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City of Yonkers Police Department

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Public Safety Alert

The Yonkers Police Department is issuing a Public Safety Alert regarding multiple incidents of mail theft that occurred on Tuesday 05/08/18 at approximately 1:30 AM – 2 AM in the area of Yonkers Avenue. The following mailboxes were targeted and their contents stolen:

- 21 Durst Place
- 560 Yonkers Avenue
- 614 Yonkers Avenue
- 656 Yonkers Avenue
- 733 Yonkers Avenue
- 915 Yonkers Avenue
- Seminary Avenue at Valentine Street

If you utilized these mailboxes within the past 72 hours to send checks or checking account information, please notify your financial institutions and verify your bank accounts have not been compromised. You should advise your bank and credit institutions of the potential for fraud activity, and monitor your accounts closely for the next several months. Additionally, please be aware of the potential for identity theft, late payment charges for bill payments sent through the mail, and financial scams targeting your household. It is recommended you contact the credit bureaus to place fraud alerts in your files:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0275-place-fraud-alert>

The Yonkers Police, Postal Inspectors, and surrounding agencies are investigating these incidents. Residents are advised to call the Yonkers Police at (914) 377-7900 to report suspicious activity at or around mailboxes; emergencies dial 9-1-1. Suspects are alleged to have keys to the mailboxes, and may pass themselves off as postal employees.

These incidents of outside mailbox theft appear to be a regional issue with multiple jurisdictions affected; therefore the Yonkers Police Department recommends that residents go directly to their local post office and drop off mail inside the postal facility or hand deliver to your carrier.

Additionally:

- If possible, avoid using checks; online bill payment is quicker and safer
- If you are using checks, use gel based pens (Uni-ball 207, Pilot G-2)

Please pass this information along to relatives and friends, especially the elderly and our vulnerable populations who are often the victims of these types of crimes. ###

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