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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Date: October 1, 2014  
Time: 8:00 A.M.  
Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols  
Public Information Officer

Subject: Power Company Employee Scam/Burglary

The Oshkosh Police Department is alerting citizens about a power company employee scam/burglary that occurred on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at about 4pm in the 800 block of N. Lark Street.

A homeowner was contacted by a male, unknown race, but had a light to medium complexion, who was further described as 5'8", medium build and wearing a jacket and baseball cap. The male was driving a white pick-up truck with some unknown equipment in the bed of the truck.

The male told the homeowner that there were power problems at a neighbor's house and that he needed to get into the basement to check on the homeowners power. As the homeowner was downstairs, the male went upstairs and took money and jewelry from the home.

As reported earlier, a citizen of Oshkosh reported that on September 17<sup>th</sup> in the 600 block of W. 11<sup>th</sup> 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 male subjects in either incident, please call the Oshkosh Police Department at (920) 236-5700. If you have someone come to your door and report they are with the city, Power Company, or any other company wishing to enter your home or have you exit your home, ask them to show ID. They will usually be in a city or company vehicle. If you become suspicious, do not go outside with them and do not let them inside the

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house and call (920) 236-5700 to report the incident. If it is an emergency, call 911.

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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