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CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER **DECEMBER 2019**

Protecting Your Home



After Christmas day, don't pile up empty gift boxes from your new computer, DVD player, or stereo receiver on the street for the garbage man. Burglars appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside for them to steal. Break the boxes down or cut them up to conceal the items better.

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That time period between Thanksgiving and Christmas is upon us, and you can already sense the shift into a hurried state of distraction as we plan for holiday merriment. This is also the time of year adored by porch pirates. So many packages on front stoops, and so little time. With the increase of households installing front doorbell cameras, we are seeing more circulating video feeds with the caption "Do you recognize this thief?" Let's all vow to make this year a tough one for the pirates by removing the temptation and the opportunity to plunder those packages. Instead, have your orders delivered to your workplace, or a family member or neighbor who is always home (and who agrees to the task, of course). You can also have the packages held for pickup, or you could arrange to have the packages placed in a location at your residence out of sight such as the back patio in a deck box, for example. Be creative, and don't make things so easy for a thief. Remove opportunity and you can prevent crime.

This is also a good time to practice crime prevention measures while out shopping. For example, do not leave packages in view inside your vehicle while shopping or dining out. Place them inside the trunk of the vehicle, out of sight. Do not leave your purse or handbag in a shopping cart where you can easily turn your back on it or walk to the other side of the aisle making it an easy target for thieves. I can assure you, they are close by watching and waiting for that exact opportunity. Do not carry large sums of cash. Watch out for credit card skimmers. Have your keys in your hand as you walk to your vehicle in the parking lot. Minimize distractions. Pay attention to your surroundings. Look for ways to remove the opportunity, and you can prevent crime. From all of us at the Jeffersontown Police, stay safe and have a great holiday season!

Scammers and Scoundrels

The holidays also create a rich environment for scammers, especially online. Many of us have turned to the cyber world, and Amazon to do our shopping. However, there are some pitfalls to avoid. In fact, it is very easy to be fooled online. Scammers have been known to create fraudulent phone numbers, logos, websites, emails, etc to make you think they're legitimate. They try to create an exciting offer, giveaway or coupon to fool you. If it sounds like it's too good to be true, it probably is. Do your research, and do not provide any personal or financial information until you are 100 percent sure it is legit.



Crime Trends this Month

Speeding/Traffic Complaints	Gaudet Road, Vantage Road
Break-in to Vehicles	2900 block of Six Mile Lane, Longivew Road, Jolynn Drive, Willow Brook Circle, Lime Spring Way, Technolgy Drive
Criminal Mischief to Property	9600 block of Taylorsville Road

Emergency call 911

To report a crime call (502) 267-0503

Any questions concerning Block Watch programs,
contact Community Resource Officer Felicia Burba
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(502) 267-0505

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