

# **Gypsy Crime Alert!**

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Area Law Enforcement agencies are reporting a string of residential burglaries that are related to “gypsy” type criminals. In the recent incidents, one suspect will approach and speak with the resident (typically an elderly person) about past roofing repairs. The first suspect has the resident go into the house to get buckets of hot water. Upon coming out of the basement the resident notices two more suspects in the attached garage. The resident orders all of the suspects out of the house and later finds jewelry missing. All of the suspects are described as white males, in the 20’s, around 5’07” tall. One of the suspects is stocky built, the other two are average.

This method of distraction is common among these types of crimes and the criminals often target the elderly. Please pass this information onto parents and grandparents!

If you have any questions, or information, please contact the South Milwaukee Police Department and ask to speak with an Officer. If you have experienced something similar, with or without a loss, we would like to speak with you.

The South Milwaukee Police Department’s non-emergency number is 414-768-8060.