



FLAT TIRE SCAM

Since January 16, 2013, there have been twenty (20) incidents citywide.

What is a “flat tire scam”?

It is a scam in which a perpetrator(s) acting as a good Samaritan(s) approaches a targeted victim (Usually a Senior Citizen) who has just left a bank after withdrawing a large amount of money. The perpetrator(s) tells the victim that their car has a flat tire and offers to assist the victim. While they are fixing the flat and the victim is distracted a second perpetrator takes the money that was left unattended in vehicle by the victim and flees the location.

TIP:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- When withdrawing large amounts of cash from a bank secure your money before leaving the bank.
- Have a friend accompany you to the bank, when possible.
- Never leave your money unattended in your vehicle.
- If you have access to road side assistance, contact them and request their tire repair services.
- If not and someone offers to help you, decline their offer and call a friend or 3-1-1 for help.
- If you suspect criminal activity call 9-1-1.

