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APD Warns Residents of Possible DTV Scam

On Friday morning, 6 February 2009, the Ardmore Police Department was contacted by Cable One, the local cable television provider. Representatives of Cable One told officers that one of their elderly customers received a telephone call earlier that day from a man who identified himself as an employee of the cable company. He told the victim that he needed to make an appointment to come into her home in order to ensure her television was ready for the digital transition. The would-be victim in this case responded smartly, telling the man her TV was already prepared for the switch, and hanging up on the individual.

Cable One DOES NOT offer such a service, and customers should beware of any individuals posing as utility employees and wishing to gain access to their homes for such purposes. **INSIST** on seeing the credentials of any utility worker who wishes to come into your home. If you are unconvinced by the person's credentials, make them wait outside while you contact the company by phone to verify the worker's identity. Always notify the police immediately by calling 9-1-1 if you feel that you may be in danger.

Cable One also advised us that another of their customers had reported the same type of call hours later. At this time we have no idea who may be responsible for these bogus calls, or what their intentions are. The cable company is advising all customers not to let anyone into their home unless they have contacted the company themselves and arranged an appointment.