

PUBLIC ALERT



Photo Only : Sample curb painting

**Unauthorized Person(s)
Going Around Painting
Curbs, Then Aggressively
Asking Residents to Pay
Money; Person May Be
Wearing an Orange
Work Vest**

Fraud Scam: Curb Painting

The South Gate Police Department has been advised that a Male Hispanic, approximately 25-30 years of age, is going around painting address numbers on residential curbs and then asking—in some cases very aggressively — homeowners to donate money for his paint job. This individual may be wearing an orange construction-style work vest to make it appear that he works for the city of South Gate. He does not.

Please be advised that this person— or anyone working with him — does **not** have a permit from the City of South Gate and is not authorized to be painting any curbs. Because these people are painting residential addresses on curbs without permission, **you are under absolutely no obligation to pay them anything.**



Example of an orange High-visibility work vest; Individual painting curbs may be wearing a vest similar to this one

If you feel threatened or intimidated by anyone going around illegally painting curbs, please feel free to contact the South Gate Police Department Dispatcher at (323) 563-5436.



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If an Emergency After Hours,
Contact Watch Commander at (323) 563-5457.
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