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Howard police urge citizens to beware of scam *Thieves posed as driveway pavers*

Howard County police are urging residents to beware of a scam in which two thieves posed as driveway pavers and stole valuables from an elderly couple.

The suspects approached the victims at their home on Montgomery Road in Ellicott City and offered driving paving services. Once the victims agreed to retain the services, the suspects distracted the victims, entered the home and stole a safe containing jewelry and cash.

The suspects are described as white males with foreign accents. The first suspect is between 50 and 60 years old and has a heavy build. The second suspect is younger with a medium build and called the older suspect "dad." The suspects drove a copper-colored Ford truck.

Police urge citizens to be cautious when approached by a peddler or solicitor. Peddlers and solicitors are required by the county to present an identification card obtained from the Office of Consumer Affairs. They are also required to affix a metal tag issued by the Office of Consumer Affairs to the right rear side of the vehicle. If you ask a peddler or solicitor to leave, they must do so immediately. Finally, soliciting is only permitted between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. For more information on peddling and soliciting in the county, call the Office of Consumer Affairs at 410-313-6420.

Police are asking anyone with information or who may have been a victim to call 410-313-3200. Callers may remain anonymous.

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