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Date: September 26, 2014
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols
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Subject: City Employee Tree Cutting Scam

The Oshkosh Police Department is alerting citizens about a tree cutting scam occurring in Oshkosh.

A citizen of Oshkosh reported that on September 17th in the 600 block of W. 11th Ave., a male subject knocked on their door and stated that he was with the City of Oshkosh and was there to cut down a tree. The citizen followed the male to the back yard for about 10 minutes. When the male was done showing the citizen the tree, they walked to the front yard. Although the male was asked by the citizen for an ID, he did not show one to the citizen. The male got into a truck on the passenger side and the vehicle left. The pick-up truck that had no city logo on it and the citizen did not see the driver.

The male was described as being 5'6" and well dressed. As far as the citizen knows, nothing was missing from their house.

If you have information in regards to the subject or this incident; or if you have had someone come to your door and report they were with the city, please call (920) 236-5700. If it is an emergency, call 911.

If someone does come to your door and states they are with the City of Oshkosh, ask for a City of Oshkosh ID. If they refuse or will not show you an ID, do not go outside with the subject and call the Oshkosh Police Department.

In past years, similar incidents have occurred and money and property has been taken while the homeowner is outside with the alleged city worker. Please pass this information onto neighbors and especially older adults you may know. Thank you.

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