



Police Department

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TO: Press Sources

DATE OF INCIDENT: July, 2012

LOCATION: Town of Hyde Park

INCIDENT: Hyde Park Police advise the public to be aware of recent suspicious events

The Town of Hyde Park Police Department would like to make the public aware of suspicious activity occurring in the area specifically targeting elderly residents. It has been reported that a male has been going door to door telling residents he works for a local garbage company. He has been let into the homes of the residents and began asking questions that are completely irrelevant to his supposed job. On most occasions, residents did not give the information he was asking for and left the property. When he was asked to provide some documentation from the company he refused to provide any. The next night he returned to ask if they had considered the offer and he was advised to leave the residence, the home owner called the company before calling the Police. The company advised that they did not have anyone out soliciting accounts.

The other incident involved two males stating they were from Central Hudson and one male asked to use the restroom. When he exited the restroom he went into the basement and attempted to lure the elderly female into the basement. When she refused he came upstairs and then the second male came to the front door to get him. He then stated he was going to come back the next day to purchase some things she had in the basement. The female was confused and after they left she noticed he went through her purse and items were moved inside the house. Again Central Hudson stated they never had anyone in the neighborhood and that their policy is not to ask a customer to use their bathroom.

Hyde Park Police are asking any residents that have similar incidents to contact the police immediately before allowing anybody not known to them inside their residence. All service companies will provide their employees with identification badges to identify them.

If anyone has information regarding these or other similar incidents please contact the Hyde Park police at 845-229-9340 or if you would like to send an anonymous email to our tips line at hydeparkpolicetips@hydeparkny.us.

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