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CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

The holiday season is upon us. It is a time of business, last minute shopping, and a slew of festivities, but it is vital that we don't allow all of these distractions to lower our guard with respect to crime prevention. In fact, it is an invitation to become ever more vigilant. Thieves love this time of year because opportunity to commit crime seems to increase. Here are some safety tips to consider.



- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car.
Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- 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 it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- 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.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a mall, or well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.
- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- 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.
- *When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- *Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.

- *Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- *Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- *When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home.
- *Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.

Remember, the best way to prevent crime is to remove the opportunity for it to occur. Stay vigilant through this holiday season, and don't become a target for the Grinch!

Scammers and Scoundrels



Cyber shoppers BEWARE. The time is ripe for those emails from “Amazon” claiming that your package has been delayed. Don't be fooled. The scammers want you to click a link that can install malicious software on your computer and compromise your personal information. It may also try to get you to log onto a fake website that appears to be the real deal. You think you are logging onto the site, but the scammers are stealing your username and password. Do not open any unsolicited e-mails or click on the links provided in them.

If a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. Stay away from unfamiliar sites that offer unrealistic discounts on brand name merchandise or gift cards as an incentive to purchase a product. Try using a search engine like Google or Bing to search the name of the store, but add in the word “scam.”

Shopping online? Use your credit card. Credit cards have a lot more protections than the debit card.

Use caution selling items on the internet. Local police departments provide safe spots in their parking lots for the exchange of items sold online. Report suspected fraud! Consumers who suspect they've been victimized should immediately contact their financial institution as well as local law enforcement.

Beware of scammers who use phony UPS and FedEx tracking numbers to fool consumers into believing their package is on the way. Before buying online, confirm that the site has real contact information, by looking for a working phone number and address on the website.

Gift card scams. Be on the lookout for emails offering free gift cards or coupons that seem too good to be true. Shoppers should avoid clicking on any suspicious links that could lead to malware, and they should refrain from submitting personal information through targeted emails.

Areas of Concern

11600 Electron Drive	Theft of scrap metal
2500 Block Tregaron Avenue	Complaint of speeders
2500 block of Six Mile Lane	Complaint of speeders
9200 block of Loch Lea Lane	Break-in to vehicles
3900 block of Mulberry Row	Complaint of speeders
10600 block of Taylorsville Road	Break-in to vehicles
11600 block of Electron Drive	Thefts from rear of business
3000 block of Galleon Drive	Theft of patio furniture



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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