

PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT

DATE: Thursday May 23, 2024
TIME: 11:30am – 1:00pm
CRIME: Residential Burglary

The Stratford Police Department is asking the public for any information, especially any home camera video footage as we are investigating a residential burglary that occurred today between 11:30am -1:00pm in the Laurel Mills development. The crime occurred on Overhill Road between Longwood and Parkview Road.

Homeowners are asked to take a few moments to review their security cameras for **anyone or anything** out of the ordinary during those hours.

We believe we are looking for **two suspects, at least one wearing a hooded sweatshirt**. Any video footage or any information at all may be forwarded to Detective Tom Farrell at the below email address.

Also, with summer vacation season approaching, please look out for your neighbor's homes. Remove any mail and package deliveries from doorsteps, invite neighbors to park in your driveway while away and immediately call the Stratford Police Department via 911 if you see or hear anything at all out of the ordinary. **Trust your instincts and make the call.**

Lastly, please take a moment to review our overview of solicitor's laws and badging requirements in Stratford. If a door-to-door solicitor does not display a Stratford issued Solicitors License, they are not authorized to solicit. Please contact the police department so we may take appropriate action.

TFarrell@StratfordPD.org or 856-783-8621

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BOROUGH OF STRATFORD DEPARTMENT OF POLICE



Ronald M. Morello
Chief of Police

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATIONS A REVIEW OF OUR LOCAL LAW

Stratford like most other communities, have enacted ordinances regulating door-to-door soliciting. In Stratford, a solicitor, peddler or hawker is defined as a person who travels from place to place, home to home, offering for sale goods, products or services and or attempting to sell or take orders for products or services.

Prior to engaging in these types of sales, the **Individual** must under-go a background investigation by the Stratford Police Department. Only if the **Individual** passes the background investigation will a Solicitors License be issued. Most times, these salespeople are aware of local permitting requirements and they will display some other lanyards to mislead homeowners. Often, they are coached by their managers to claim ignorance if challenged for a license by homeowners or law enforcement.


When in doubt, please feel free to call the Stratford Police Department, non-emergency number (normal business hours) **856-783-8616** or after hours please call **856-783-4900**.

License or no license, no solicitation shall occur prior to 8:00am and must cease at dusk.

If the person does not have a valid Stratford License, they are not vetted and are operating illegally in our community.

A replica of a valid Stratford License is shown below. The license is 4X6, laminated and shall be displayed on a lanyard.

REPLICA LICENSE

<p>BOROUGH OF STRATFORD DEPARTMENT OF POLICE 315 Union Avenue LICENSE FOR CANVASSER, SOLICITOR & HAWKER</p>  <p>LICENSE # _____ NAME _____ CO/ORG _____ Expiration January _____</p>

