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INFORMATION RELEASE

During the past several weeks the Rockford Police Dept. has received several complaints about incidents of Home Repair Fraud on the City's East Side. The suspects typically target elderly victims with unsolicited offers to complete repairs of chimneys or roofs. The suspects often claim that they have done work for the victims in the past or are affiliated with legitimate contractors who have completed work for the victims. The suspects usually demand payment in advance or payment after completing superficial work on the victim's home.

The suspects have been described as follows:

Hispanic Male in his late 40's to early 50's

Hispanic Male in his late 20's

White or Hispanic Female in her mid to late 30's

The suspects have been seen driving a dark colored older model SUV, a dark colored four door car, and a light colored Minivan.

Residents should be suspicious of any type of unsolicited repair offers and are discouraged from entering into agreements with these individuals. Detectives are following up on these incidents and anyone with information is asked to contact the Rockford Police Dept. (987-5824) or Crime Stoppers (963-7867).

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