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Public Service Announcement

From *The Chief's Desk*

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Subject: Porch Pirates

Since most of us are staying home and out of the stores, we have ordered those holiday gifts over the internet. We will all be receiving those packages soon. The Postal Carriers and delivery drivers are already busy working long hours. So are the "*Porch Pirates*".

We have seen these thieves follow the delivery drivers around their routes waiting for them to stop and drop off a package at a residence. The thief will wait and see if anyone is home to retrieve the package. When they see no one exit the home to retrieve the package from the front porch or step, they act. The thief will run up to the home, grab the package and run back to their waiting get-away car.

Here are some ways that you can prevent your packages from being stolen from your front porch. Ask a neighbor to look for the package and take it in for you. Schedule the delivery time for when you are home. Most delivery companies will have a tracking system and be able to tell you when the package will be delivered, approximately anyway. Some companies will allow you to set the delivery time, although not all.

If you see anything suspicious in your area, do not hesitate to call our dispatch center and ask for an officer to drive through the area. If you can, get a good description of the vehicle, driver and/or passenger or even better a license plate to assist us with identification of the suspicious subjects. This information helps us to identify these subjects quickly.

Do not put yourself in harm's way for any reason.

Any questions or concerns you may have, please call our office at 869-2358. Should you require to speak with an officer, call Central Dispatch at **869-9130**. If it is an emergency, call 911 for the best response time of an officer.

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