

SUN CITY LINCOLN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
SAFETY AND SECURITY

# ALERTS



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## INCIDENT REPORT:

On November 16, two individuals offered to clean gutters at a residence on the 2100 block of Winding Way. The resident paid by check. About an hour later, the subjects returned claiming the check was invalid and requested a new one, returning the original. Two weeks later, the resident discovered both checks had been cashed. When contacted, Subject #1 admitted knowing the first check cleared and promised repayment, which has not occurred. The resident was advised to file a police report immediately

## SUSPECT DETAILS

- **Subject #1:** White male, early 20s, approx. 6'1", medium build, mustache. Wearing black/white sweatshirt with "Smart Home Pros." Driving white pickup truck with ladder racks and "ACE Cleaning" on door.
- **Subject #2:** White male, early 20s, shorter than Subject #1. Wearing similar sweatshirt. Driving sedan

## RECOGNIZE THE RED FLAGS

- **The "Bad Check or wrong payee" Tactic:** Any contractor claiming your check didn't process before you see it leave YOUR bank account is a **major red flag**.
- **Unsolicited Arrival:** Reputable companies rarely go door-to-door without an appointment.
- **High-Pressure Demands:** Scammers create a false sense of urgency or intimidation to get immediate payment.

## HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- **Do Not Open the Door:** Speak through a locked door or window if you do not have an appointment.
- **Verify First:** Ask for a business card and photo ID. Verify their license with the city before allowing any work to start.
- **Check Your Bank:** If someone claims your check was bad, do not provide a second payment. Contact your bank directly to verify the status of the first check.
- **Never Pay in Cash:** Only pay once work is completed to your satisfaction and never pay the full amount upfront.

## REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- **Call Lincoln Police Department:** Non-Emergency at **(916) 645-4040**
- File a Neighborhood Watch **Incident report** at SCLHWatch.org - [Report an Incident](#)
- File incident report with the **FTC**: at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](#).

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