Prevent Package Poaching!

The Holiday Season is approaching and with it comes an increase in Package Delivery Theft. More and more people do their holiday shopping online, and the majority of these packages are delivered straight to the customer’s door, whether anyone is there to accept them or not. Unfortunately, this can attract individuals looking for crimes of opportunity as well as the prolific thieves who target delivery trucks. In some cases, criminals will look for FedEx, UPS or Amazon delivery trucks and follow them on their routes; targeting homes after the delivery is made. To avoid becoming a victim of package delivery theft, be a smart consumer and consider some of the following alternatives:

Track your Order- Most companies have online tracking apps, like FedEx Delivery Manager and UPS My Choice, which allow you to monitor the status of your delivery as well as change the delivery option. In some cases you may request a signature for your package, and even have it re-routed to one of their retail locations.

Secure Delivery- Amazon offers a secure option, Instead of delivering a package to your home or business address, you can select an Amazon Locker location and pick up your package at a time that's convenient for you. Once your package is delivered to the Amazon Locker, you'll receive an e-mail notification with a unique pick-up code that includes the address and opening times for your selected Locker location (2 locations in Bellevue). Another option is to contact your local retailers and see what services they provide. For example, the UPS Store located at 227 Bellevue Way NE, will allow you to have your packages sent directly to them. Just make sure the label reads HOLD FOR PICKUP, and for a small fee, your package can be held in a safe, central location.

(Call individual stores for options and availability.)

Keep in mind that many of these crimes occur during broad daylight. Be alert and report suspicious behavior in your neighborhood, especially if you see a delivery truck making the rounds and a vehicle following behind or unfamiliar subjects on foot.

Call 911, non-emergency 425-577-5656(NORCOM) or Report a Crime Online

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

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