

## Board of County Commissioners

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Ask to See Photo Identification

Westminster, Friday, April 1, 2016 – Now that spring weather is here, many residents are beginning home improvement projects. Many of these projects, both indoors and outdoors, require county inspectors to visit the property to ensure that the work has been completed correctly.

Unfortunately, there are criminals who will prey on unaware homeowners by tricking the homeowner into thinking they are inspectors in order to gain entrance to a residence. While the incidence of this is very small, the Sheriff's Office has received one complaint of an individual posing as an inspector for the City of Westminster in order to distract the residents. It is important for residents to be aware of this possibility and to know how to identify a county employee versus an imposter.

During normal business hours, county inspectors will arrive in a county vehicle. All county vehicles display the county seal on the side of the vehicle. Most county inspectors will also be wearing a shirt and/or jacket with the department's name.

Every county employee carries a county-issued photo identification card with them. Please ask to see the employee's identification. If he/she does not have a photo identification card with their picture and the county's seal on it, do not allow that person to enter your home.

Please take the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of your family and property.

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## CARROLL COUNTY

The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or who has a complaint should contact The Department of Citizen Services, 410.386.3600 or 1.888.302.8978 or MD Relay 7-1-1/1.800.735.2258 as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.