

Fraud Warning Issued by Local Law Enforcement

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Local law enforcement agencies would like to warn residents about a suspected fraud scheme. The Watauga County Sheriff's Office, Blowing Rock Police Department and Boone Police Departments have received several recent complaints of suspected fraud. Citizens have received phone calls from a Hickory based company, offering to examine the residence's energy efficiency and install a water heater insulation blanket free of charge. It is reported that the company representative has made statements that they are affiliated with Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation. In one incident, the company's salesperson visited a local residence, quickly examined the attic and other spaces then a price was agreed upon. The elderly female resident realized the amount was very high compared to the amount of work needed and subsequently cancelled the appointment.

BREMCO has no affiliation with this company, nor do they engage in this type of solicitation. Citizens are urged to be cautious when dealing with phone or other solicitations and to research companies using references and the Better Business Bureau.