

Distraction Burglaries have recently occurred in other parts of the country where the victim receives a telephone call from a male person purporting to be an engineer involved with Digital Switchover. The male informs the victim that due to having recently had a new Freeview digital box installed, he would like to come along and carry out an examination in relation to the installation work. The victim agrees and is told that he will attend within the hour. Within 15 minutes the male attends the property and is shown to where the television and digital box are located. Later the victim discovers property has been stolen from within the room where this alleged work was carried out. One victim made enquiries with the Digital Switchover Helpline to discover they had no record of this alleged work.

Suspect Description

Male, White, 5'10", aged in his 40's, medium build, fair hair, balding, clean shaven, no distinguishing accent wearing brown shoes and blue jeans. He was also wearing a navy blue raincoat / anorak type and had in his possession a black leather briefcase with a logo of some kind on the front of the case. The offender was driving a small white van parked nearby, make and model and index number unknown at this time.

If you do have any information in connection with a Distraction Burglary or Rogue Doorstep Trader, you can now call our dedicated number 0345 23 07 702 set up by Doorstep Action Network (DAN) to provide a better service for preventing and detecting Distraction Burglaries and Rogue Doorstep traders.

**** PLEASE REMEMBER: If a crime is in progress you must call 999 ****