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Police Warn of Yard Work Scam



The Springfield Police Department has identified possible yard work scams in and around the area of Glenstone and Plaza ([view larger map](#)).

The suspects approach the victims and ask about doing yard work around their house for an agreed upon price. After the work is done, the suspects use high pressure and intimidation to get the victims to pay more money than was agreed upon. In some instances the subjects have been allowed into the house while being paid for the work. After they leave, the victims are finding items missing from their home. It appears as if the suspects are targeting elderly individuals specifically.

The SPD is encouraging people to be cautious of individuals soliciting this type of work and to not allow these strangers into their residence.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Springfield Police Department at 864-1810. If you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at 869-TIPS or you may now text us your tip. When texting your tip type, "417SPD + your tip" to CRIMES (274637).

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