



# POLICE DEPARTMENT Crime Analysis Unit

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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### *MAIL THEFTS*

Over the past three months, there have been various cases where mail or packages have been stolen from residences. This can be a significant problem for the victim, as it can lead to identity theft. Most of these occur during daytime hours.

In February, detectives from the Redondo Beach Police Department served three search warrants on the individuals suspected of committing mail thefts in Redondo Beach. **The two suspects were arrested and linked to 15 victims from Redondo Beach.** In addition, in January **a suspect was arrested and subsequently convicted of receiving stolen property.**

The Redondo Beach Police Department is working to combat Mail Theft. You can help. Don't become the next victim!

#### MAIL THEFT – THINGS TO BE AWARE OF

- **DON'T leave outgoing mail in the mailbox – deposit it in a Post Office mail box**
- **DON'T leave incoming mail or packages sit in the mailbox or near the front door after being delivered**
- **DO be aware of any suspicious persons near the front door/porch/mail boxes of any residence, including multi-unit buildings**
- **DO contact the Redondo Beach Police Department Department (379-5411) if you see anything suspicious or if you have been a victim of mail theft**