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TIP OF THE WEEK
CRIME SOLVERS REPORT
JUNE 23 THRU JUNE 29 2021

What to know before you buy something online June 18, 2021

Ahh, summer. Ten sweet yet short weeks to enjoy some of your favorite traditions. Maybe it's sipping an ice cold drink on the porch, spending a weekend at the beach, or cooling off with the kids at the pool. Now that you think about it, you might decide to treat yourself to a new porch swing or a new beach umbrella. Or suddenly realize that you need to buy more goggles because the kids lost theirs...again. Before you start filling up your online shopping cart, we've got some tips you'll want to check out (no pun intended!).

Do some comparison-shopping. Before you buy online, use the power of the internet to compare prices on different websites. We've got tips about using comparison-shopping sites.

Think critically about online reviews. Reading other people's opinions about a product can help you make a decision. But some reviews are downright fake or not completely honest. You may not know when a reviewer got something — like a free product — in exchange for the review. Learn more about how to evaluate online reviews.

Pay attention to the details. Before you buy something online, know when it'll ship and what to do if you want to return it. Read up on delivery, return, and refund policies.

Pay with a credit card if you can. That way, if you get billed twice for the same item, or you get billed for something you never got, you can dispute it. Learn more about the benefits of paying with a credit card.

Find out what personal information shopping apps collect. Shopping apps might give you exclusive deals or rewards points. But they might also take your personal information, like your name, phone number, and email. And they might use your device's location. Here's what to know if you're using a shopping app. If you spot this or any other scam, report it to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

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BREAKING AND ENTERING RESIDENCE-OLD RIDGE CFS 21-054780

4900 block Ridge Road on 6-26 between 8:05am and 12:30pm someone broke into the residence and stole a Sentry Lock box containing \$500. Entry was made through an unlocked window. Sometime three weeks ago unknown persons stole a gray Aaron lawn mower and a red tool box containing mechanics tools from the back yard. The tool box is engraved with "TO PAPPY" on the inside. CFS 21-054780

BREAKING AND ENTERING-COMMERCIAL CFS 21-056404

My Eye Doctor 5426 Jefferson Davis Highway, 6-26 at 5:24am someone broke the front door glass and display cases were opened and some frames were on the floor. It is not known what was taken. CFS 21-056404

BREAKING AND ENTERING RESIDENCE CFS 21-056577

4300 block Mine Road on 6-28 between 12:02am and 4:45am someone entered the residence thru an unlocked kitchen window and took the victims purse and MacBook Pro. CFS 21-056577

GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-TIMBER RIDGE CFS 21-055378

9700 block Hearthwood Court, between 3:30pm and 6-24 4:35pm someone entered the unlocked vehicle, rummaged it and took an Sarsilmaz 9mm semi-automatic firearm. It is valued at \$545. CFS 21-055378

PETIT LARCENY FROM BUILDING CFS 21-054817

7000 block Marye Road on 6-21 5:41pm someone entered the shed and stole a new red and black lawn mower valued at \$290 and a 9-foot ladder valued at \$200. CFS 054817

PETIT LARCENY OF AUTO PART CFS 21-055032

Cracker Barrel 5200 Southpoint Parkway on 6-23 between 8:30am and 2:10pm someone cut off the catalytic from the 2005 Kia Sportage. It is valued at \$500. CFS 21-055032

PETIT LARCENY BICYCLES-CHANCELLOR GREEN CFS 21-054642

800 block Shamrock Road unknown persons stole two bicycles from the front porch of the residence. One bicycle is a green 10 speed Mongoose. The other is a hot pink Beach Cruiser and has a large seat. Both bicycles are valued at \$200.00. Serial numbers are unknown. CFS 21-054642

FRAUD CFS 21-054682

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5100 block Paytes Lane on 6-22 between 9:36 and 10:28am the victim reported being contacted by an employee of the Social Security Administration. He told the victim to withdraw \$24,900 and to use a Bitcoin ATM in Woodbridge. The victim complied. CFS 21-054682

FRAUD-VILLAGES OF SALEM STATION CFS 21-054803

11400 block Chelsea Court on 6-22 between 3:30 and 5:34pm the victim attempted to make a change on a pre-existing order and called the wrong number that turned out to be a Fraudsters number and not StubHub. The fraudster instructed the victim to purchase a \$500 Target gift card to cancel the tickets and purchase new tickets. CFS 21-054803

VANDALISM-WINEWOOD CFS 21-055322

100 block Winewood Drive, between 6-23 10:13pm and 6-24 2:22am unknown persons threw eggs at the house and the driveway. CFS 21-055322

VANDALISM-FAWN LAKE CFS 21-055935

11600 Longstreet Drive on 6-25 between 1:00 and 1:04pm someone fired an object at an exterior full glass back door causing the glass to shatter. It is valued at \$500.00. CFS 21-055935

VANDALISM-SALEM FIELDS~FAIRFIELD CFS 21-056661

7200 block Alpha Court on 6-28 between 9:50 and 9:54pm the victim heard a loud noise at the front door and upon checking noticed that the door frame was cracked. Suspect is a male dressed in black. CFS 21-056661