



## 22<sup>nd</sup> District Informational Bulletin

### Ruse Burglary and Home Repair Scam

Citizens residing in the Mt. Greenwood area should be aware of a Ruse Burglary and Home Repair Scam. Offenders ring the victim's doorbell and give various reasons why they need access to your house. In many instances the offender will claim to be a utility company employee and has to check something inside the home. Once inside, the offender distracts the victim away from the door while another offender(s) goes inside the residence to steal property. Help protect yourself and your home by practicing these safety tips.

- Do not open the door unless you have requested service
- Be cautious about letting unfamiliar people into your home
- Contact your utility company to confirm technicians are scheduled to work in your neighborhood
- Ask to see identification from anyone claiming to represent a city agency or utility company
- Write down vehicle information and suspect description information for any suspicious people
- Call 911 to report suspicious activity

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