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Scammers Are Allegedly Posing As WAPA Employees To Gain Entry To Homes

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The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is cautioning residents to be aware of persons presumably posing as WAPA employees and attempting to gain access to homes, WAPA said through a press release issued late Wednesday.

WAPA says it does not have any employees going door-to-door on behalf of the authority.

Talk of the scam has been circulating social media all Wednesday, but with an added twist: Ostensibly the scammers, once they gain entry to the residence, move on to rob its inhabitants at gunpoint. V.I.P.D.'s public information officer Glen Dratte said no such case

has been reported to the force, however he said the alert should be taken seriously, and that residents should remain vigilant.

According to Executive Director Julio A. Rhymer, Sr., the authority was alerted Wednesday of persons impersonating WAPA personnel who are attempting to gain access to homes in the guise of installing shower fixtures or energy saving devices. Mr. Rhymer confirmed that WAPA does not have any employees who need to enter homes in order to carry out their duties.

“We want to immediately advise residents to call 911 if unknown persons approach your home attempting to gain access. They are NOT WAPA Employees,” Mr. Rhymer said.

In a joint effort with WAPA, VIPD is asking the community to exercise safety measures. Residents are urged to ensure your doors are locked and your homes are secure. It is also recommended that you alert others to take safety measures as well, as it may save lives. Most importantly, VIPD insists that you do not open your home to strangers. If residents are aware of suspicious activity, it is recommended that 911 is called immediately.