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PRESS RELEASE

# Newark Police Department

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## SUBJECT OF PRESS RELEASE

### Suspicious Person Portraying Utility Worker

The Newark Police Department is investigating a suspicious person complaint in which an unknown person entered a residence by portraying to be a utility worker.

On November 12, 2015 at approximately 1:30 PM the suspect knocked on the door of a house in the 100 block of East Park Place. The suspect told the resident that he needed to check the gas pipes in the basement. The resident let him in then after going to the basement for a short period of time left without incident. It has been confirmed that none of the utility companies or the City of Newark sent workers to this address. This incident is still under investigation and it is unknown if anything was taken from the house.

This incident is very similar to another incident reported on October 13, 2015. In that case the suspect told the resident that he was with the City of Newark.

The suspect is described as a black male, wearing a blue jump suit, green vest, and a white helmet. The suspect was also carrying a clip board.

Residents are reminded that City of Newark employees rarely ask to enter someone's house and always carry identification. If there is any doubt about the person wanting to enter your house call 911 immediately.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Cpl Robert Sharpe at **302-366-7100 ext. 3427** or [Robert.Sharpe@cj.state.de.us](mailto:Robert.Sharpe@cj.state.de.us)

You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411.

Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com) where a reward may be available.

*The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.*



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