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NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE

NCCPD Releases Composite Sketch of Suspect
"Distraction Burglary"

New Castle County Detectives are continuing their efforts to identify the suspects involved in the "distraction type burglary" of a 93-year-old woman on Wednesday (4/30) in the 900 block of Aldon Road (Claymont Heights).

Suspect #1 - white male, average build, 5'10" tall, black hair and last seen wearing a dark colored baseball hat, dark pants and jacket.

Suspect #2 - last seen wearing a dark jacket.

Police are asking that if you were a witness to this crime, have video surveillance or can provide any other details pertaining to this investigation, to please contact the New Castle County Police Department at 302-395-8110. Citizens can also visit our website at www.nccpd.com. The public may also provide a text tip at: 847411 (TIP411), begin your message with NCCPD and then type your message. Tipsters may also call Crime Stoppers at (800) TIP-3333 or visit us on Facebook at New Castle County Police Department. Citizens who currently have the smartphone application are encouraged to use the "submit tip" tab to submit tips. Select a topic by using the "drop down" and complete the tip by "clicking" submit. The New Castle County Police Smartphone Application is free to download and available for all iPhone and Android smartphones.



Original Release

NCCPD Warns Residents of "Distraction Burglaries"

The New Castle County Police are once again warning residents to be aware of groups committing "Distraction Burglaries."

(Claymont, DE-19703) On Wednesday (4/30), New Castle County Police responded to the 900 block of Aldon Road (Claymont Heights) for a burglary report. Officers arrived on scene and contacted the 93-year-old female victim. Officers learned the victim opened the door after hearing a knock. She then observed a subject and he stated he was with a utility company. The suspect stated gas was leaking into her water supply and entered the residence. Once inside, the suspect then began to turn on the water faucets throughout the house.

It was reported that the suspect then proceeded to the basement where he continued to check the water. The victim remembered she left the front door open and returned to the first floor to close the door. Upon reaching the first floor, she observed another suspect in the living room. Both suspects fled the residence on foot prior to police arrival. There were no reported injuries or items taken during this incident.

The New Castle County Police have noticed the suspects work in groups and will impersonate utility workers or other service employees to gain access into homes. We encourage residents to request proper identification before allowing strangers into their homes. We want to remind citizens to call 9-1-1 immediately to report any suspicious vehicles and persons.

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