



## PRESS RELEASE

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- I. DATE PRESS RELEASE: November 26, 2012
- II. ANNOUNCEMENT: Theft of Packages from Residential Porches

The Livermore Police Department has received reports concerning thefts of delivered packages from citizen's front porches and mailboxes. This seasonal trend is not specific to Livermore with theft-related crimes increasing nationally over the holidays. We do; however, wish to remind our citizens of suggested methods for preventing theft of valuable items delivered to your residence, as well as methods of protecting packages sent. The following may prevent you from becoming a victim of mail theft:

- UPS provides a program titled, "UPS My Choice" which provides delivery alerts to electronic devices as well as package tracking. The free service allows you to coordinate delivery to other locations or to a nearby UPS Store.  
<http://www.ups.com/mychoice/features/>
- The United States Postal Service also provides several methods of protection through package tracking and "hold mail" services. <https://www.usps.com/>
- Some companies provide a "special instructions" category allowing for the possibility of placing packages in a more secure location (ie: "place inside fence on side yard").

Regardless of the method of delivery, we want to recommend not allowing valuable packages to be left on porches or in your mailboxes for extended periods of time. Coordination for package pickup with neighbors, family or friends and / or the use of special delivery methods will ensure you are not the victim of theft.

The Livermore Police Department would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and stress the importance of safety and security through the holiday season. Please report crimes and suspicious persons / incidents to the Livermore Police Department (non-emergency: 925-371-4987 / emergency: 911).

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