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## Don't let the **Grinch** Steal Your Packages this **Holiday** Season

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – Now that the holidays are upon us, we must be vigilant about the possibility of packages being stolen when they are delivered to our residences and left on porches unattended. During the holiday season, bad guys are aware of the increase in home package deliveries and they seize the opportunity to benefit themselves. There are a few steps that you can take to lessen the likelihood of being a victim.

- ***Choose a shipping option that requires you to sign for delivery.***
- ***Check delivery status online so you can try to be home when the package arrives. Some retailers even offer text messages to your cell phone to alert you when items have been delivered.***
- ***Ask the delivery company to hold your package for customer pick-up at their local shipping facility.***
- ***Many of these crimes occur during broad daylight. Be alert about suspicious behavior in your neighborhood.***

- ***On the expected day of arrival, post a note on your door asking the delivery service to leave the package with a trusted neighbor.***
- ***Arrange to have the package shipped to another location where someone can receive it.***
- ***If you do not receive your shipment on time, check with the company of origin and confirm the delivery. If the item was delivered and you did not receive it, report the theft or loss to the original company, the shipping company, and the Glendale Police Department non-emergency number at 623-930-3000.***

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