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Two Homes Burglarized by Suspect Posing as Plumber

On Thursday, October 21, 2010 at approximately 3:00 pm, a resident in the 400 block of Hillcrest was contacted at his front door by a subject described as a male Hispanic 40-50 years of age, heavy set with weathered and wrinkled skin. The subject, who was wearing a yellow construction hard hat, boots and carrying a clipboard, advised the resident of a broken sewer line in the area. Further, he needed to check the victim's residence for any sewage and water leaks. The victim was led to the backyard and asked to run the water, while the suspect inspected the house. While in the house alone, the suspect quickly ransacked the bedrooms and fled with several items of significant value.

On Friday, October 22, 2010 at approximately 1:30 pm, a resident in the 600 block of Bungalow was victim to the same type of distraction theft. A second suspect was seen and described as male Hispanic 30-35 years of age with a medium build. Both suspects were possibly seen fleeing the area in an older model brown colored small size pick-up truck. The victims of both thefts were over 75 years of age and may have been targeted due to their age.

If you have any information about these thefts, please contact Detective Hugo Perez at 310-524-2216.

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