

## **\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

On 5/08/2017, the Roselle Police Department investigated a “diversion burglary” at a residence on the west side of the borough which occurred between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. During this incident, an unknown Hispanic male approached the resident, who was in the driveway, and advised that he was a technician from the water company and there was a problem with the water service to the residence. The unknown male communicated with another unknown male on a “walkie talkie”. The homeowner escorted the male inside the residence, where after looking at the kitchen sink, he convinced the resident to take him to the basement for further inspection. While in the basement, the homeowner heard footsteps upstairs and immediately went to check on it, however there was no one in the house. When the resident returned to the basement, the unknown male was no longer there. This prompted to resident to check the rest of the home, discovering someone had gone through the second floor bedrooms and that currency and checks had been taken. Anyone with information please contact the Roselle Police Department Detective Bureau (908)245-9200.

Residents should use caution when they are approached by persons claiming to be utility workers requesting access to their residence. They should ask for proper identification and look for a utility vehicle with official markings. When in doubt do not let them access the home and immediately report the incident to the police department.