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ATTEMPTED BURGLARY IN MIMOSA PARK SUBDIVISION

At about 830 A.M. this morning, a resident in the 400 Block of Perryl Lane (Apartment Complex near Burch and Wanda Street in Mimosa Park Subdivision) confronted a black male subject at the rear door to the residence after hearing the back door window shatter. The suspect responded that he worked for The Jefferson Sewer and Water Board and accidentally broke the window while checking the water meter. He quickly changed his story to say that he was with the St. Charles Sewer and Water Board. The resident realized this didn't make sense and indicated he was calling 911. The suspect quickly fled. The homeowner also noticed a second black male just to the east of the Apartment Complex that he believes was with the first suspect. The 2nd suspect also fled on foot. The Sheriff's Office has verified that the water works did not have anyone working in the area this morning.

The primary suspect was wearing a green construction or safety vest. He was 25-30 years of age and was approximately 5'10" to 6'00" tall.

It is believed that the suspect used a pair of pliers left on top of a BBQ pit to break the window and attempt to enter the residence. Although this appears to have been an isolated incident, we have had prior instances in the past where thieves wore safety vests to avoid suspicion going in and out of yards.

It is believed that this was a crime of opportunity by transient criminals since they were not even aware they were not in Jefferson Parish. Anyone with any information concerning these individuals or may have had home video surveillance cameras in the area is asked to please contact Detective Joseph Dewhirst at 783-1135 or via 911 (985-783-6807).