



Community Alert Notification



LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
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DISTRACTION BURGLARY SENIOR CITIZEN VICTIMS

Citizens, beware of male and female predators preying on senior citizens. The predators target elderly victims and trick them to allow entry into their residence. Once inside the victim's residence, one predator distracts the victim while the second and third suspects go through the various rooms where valuables can be found.

The following are a few scenarios that have been used by the burglars:

Utility Company Workers

- Tells resident there is a problem in the neighborhood with either electrical or broken water main
- Asks victim to go outside while additional suspects enter victim's residence and take property.

Home Repairs

- Advises resident they were sent to make repairs on residence for leaking faucets and broken water pipes
- Tells victim they will be doing repairs or spraying their neighbor's yard then asks victim to go outside to see work location

Past Acquaintances

- Tells resident they lived in the neighborhood years ago tricking the victim in believing they were their former neighbor or friend of the family
- During the conversation, the second suspect requests permission to use victim's restroom or to get a glass of water

Do not fall victim to these predators. Do not allow anyone you do not know into your home. If necessary, call 911. Better be safe than sorry.

This public safety information is provided by LAPD Northeast Larceny Detectives.
If you have any information related to this crime, call Northeast Area Det. Hovhanessian, #25137 at (213) 847-4266.

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