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DISTRACTION BURGLARS TARGET GLENDORA RESIDENTS

On August 13, 2013, Glendora police officers responded to a residence on Carroll Avenue to investigate a Distraction Burglary. Officers learned that the elderly resident answered the front door to find a male subject, dressed as a contractor, wearing a yellow construction hard hat. The suspect posed as a tree trimmer and lured the victim into the backyard. While the victim was distracted, two other male suspects entered the victim's unlocked front door where they were confronted by the victim's 92-year-old wife in her bedroom. They told her she needed to leave her bedroom to sign paperwork. While both victims were distracted a third suspect pried open their safe and stole valuables. The suspects fled in a white sport utility vehicle. The elderly victims were not harmed.

Avoid Becoming a Victim:

- If you are unsure who is at your front door, do not open it.
- Verify the identity of the person at your door by calling the company they are purporting to be from (i.e. gas, electricity, water, or police).
- Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider. Do not use any telephone numbers provided by the person at your door, as they may provide a fake telephone number or have you call a co-conspirator.
- Do not allow someone to coax you out of your house. Be suspicious of anyone asking you to step out of your home, especially during unscheduled visits.
- Not sure? Do not open the door and call the Glendora Police immediately at (626) 914-8297.

Residents are encouraged to enroll in Nixle.com to receive real-time community information and advisements via cell phone text messages and/or emails from the Glendora Police Department.

Anyone with additional information on this crime is asked to contact Detective Matt Fenner at 626-914-8288.



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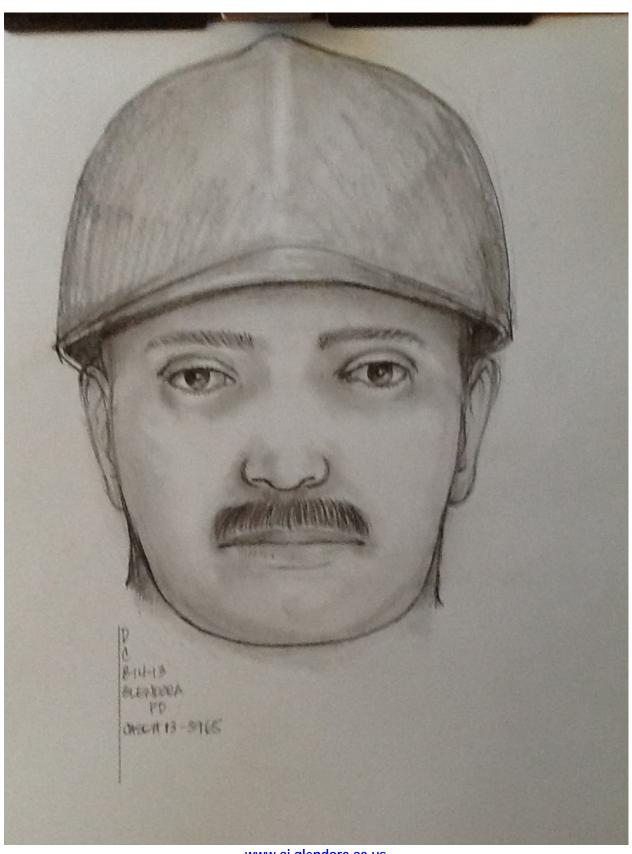
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