be an easy target:**

- Do not allow subjects in your home who you have not called to complete work.
- Contact utility companies to verify anyone at your residence is associated with the company.
- No one is conducting door-to-door covid testing, and there is no issue with the water supply relating to the virus, so disregard these suggestions.
- Never leave your doors unattended while speaking with someone.
- If someone makes you uncomfortable, exhibits high-pressure sales tactics, or otherwise behaves strangely, attempt to get license plate numbers or other identifying information and report this information to the police.

If anyone has any information pertaining to this incident, please contact the Western Springs Police Department at 708-246-8540.

For further information and updates, please follow the Western Springs Police Department Facebook and Twitter pages:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Western-Springs-Police-Department-197146446978283/>

Twitter: @springspolice