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## **Public Safety Advisory: Burglars Pose as Utility Workers**

*Oakland, CA* — The Oakland Police Department would like to make the public aware of individuals who are posing as utility workers.

On August 20, 2013 at about 2:30 PM, in the 1200 block of Sunnyhills Road, two suspects posing as a utility workers stating they are PG&E workers, contacted the 90 and 80 year old residents telling them that they were there to check the easement at the rear of the property.

While the home owners were in the back yard, the home was burglarized of jewelry and cash.

**Suspect-1** is described as a male Hispanic, 35-40 years-old, 5'6, 180 pounds medium complexion, short dark hair. He was wearing a hard hat, gloves, dark blue long sleeve polo shirt and dark pants. Suspects may be carrying clipboards.

**Suspect-2** is described as a male Hispanic, 45-50 years-old, 5'6, 185 pounds, light complexion, medium length dark brown hair. He was wearing a light blue shirt, light colored pants and a light colored fisherman style hat.

The Oakland Police Department encourages everyone to report suspicious activity by calling the Oakland Police Departments non-emergency line at (510) 777-3333 or Emergency 911.

**(A sketch is not available at this time)**

Investigators are working with the victims and witness and as soon as a sketch becomes available, it will be provided to the media. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Oakland Police Department Burglary and Theft Unit at (510) 238-3951.

### **PG&E offers the following tips to help avoid these scams:**

- Customers should always ask to see valid identification before allowing anyone claiming to be a PG&E representative inside their home. PG&E employees always carry their identification and are always willing to show it to you.

- If a person claiming to be a PG&E employee has identification and you still feel uncomfortable, call PG&E's customer service line at 1-800-PGE-5000 to verify an appointment and/or PG&E's presence in the community.
- Customers who have an appointment with PG&E will receive an automated call back within 48 hours prior to a scheduled visit, or they will receive a personal call from a PG&E gas service representative prior to a scheduled visit.
- Customers with concerns about the legitimacy of a call they receive about a past due bill, a service request or a request for personal information are encouraged to call PG&E at 1-800-PGE-5000.

Nixle Tip Watch allows tipsters to send OPD a tip three ways:

1. *Text* **TIP OAKLANDPD** to **888777** from your cell phone
2. *Call* our toll-free tip hotline at **855-TIPS-247** (855-847-7247)
3. *Respond* to OPD's Nixle messages

For more information, please contact the Media Relations Office at 510-238-7230 or [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com). or Visit [Nixle.com](http://Nixle.com) to receive Oakland Police Department alerts, advisories and community messages, or follow OPD on Twitter, @oaklandpoliceca.

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