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Police Department non-emergency

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Home Invasion on 2500 block of Joshua Lane

Northbrook, IL: On November 20, 2020 at approximately 7:00 PM a resident of the 2500 block of Joshua Lane heard someone at the front door. The victim opened the door to find two men in the entryway. The subjects advised the victim that they needed to check her plumbing and pushed open the door. One of the subjects pushed the elderly victim back into the house in order to gain entry. One of the subjects brought the victim downstairs to the basement, while the other subject remained upstairs. After the subjects left the house, the victim found that multiple rooms had been ransacked. The victim refused medical attention. The two subjects were described as white males around 6'1" and 220 pounds both wearing hats, black jackets, black pants, and masks. There was no vehicle description.

Advisory: This incident is commonly known as a "ruse" burglary. Another similar incident is currently under investigation in Northbrook. If force is used to make entry, the incident is classified as a Home Invasion. Oftentimes offenders will target elderly victims and try to get them to come out of the house or go to the basement, while another offender burglarizes the residence. If someone comes to your residence unexpectedly and you don't know who they are, do not open the door for them and call 9-1-1 to contact the Northbrook Police Department.

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