

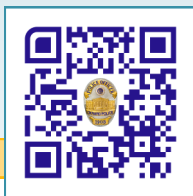
## HELP THE OXNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT HELP YOU

The Oxnard Police Department can not function effectively without the assistance of concerned, responsible residents. We are depending on **YOU** to call and tell us whenever you see suspicious persons or activity.

Some residents fail to call the police simply because they are not aware of what seemingly innocent activities should be considered suspicious. Others may recognize suspicious activity and are hesitant to call for fear of being thought of as the neighborhood “busy-body.” Yet others simply assume that someone else has already called the police.

Call the police immediately about all suspicious activity – and do it yourself. Don't worry about “bothering” the police; it is part of our job to investigate suspicious matters. Do not worry about feeling embarrassed if your suspicions are wrong; **think instead about what could happen if your suspicions are right and you don't call.**

*“Protecting Our Community With  
Exceptional Service”*



## MAIL/PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION



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Mail theft is a low risk (often only a misdemeanor theft), potentially high gain crime.

#### WHAT ARE THIEVES LOOKING FOR?

- Personal identifying numbers, such as Social Security Numbers (SSN), bank account numbers, medical account identification numbers.
- Personal checks that have been written to pay bills – they may alter the checks and cash them.
- Credit and debit cards – can be activated and USED.
- Boxes of blank checks.
- Credit card offers and applications.
- Tax returns and statements.



#### WHAT CAN I DO?

- Remove delivered mail from your mailbox as soon as possible.
- Never leave mail in a mailbox overnight.
- Have your boxes of checks delivered to your bank branch for pick-up.
- If you are on vacation or traveling, have your local post office hold your mail.
- Consider electronic banking and direct deposits to minimize the amount of financial data in your mailbox.
- Place outgoing mail in a USPS collection box.
- Shred mail (using a cross-cutting shredder) to prevent a thief going into your trash and obtaining paperwork that may contain your name, address or other vital information.
- Use a gel-type ink to write checks; it is more difficult to chemically alter.



Parcel packages are most vulnerable when left unattended at home. With internet shipping increasing daily, more and more parcel packages are stolen by thieves who follow delivery trucks and steal unattended packages.

#### MORE RESOURCES

- Consider installing an alarm or surveillance system that monitors where your packages are left (e.g. front porch).
- Consider a secure delivery box. It allows your mail carrier to place a box inside and lock it.
- Certain businesses offer lockers you can use for parcel delivery.
- Join your local Neighborhood Watch program – and participate!