



# *Clinton Police Department*

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## *PRESS RELEASE*

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### *POLICE DEPARTMENT WARNING REGARDING DPW IMPOSTER.*

*The Clinton Police Department is investigating an incident that occurred in late December regarding a subject posing as a Public Works Employee, who was trying to gain access to a residence to check their water.*

*Reports indicate that upon checking with the Public Works Department, this individual was not a village employee, and the Public Works Department had no one checking residences in the village on their behalf.*

*In similar cases, the Rockford Police Department reports this week that they have had several burglaries where a male suspect will knock on the door and tell the homeowner they work for the water utility. While the resident was being distracted by this suspect, another subject enters the residence taking mainly jewelry and cash.*

*Reports indicate in some of the Illinois cases the suspects had hand held radios or cell phones were used by the suspects to communicate with each other speaking in a foreign language.*

*The Clinton Police Department warns that local residents should always ask to see identification, prior to letting anyone into their home, who is representing any utility company. Residents should notify the police department immediately if someone suspicious comes to their residence.*