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Media Release

Incident: Paving Scams
Location: Centralia Area
Date & time: 4/15/09 @ 1038
Case Number: N/A

Details:

The Boone County Sheriff's Department is warning citizens and homeowners to be wary of individuals going door-to-door soliciting for home remodeling work and asphalt paving after a Centralia area man was contacted this morning.

A deputy responded to the man's home shortly after 10:30 a.m. and was told by a resident that a white, middle-aged male driving a white truck had come to his door and offered to do asphalt paving at a reduced rate. The suspect stated he was in the area doing other work and had materials left over. The suspect also apparently told the man he had been doing similar work for Boone County. There is no further description of the suspect.

Paving scams are one of the oldest con games in history. Reputable home remodelers and asphalt companies do not solicit door to door. As with any type of home or property improvement projects a homeowner should contact different companies and businesses and seek references from friends and neighbors

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