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LCSO Urges Public Assistance in Identifying Mail Theft Suspects

The Leon County Sheriff's Office is actively seeking public assistance in identifying suspects involved in a recent surge of mail thefts, notably in the Killearn Lakes Subdivision. Instances of individuals tampering with mailboxes have been reported, prompting a call for community collaboration.

While our immediate focus is on the Killearn Lakes Subdivision, it's essential to recognize that this issue extends beyond a specific area. Residents across the county are urged to be vigilant and review their surveillance camera footage for any suspicious activity related to mail theft. If you possess surveillance footage depicting individuals engaging in suspicious behavior around mailboxes promptly contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office at 850-606-3300 with any information.

Alongside the call for assistance, LCSO encourages residents to take steps to protect their mail and their letter carriers, including:

- Don't let incoming or outgoing mail sit in your mailbox. You can significantly reduce the chance of being victimized by simply removing your mail from your mailbox every day.
- Deposit outgoing mail through a number of secure manners including inside your local Post Office or at your place of business or by handing it to a letter carrier.
- Sign up for Informed Delivery through the USPS. This free service provides preview images of incoming mail and status updates for both incoming and outbound packages. Notifications are available in a morning Daily Digest email or can be accessed anytime through the dashboard via phone, computer, or the USPS Mobile® app. Details about this service can be found at usps.gov.
- Become involved and engaged in your neighborhood via neighborhood watches and local social media groups to spread awareness and share information. For more information on LCSO's Neighborhood Watch program, contact our Crime Prevention unit at (850) 606-3272 or e-mail us at lcsocpu@leoncountyfl.gov.
- Keep an eye out for your letter carrier. If you see something that looks suspicious, or you see someone following your carrier, call 911.

Residents are encouraged to report stolen mail as soon as possible by submitting an online complaint to the Postal Inspection Service at www.uspis.gov/report or calling 877-876-2455.



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