

The following alert is passed along by our friends in Martin's Additions.

Dear Residents:

I just received an urgent message from Montgomery County Code Enforcement Personnel, Montgomery County Police and the DEA (Drug Enforcement Admin) for residents of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Area to **be on the lookout for three groups** of men claiming to be tree workers and home repair workers—they are scammers who are heavily targeting our **IMMEDIATE area**. They also claim to do extermination work. They are going door to door and are targeting our area because of our general wealth.

They have hit several homeowners for large sums of money, in cash; they begin the work and then disappear. Homeowners of all ages, not just the elderly, have been victims of this rip-off.

The authorities believe the groups are from Culpepper, Va. They drive Ford and Chevy pick-up trucks with racks on the back made of wood. They believe one of the trucks has a sign on the door that says Meadow Tree and Lawn Service. The DEA believe that a drug making lab is somehow associated with these individuals.

The police are asking that if you see a group meeting this description to please call them 301-279-8000 (non-emergency) or 911 if the situation lends itself to immediate police response. Get a license number if you can.

Thank you for your attention. Remember to only employ reputable and recommended workers and do not give them cash up front.

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