

Police Report Increase in Stolen Mail in Garden City

Commissioner Kenneth Jackson would like to alert residents that the Garden City Police Department has seen an increase in stolen mail in Garden City. These thefts are occurring from residential USPS mailboxes throughout the Village at all times of the day and night. Nassau County Police Department also reports an increase in these types of thefts throughout Nassau County. In most cases, the thieves use a weighted object attached to a string and covered in a sticky substance to retrieve mail out of the mailbox. The thieves are usually looking for checks or other items of value that have been mailed out.

The following are recommendations to safeguard your mail:

- Place mail in receptacles inside the Post Office, or hand your outgoing mail directly to your mail carrier
- Do not send cash in the mail
- Use “secure” checks that cannot be altered
- If dropping your mail in a mailbox, drop your mail as close as possible to the collection time listed on the mailbox
- Do not drop mail in the mailbox if you see any sticky substances on the box

The Commissioner would like to remind residents to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles, at or near, a mailbox. If you see or feel a sticky substance on a mailbox, do not put your mail inside and promptly notify the Police Department. Garden City Police recently arrested two subjects for stealing from a mailbox after an alert resident reported suspicious activity. Any suspicious activity, such as a person or persons reaching inside a mailbox, should be reported to the Garden City Police immediately.