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ALERT!

I've heard from a few people about scammers claiming to be American Electric Power (AEP) employees in order to get into individuals' homes. Shelly Clark, a senior communications consultant for AEP Ohio, confirmed that the company is aware of this scam. She said AEP employees always call customers to schedule a time if they need to enter the home. Additionally, all AEP employees wear company-issued clothing with the AEP logo.

Although AEP is based in Columbus, this type of scam is a common one in Summit County. Criminals can easily make fake ID badges saying they are an employee of a local utility company.

If someone claiming to be from a utility company arrives unexpectedly, ask him to wait outside while you call the service provider to verify his identity. The company can tell you whether you are scheduled for service on a particular day.

Stay safe,
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