



CHRISTIANSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mark A. Sisson, Chief of Police

10 East Main Street
Christiansburg, Virginia 24073
Telephone (540) 382-3131
Fax (540) 382-0877

News Release For Immediate Release

Contact: Major Dalton Reid
Office 540-382-3131
Fax 540-382-0877
dreid@christiansburg.org

- **Incident** Larceny
- **Date of Incident** 09-24-09 **Time of Incident** Approx 9:30 a.m.
- **Location of Incident** -Christiansburg-
- **Victim Name (s)** Not released at this time
- **Suspect Name (s)** -unknown-
- **Charges if Applicable** --
- **Arrest Information** --

Anyone with information is asked to call 540-382-3131

Additional Remarks:

The Christiansburg Police Department is investigating a larceny/scam in which subjects entered into the residence of an elderly female and stole cash and personal property. Two times in as many weeks, officers have responded to calls where as an unidentified male entered into the residence advising that he had done some work for the victim in or around the residence in the past. Once in the residence the suspect distracts the victim while an additional person(s) enters the residence and commits the larceny or attempts to commit a larceny. The first incident on 9-10-09, the suspect did not take anything, though the victim was led to the back of the house to look at fencing repairs while the house was being gone through. The second offense took place on 9-23-09 when a subject entered the residence and attempted to sell flooring. Though the victim was not interested the subject continued a sales pitch while another subject entered into the

residence. On neither occasion was the victim injured and no type of weapon was displayed. "We are asking everyone to be aware of suspicious vehicles and persons in their neighborhoods, said Major Dalton Reid. keep your doors locked when possible and speak to strangers thru storm doors and locked screen doors. Legitimate contractors are not going to enter your residence unless invited to do so. If you do not recognize the individual, you should not let them in said Reid. It appears so far that these individuals are concentrating on elderly victims. Anyone who has any information in reference to these crimes should contact the Christiansburg Police Department. .