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ALERT!

Don't let anyone in your home until you verify it with their company. It doesn't matter if they show you a company I.D. It could be fake!

A very common scam is making its rounds in Macedonia. The *News Leader* reported on February 25 two incidents involving fake utility workers who gained entry into Macedonia homes.

On February 8, a homeowner discovered \$1,000 in jewelry missing when two men visited pretending to be Ohio Edison workers. In the second incident, reported a few days later, a man claimed to be a worker from the Cleveland Division of Water. Fortunately, no items were reported missing. It was verified by these companies that their workers were not in the area at these times.

Both of these homeowners are lucky they were not harmed. Both were suspicious but still let a stranger into their home.

Don't open your door until you have confirmed that any worker who wants access to your home is legitimate by calling their company. Especially if you are not expecting them! Use the number in the phone book - not the number they give you!

Visit our website for a list of utility companies within Summit County and keep these numbers handy. Also, read our past alerts so they stay fresh in your mind.

<http://www.co.summit.oh.us/prosecutor/srcitsafe.htm>

Please feel free to call my office anytime if there is any way we can assist you.