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News Release

Incident occurred on 05/04/04 at approximately 1515 hours in the Town of Middlefield. Two (2) white males were allowed entry into the residence of an elderly couple under false pretenses. The males advised the elderly couple that there was an oil spill in the neighborhood which may have contaminated the drinking water. One (1) male accompanied the elderly female to the basement where she watched him "bleed" the furnace. The other male instructed the elderly male to monitor the water flow from the kitchen faucet. While the elderly male was distracted, the second male entered the bedroom and removed a 1 ½" X 1 ½ foot cast iron safe.

A similar incident was reported to State Police – Troop K on 04/28/04 in the Town of Hebron. In that incident, three (3) males entered the home of an elderly couple by saying they were there to check out the water because it may have been contaminated with hydraulic oil. While inside the residence the males put on brown cotton gloves, distracted the elderly couple and removed a safe from the bedroom closet.

Citizens should be aware that legitimate workers will have company identification, uniforms and in most instances the company will contact individuals prior to arriving for an inspection. Citizens are encouraged to verify employment prior to allowing entry in their home.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Connecticut State Police at Troop F, Westbrook (860) 399-2100 or Troop K, Colchester (860) 537-7500

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