



## Press Release

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### **Subject : Preventing Package Thefts**

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During the holiday season millions of packages will be shipped to homes and businesses across the country containing gifts and other valuable items. This increase in shipping also presents an opportunity for thieves looking to go “shopping” at your porch or front door. Many package thieves follow delivery trucks as they enter a neighborhood and wait for items to be dropped off on a front porch or near a front door when the resident is not home to receive the package. The thief then makes their way up to the front door and steals the package after the delivery truck has left.

Package thefts are up in Redondo Beach. Multiple reports have been called in to the Police Department, in recent weeks, reporting thefts that likely occurred in the manner described above. Please take steps to help prevent becoming a victim of package theft. Some of the things that you can do are:

- Contact the shipping company and arrange for delivery at a time when you will be available.
- Have Fedex and UPS packages sent directly to one of their local stores or distribution centers to be held for pickup
- Arrange for a neighbor to take delivery if you know that you will not be available
- Contact shippers and have the package rerouted to a place of trust
- Demand signature proof of delivery.
- Have the package delivered to your workplace
- Keep your tracking number and closely follow the progress of your package on-line
- If you see any activity that would suggest someone is following one of the delivery trucks or you see someone remove a delivered package, immediately call 911

This press release was prepared by Lt. Joe Hoffman.