

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – ROBBERY DURING HOME INVASION

[Lancaster, Ohio, August 10, 2012] Sheriff Dave Phalen advises that on August 9, 2012, deputies from his office were dispatched to a Canal Winchester area home on a report of a home invasion-type robbery. The victim reported to deputies that a black male wearing an orange vest rang her doorbell. When the victim answered the door the man advised he was with the power company and he needed to shut off the electricity to do some work. The victim allowed the man inside her home and directed him to her electric box. The man shut off the electric and then returned to the victim and began to demand money. He then forcefully took the victim's purse and fled the scene.

The victim described the perpetrator as a black male, 5'8" tall, approximately 40 years of age, thin build, with what was believed to be a foreign accent. Anyone with information regarding this individual should contact the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Phalen would like to remind residents that anytime utility employees come to your home they should present identification upon request. It is advisable to then contact the utility company to verify that the visit is indeed legitimate before allowing anyone into your home.