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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## OSHKOSH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date: November 13, 2014

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols

**Public Information Officer** 

Subject: Power Company Employee Scam/Burglary

The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating a power company employee scam that occurred on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at about 9:45AM in the 1300 block of Reed Ave.

The homeowner stated that a male being about 5'4" tall and wearing a red or orange hooded sweatshirt under a dark jacket came to the door and said that he needed to do some work on the power due to a tree falling a few doors down. The homeowner observed a white or light colored truck in the driveway with a driver inside.

The homeowner and male checked the electric panel in the basement. After a period of time, the homeowner and male went back upstairs and the male left. The vehicle left west on Reed Avenue with the male suspect and driver.

After checking their belongings, the homeowner noted jewelry was missing from the home.

If you have information in regards to this incident; or if you have had someone come to your door and report they were with the city or another company, 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 power company or any other company, they should have identification showing they are with that company. If they refuse to show you an ID, do not let the subject inside your home and do not go outside with the subject. Call 911.

Please pass this information onto neighbors and especially older adults you may know. Thank you.