



## **SUSPICIOUS PERSON POSING AS IGUANA REMOVER**

An elderly Lauderdale-By-The-Sea woman almost became the victim of a crime when a man knocked on her door last weekend and claimed he was working for the Town to eradicate iguanas.

A man knocked on the single-family homeowner's door and claimed he was under contract with the Town to "spray for iguanas." He then asked the homeowner to show him her backyard. She did so but then became suspicious. When she re-entered her house, she saw a second man, whom she had not seen before, in her living room.

The two men were asked to leave. The woman later called police, but the individuals had left the area by then. The resident said nothing was apparently missing.

The failed "distraction" incident occurred around noon on Saturday, Oct. 21 in the 1900 block of Coral Reef Drive, which is in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea's Bel Air neighborhood.

"We want to remind residents of possible scammers and that they absolutely have the right to request identification and that the Town does not have any type of contract for iguana control," said Broward Sheriff's Office Capt. Thomas Palmer. "Luckily the victim sensed something was awry and prevented a theft from occurring."