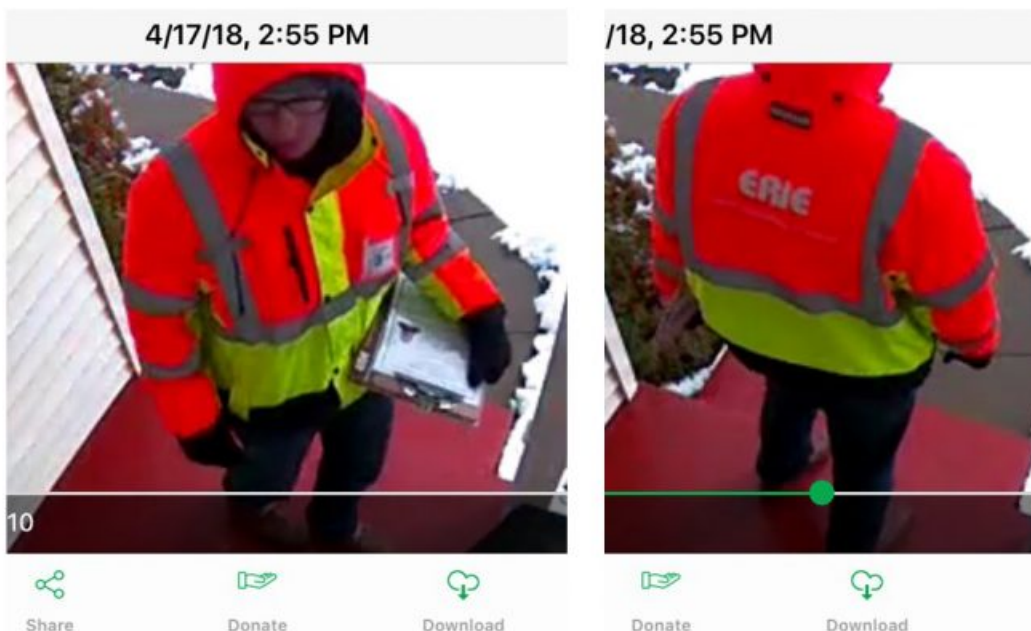


Cheektowaga Police warn of scammers posing as utility workers

By **Jim Herr** - April 18, 2018



Reader submitted photo of a man on Baywood Drive snapped on April 17th.

CHEEKTOWAGA – The Cheektowaga Police Department is warning residents that they have received several reports of scammers, posing as utility workers, gaining entry into homes.

At least two incidents happened early Wednesday afternoon according to a media release.

“In one case a young white male approached an elderly woman on Gary Lane and said that he worked for the electric company and had to go into the home to change a power line. The male was allowed into the house. The elderly female asked him for identification but could not produce any and then left in a white pick-up truck,” the police said.

A Cheektowaga Chronicle reader submitted a photo of a man with a clipboard, wearing a utility uniform with the word “Erie” on his back. The surveillance photos were timestamped April 17th on Baywood Drive a few blocks away from Gary Lane.

Another incident was reported on Wallace Avenue Wednesday. Two white males approached a resident and said that they were from New York State and needed

to check out a voltage box inside the home. They then left in a black pick-up truck.

The police said it doesn't appear that anything was taken in either case.

Authorities remind residents that they should not let anyone into their home unless they know exactly who they are and what they are doing there.

