

## Police 'Posers' Rob Elderly Ashe Residents

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Another northwestern incident of a home invasion by law enforcement posers is being reported today by the Ashe County Sheriff's Department, with two suspects entering a home late Saturday night claiming to be law enforcement officers—and dressing the part.

At about 11:15 pm, 2 men—one black and one white— dressed as enforcement officers went to the residence in the Sutherland area of 88 west in Ashe County, telling the three elderly occupants that they were conducting a drug raid. The two forced the three residents into a bedroom—the white male staying with them while the black male went through the house—and on leaving, the victims were told to stay in the bedroom, and that the two would be back with a drug dog around 3 am to search further search. The two took money and guns from the home. Ashe Sheriff James Williams described suspect number one as white male, weight around 150 lbs, 5'5" tall, in his mid thirties with full head of brown hair, black tactical vest with silver police badge and black pistol in holster made into the vest. Suspect number 2 was described as a black male, 140-150 lbs, 5'7" tall, in his mid 20's to mid 30's, with a short hair. He was wearing a black t-shirt with POLICE in white letters on the back. Both men had black fishnet face masks over their heads and face. Both were armed with handguns in black holsters. Anyone with any information is asked to call the Ashe County Sheriff's Office at 336-846-5633 or crime stoppers at 336-846-4188. All information will be kept confidential.