

# NEWS RELEASE



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### **Police Urge Residents to Take Precautions Against Package Theft**

Garden City, N.Y. – Due to the recent surge in package thefts, the Garden City Police Department is raising awareness about steps residents can take to protect their packages and ensure safer deliveries.

With the rise of online shopping, many consumers are opting to have their purchases delivered directly to their homes. Unfortunately, this convenience has led to a corresponding increase in package thefts. According to recent reports, thefts from front porches and driveways have skyrocketed, prompting police to act.

"Package theft can be a frustrating experience, not just for the victim but for the entire community," said Commissioner Jackson. "We want to alert residents of effective strategies in an effort to protect their packages and reduce the risk of theft."

Commissioner Jackson offers the following tips to help residents safeguard their deliveries:

1. **Schedule Deliveries**: Whenever possible, schedule your deliveries for times when you can be home to receive them. This limits the opportunity for thieves.
2. **Use Secure Locations**: Consider having packages delivered to secure locations such as your workplace or a trusted neighbor's house.
3. **Surveillance**: Security cameras or smart doorbells can deter thieves and provide evidence if a theft occurs.
4. **Request Signature Confirmation**: Opt for delivery services that require a signature upon receipt, ensuring that packages are handed directly to you.
5. **Consider Package Lockers**: Many carriers now offer package lockers or pickup points. This option can significantly reduce the risk of theft.
6. **Stay Alert**: Be vigilant in your neighborhood. If you notice suspicious activity or individuals loitering around delivery trucks, report it to the police.

"Our goal is to keep our community safe," added Commissioner Jackson. "By taking these proactive measures, residents can significantly reduce their chances of becoming victims of package theft."

The Garden City Police Department encourages everyone to share these tips with friends and family to promote safety and awareness.

To report suspicious activity, please contact the Garden City Police Department by dialing 911 or call (516) 465-4100.