



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oshkosh Police Department

Date: June 4, 2012
Time: 2:30 P.M.
Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols
(920) 236-5742

Subject: Subjects Posing as City of Oshkosh Employees/Contractors/Home Burglaries

MEDIA RELEASE

-- FRAUD ALERT --

There have been several incidents in the last year where subjects have posed as City of Oshkosh employees in an attempt to defraud senior citizens. These incidents have involved men claiming to work for the City of Oshkosh Public Works or Parks departments, or as contractors hired by the City.

In all cases, the imposters have gone to homes targeting senior citizens and asked for money to correct problems at their property or for permission to enter their home to inspect for problems. There have often been two men with one distracting the home owner outside while the other enters the home to steal cash or valuables.

The Oshkosh Police Department reminds citizens that City of Oshkosh employees will never ask for money in advance of performing a service. Citizens are also reminded to ask people who show up at their home claiming to work for the City to show proper identification, especially before allowing them inside the home. All City of Oshkosh employees are issued an authorized photo identification card to be shown upon request.

Community members are encouraged to discuss this fraud alert with the senior citizens they know. Please call the Oshkosh Police Department at (920) 236-5700 to report suspicious activity, or if there are doubts about the authenticity of an identification card.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott D. Greuel".

Scott D. Greuel
Chief of Police
City of Oshkosh