



# San Diego Community College District POLICE DEPARTMENT



## CRIME PREVENTION ALERT

February 24, 2012

As reported in [U-T SAN DIEGO](#) and by the [La Mesa Police Department](#), thieves posing as utility inspectors have recently burglarized local homes.

### CASE DETAILS

Over the past week, the La Mesa Police Department has received two reports of a suspect posing as a City or utility company inspector in order to lure the resident into the backyard while another suspect(s) burglarizes the home.

The first burglary occurred in the 5800 block of Kappa Street on February 16, 2012 at approximately 3:00 p.m. The male suspect posed as a SDG&E employee and claimed he needed to inspect the breaker box wiring.

The second burglary occurred in the 5900 block of Cowles Mountain Boulevard on February 21, 2012 at approximately 7:00 p.m. The male suspect posed as a City inspector and asked the resident to accompany him outside to check a gas leak.

### VISITOR SAFETY

If a person claiming to be an employee of a utility company or your City unexpectedly arrives at your home for an inspection:

- Ask for photo identification.

- Require the person wait outside while you verify their identity.

- Close and lock the front door while you contact the agency.

- Use the phone number you find in the phone book or online, not a number provided by the individual.

Home safety can be used at work. Facility and College Police employees of the San Diego Community College District are issued SDCCD identification.

**If you believe the person is not who they claim to be, call your local Police Department immediately.**

If you have information about crimes which have occurred, or may occur on or near campus, you may report it by calling [College Police](#) at (619) 388-6405, the [San Diego Police](#) at (619) 531-2000 or [Crime Stoppers](#) at (888) 580-TIPS(8477). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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