



Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department

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News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Release Date: Thursday, October 17, 2013
Subject: Burglary, Residence
Blotter Number: 2013-320384

Details: The Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department is investigating a burglary that took place on October 16, 2013 between the hours of 5:30-6:00pm. This burglary 'scam' was located on Delavergne Avenue which is located in the southern part of the township.

A subject approached the homeowner with an offer to seal the driveway at a reduced rate. In this particular case the homeowner declined but the subject continued to discuss cutting down trees. He asked to look around the back of the house at some trees thereby distracting the homeowner who walked along with him.

While the homeowner and the subject were looking at trees in the backyard and discussing what could be done, a second subject entered the house and stole valuables. Both subjects then left in their vehicle.

The description of the first subject is possibly a white or Hispanic male, approximately 5 feet five inches tall, heavy set with dark hair.

The second subject is described as having a beard and a protruding stomach.

The vehicle is described as being a newer model white colored pick-up truck.

Anyone with information regarding this crime or similar incidents is asked to call the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department at 845-485-3666.

In addition, residents are urged to use caution when being solicited for services offering driveway sealing, tree cutting or other home repairs. Some tips to consider:

- 1) Do not do business with door to door solicitors, seek out the service yourself.
- 2) Contractors should be able to prove that they have a license and insurance.
- 3) Don't do business on the spot, get references. Do not be pressured by a 'limited time offer.'
- 4) Never pay in cash. Make payment by check (payable to a business name) or by



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credit card.

5) Make sure you obtain a legitimate receipt.

6) Anyone soliciting business or selling products door-to-door in the Town of Poughkeepsie must obtain a Peddler's Permit from the Town Clerk and provide it when soliciting.

7) If you feel intimidated or uncomfortable, lock your door and call the police. Obtain as much information as you can regarding the solicitor such as personal description, clothing, vehicle description, license plate and direction of travel.

For further information call:

Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department: 845-486-7855

Detective Division: 845-485-3670

Chief of Police: 845-485-3660

Patrol Captain: 845-485-3694