

Who's that at your door?

We are receiving many reports of young people soliciting money by going door-to-door. They are phony and some may be casing your house. Do not give them your name, as they will only use it to scam the next person who answers the door. Print out and pass on this information.

- They claim they are collecting money for a Santa Monica soccer team trip to Australia or some far off place, or
- They are collecting for a nonexistent Palisades High School Play.
- They mention a neighbor's name.
- They say they are somebody's son [somebody with no son]
- They say they live in the neighborhood, but can't pronounce "Amalfi," and otherwise make up an address
- They have no flyer or handout information
- They absolutely do not have a Police Commission issued Information Card. This is required to be carried by every person doing door-to-door charitable solicitation. The card identifies the Charity, the person in charge, gives contact information and sets permitted dates and hours of solicitation.
- They try the easy houses first and usually do not wait around for buzzer-operated gates.
- Lately, it has been a slender young man about 5' 10" with black tattoos on one arm and a slim girlfriend with long red hair.
- He was seen knocking on doors and then going down to the liquor store to buy who-knows-what. He is very pushy.
- He has been reported to 9-1-1 and the dispatcher has a ticket on him.
- He also hangs out in the Park on Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica.
- Do not give him any money.
- There is another more dangerous person, a young Hispanic guy (approx. 5'9"-5'10", 160 lbs, 19-25 yrs old) who claims to be working for California Overnight and looking for Kristin Brown and has burglarized at least one home and motor vehicle in the lower canyon. He drives a red, mid-sized truck. There is a police report on this guy, too
- We also are getting reports of people sleeping on the hillsides, off Entrada North of the Amalfi stairs and back again on the hillside on the 200 block of Ocean Ave. [extension]. Call 9-1-1.

The Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association has pledged \$1,000 toward a community-wide effort to purchase a Forward Looking Infrared Radar [FLIR] device, which can identify the presence of concealed persons day or night.

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The Los Angeles Municipal Code provides, in part,

SEC. 44.09. SOLICITATION – INFORMATION CARD.

(Amended by Ord. No. 175,060, Eff. 3/4/03.)

(a) No person shall solicit any charitable contribution unless an Information Card has been issued pursuant to Section [44.02](#) of this article.

(b) No person shall solicit in person any charitable contribution without personal possession of the original or an authentic reproduction of the Information Card. The original or an authentic reproduction of the Information Card shall be conspicuously displayed at the site of special events conducted for the purpose of obtaining funds for charitable purposes.

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(e) Any person soliciting charitable contributions shall present the original or an authentic reproduction of the Information Card upon the request of any person being solicited.