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### **SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS 5 TIPS TO PREVENT PACKAGE THEFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

SUFFOLK, VA (November 27, 2018) This holiday season will see many residents ordering special gifts for family and friends during what is the busiest shopping time of the year. Unfortunately, this is also prime season for package thieves. The Suffolk Police Department would like to remind residents that, as you are making online purchases over the next few weeks, to follow these tips to avoid becoming the victim of package theft:

1. Sign up for delivery alerts so you know when your delivery is scheduled - and when the package has been delivered.
2. If you're not able to be home when a package will be delivered, ask a trusted neighbor to hold it for you.
3. If possible, require a signature for all deliveries.

4. Consider shipping packages to your place of work or use the ship to store option.

5. Be a good neighbor! If you see a package on your neighbor's doorstep, contact them and ask if they would like you to hold it until they are home.

If you do have any packages stolen, first contact Suffolk Police and then check with your neighbors to see if they saw anything suspicious. The Suffolk Police Department wants this holiday season to be a safe one for our residents and business owners.

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