

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - SCAM ALERT

[Lancaster, Ohio, August 27, 2014] Sheriff Dave Phalen wants to alert the residents of Fairfield County to be aware of a potential scam in Ohio involving property lines and boundaries.

In the past week, Deputies from Mahoning and Lorain counties have taken reports involving male subjects approaching homeowners to inspect their property lines.

In each situation the individual asks the homeowner to step outside to walk their property. In one case the individual stated he was with a governmental agency, in another he indicated their neighbors were going to install a fence.

The homeowner stated to deputies that the male proceeded to use his cell phone to call his boss and during the conversation the homeowner overheard him say they were in the backyard. After viewing the property lines the homeowner discovered their residence had been entered and money stolen from one of the rooms in the home.

In a second instance the homeowner noticed a second male enter their yard walking toward the residence. The homeowner immediately went back to their residence, at which point both males left the area.

Sheriff Phalen wants to remind the public anyone working for a governmental agency or a utility company will have identification on them indicating they are an employee of that company.

Should anyone have contact with individuals such as these, you are asked to call the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office at (740) 652-7900, or your local police agency.