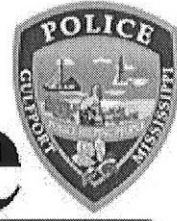


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Police Department PIO

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Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:

Impersonating a City Worker

On March 3rd and 4th the Gulfport Police Department received three (3) separate complaints of theft by an individual impersonating a city water department employee. On all three (3) occasions a dark skinned male arrived at the victim's address advising they needed to check the water inside the residence for safety reasons. The suspect then stole items from the residence and fled the scene in a newer model red Dodge one ton pickup. The suspect has always been accompanied by a dark skinned female who waited outside the residence.

All government employees have identification that can be verified by their respective city office and they will produce it upon request. Anyone with information is asked to phone the Gulfport Police Department at 228 868-5959.

Approved for release by: _____

Date: March 5, 2010

"Building a safer Gulfport together"