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CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018



Aaaarrrrggg!! It is that time of year again, when we hear story after story about “Porch Pirates.” Why is it “that” time of year? Well, because we tend to have more packages delivered around the holidays, and the landlubber scoundrels know it. In fact, they are probably creeping around as I write this looking for lonely packages on doorsteps. Knowing this is half the battle. Consider having the packages delivered to your work address if possible, or have the courier hold the packages for pickup. Remember, you can prevent crime by removing the opportunity for crime to occur. Get creative in your planning, and remove some of the stress from the holidays.

Here are some other holiday safety tips to remember:

- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area. Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device
- Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. Lock them in the trunk or put them out of sight. Keep vehicle doors locked, even when in the driveway.
- Locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse, and bags. Do not put them down, or on top of the car in order to open the door. And don't leave your purse in a shopping cart as you shop.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. Dress casually and comfortably.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible. Avoid carrying large sums of cash.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- *Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- *It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved.
- *Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home. Also, break down and conceal boxes that contained expensive items before setting them out on the curb for trash.

Scammers and Scoundrels

Speaking of packages, don't fall for the email or text spoofing one of the courier services saying that they were "unable to deliver" your package, and instructing you to click on an embedded link to resolve the problem. This is an attempt to scam you. Are you expecting a package? If so, can you track the package through the courier service? Bottom line, never click on a link within a suspicious text or email.

Areas of Concern

Thefts from vehicles	Watterson Trail North, Willowbrook Circle, Tregaron Avenue, Auburn Avenue Big Tree Circle
Theft of mail	Watterson Trail North, Decimal Drive
Miscellaneous Theft	Raintree Drive
Theft of tools	1300 block of Hurstbourne Parkway, 1700 block of Alliant Avenue
Criminal Mischief	9600 block of Taylorsville Road
Attempted burglary	Cambridge Station
Speeding/stop sign complaints	Gurtenburg/Villa Fair

Emergency call 911

To report a crime call (502) 267-0503

***Any questions concerning Block Watch programs,
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