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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Buffalo Grove Police Warn Residents About Ruse Burglaries**

**Buffalo Grove, IL-** With the arrival of warmer temperatures, the Buffalo Grove Police Department would like to remind residents about 'Ruse Burglaries'. A ruse burglary occurs when a pair, or group of people pose as employees from legitimate companies and approach a resident at their home.

The Police Department recently responded to two incidents where two individuals posed as ComEd workers to gain access into a home. In both cases, residents' wallets were stolen. This is not an uncommon practice where burglars pose as contractors or utility employees from ComEd, Nicor, or even as an employee of the Village of Buffalo Grove. Typically, one person will attempt to distract the individual they are speaking to, while another person(s) gains access to the home and burglarize it.

Often these burglars will try to get residents to follow them outside, into a garage, or into the basement so there is no direct sight of front or rear doors. Once a resident is distracted, others will enter the home to take valuables; normally from the master bedroom.

To combat these types of burglaries, remind residents of the following:

- ComEd will not request access inside of a home. All of their facilities are located outside of residences.
- Ask for identification – actual employees of any organization will not be offended.
- Contact the Village of Buffalo Grove to determine if the Village or another legitimate company is performing work in the area.
- If a resident chooses to deny the person(s) entry, the front door should be locked immediately. Obtain a vehicle description, including license plate, and the direction the vehicle departs in, before calling 9-1-1.
- Trust your instincts. If an unknown person comes across as pushy, confusing, or in a hurry to get a decision, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Remember to hide valuables in locations other than the master bedroom.

For more information, please contact the Community Relations Unit at 847-459-2560.

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