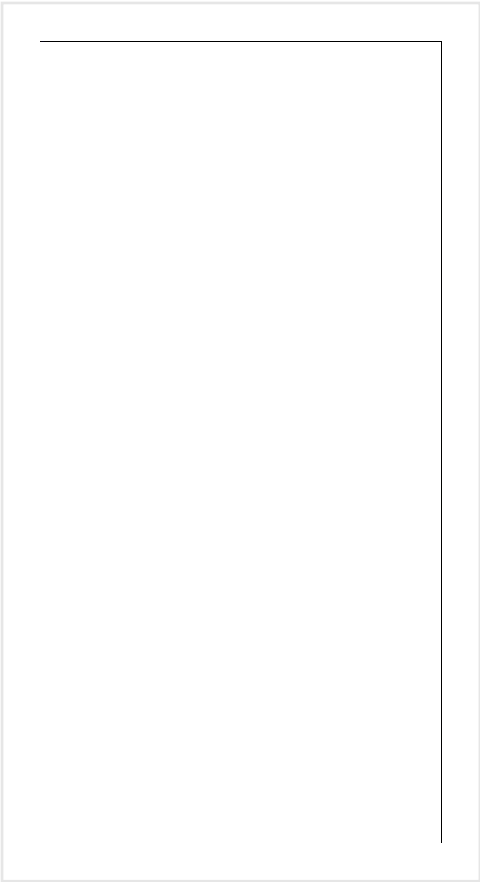


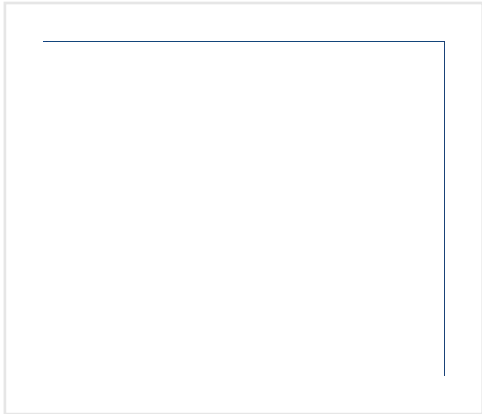
Police warn of utility worker scams



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CHEEKTOWAGA, NY-- Cheektowaga Police are warning residents about fake utility workers trying to scam homeowners.

Officials say they've received several reports of men going to homes posing as utility workers. On Wednesday, police say a white male approached an elderly woman on Gary Lane and said he worked for the electric company. He claimed he had to go into the home to change a power line. The woman allowed the man into her house, but when she asked for identification, he said he didn't have any and left in a pickup truck.



Later that day, police say two white males approached a resident on Wallace Avenue and said they were from WNY and needed to check a voltage box inside the home. They left in a black pick-up truck.

It doesn't appear that anything was taken in either incident.

Cheektowaga Police released photos to the media of what were thought to be the suspects, but police said they were not suspects after all.

Police remind residents not to let anyone into their homes unless they know who they are and what they are doing there.

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