Mail Theft, Fraud and Scams

by Detective Darrell Van Cott

No matter what the season or where you live thieves are always on the lookout for an opportunity to take advantage of someone else’s hard work and resources. Unfortunately that means that the rest of us end up having to take extra steps to protect our property and even our own identity. Being able to order a product online and having it delivered right to your doorstep is a great convenience that many of us take advantage of. Thieves can also take advantage of the fact that many of those packages sit in plain view for hours before the rightful owner can retrieve them. The mail box is also a target as it may not only contain packages with merchandise, checks, credit cards or money but the mail we send and receive every day often contains personal identifying information which combined with the use of some of today’s technology may be used to open fraudulent accounts or otherwise use your identity for illegal purposes.

To help prevent mail and package theft, retrieve the items as soon as possible after delivery. If possible have items delivered to your workplace or to a trusted neighbor where you know someone will be available to accept the package for you. For some items you may also want to schedule a delivery appointment to get the package directly to your door.

It’s also a good idea to notify the delivery company that something is being delivered where your package is along its route and when to expect the delivery; you can even set up text or email notifications through many of the services to notify you when your package has arrived. Take any of your outgoing mail, especially with sensitive information, to a post office rather than leaving it in your mail box for pickup. Visible security cameras can deter thieves and help provide evidence if something does happen to get stolen. Investing in a locking mail box or renting a Post Office box may also fit your lifestyle.

In addition to the technology we have available for good purposes, it is also being exploited by scammers and fraudsters who contact you by phone, email, text or other means who will try to separate you from your money or property; they somehow seem to know you by name and often have very convincing stories which may sound like an emergency situation where one of your own friends or relatives, who they also happen to know by name, is in need of some immediate cash to solve their financial woes. Or it may appear to be a well-known government agency or public utility threatening to have you arrested unless you pay the purported fee or past due bills. The caller ID on your phone may even look like the call is coming from a known agency but again with technology, there are ways to make phones appear to be something they are not! These people will usually request that you send the money immediately by wire, a green dot card or similar prepaid card which is nearly impossible to trace. There are many such schemes, too many to list here. Being prepared to think about the events prior to the phone call, keeping the call brief, and not being pressured to act immediately is a sure sign of a scam. Just hang up the phone, delete the email or ignore the text. Do not provide or verify your personal information to the caller. Do not wire money or send money using a reloadable card. If you think it is at all possible the call is legitimate, VERIFY the information through independent routes such as calling your bank or financial institution. You can also check the buyer sent to you eventually bounces but the money you sent back was your own, real, hard earned money that you will never see again.

For further information on protecting yourself against fraud and identity theft and making additional reports, go to these websites:


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July 2016
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- Towne Center
- ACUB Land Purchase
- Aerial Map

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Staffing Changes ~ Providing City Services

Full Time Equivalent employees will increase from 89.95 to 99.6. The additional 9.7 positions include replacing many lost during the recession as well as to meet the needs of a growing city.

Administration/Communications…. +3.25
Planning and Development ….. +1.15
Water….. +0.07
Operations …… +5.95

Health Insurance is expected to increase 11%. Employees will maintain the 80/20 cost sharing.

Revenue
No increase in:
Property tax rate
Impact Fees & Park Fees
Small increase in:
Water user fees
(4%) $2.9M received in ACUB for Army Base Buffer Zone

Expenditures
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More Info
Review the entire budget at:
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Questions regarding the budget?
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Road Maintenance

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Rattlesnake Safety
Tami Moody, Director of Communications

As the warmer weather approaches, it is time to hit the trails and enjoy the sunshine and the great outdoors. Just remember that you are not the only one enjoying basking in the sun’s rays. Rattlesnakes are also heading out of their dens to take in the warmth of the sun. Though rattlesnakes can be found anywhere on the hillside, they often are near logs or rocks where mice and other small rodents are likely to hang out. But there are those times when you may run into them right on the trail. They are active during daylight hours, and when it gets really hot outside, they have the potential to become active at night.

So what do you do if you come across a rattlesnake on a trail? Leave the snake alone. Do not harass it or attempt to engage it in any way. Stay at least five feet from the snake. If you come across an agitated rattlesnake that is coiled and rattling, stay away and move on. Rattlesnakes can strike about 1/3 of their body length, and they don’t always rattle before they bite. If you happen to live along the hillside and find a rattlesnake in your yard, if it will not leave, you can call for help and have it removed. The Division of Wildlife Resources has referred Reptile Rescue at 801-880-2647 as a great resource for removal in the Salt Lake Valley.

You might have noticed new businesses under construction by your house. Tenants will be announced at a later date.

Pool Safety
Kristin Whittle, Inspection Coordinator

I came across this information from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and thought it contained important information.

The July 4th holiday has traditionally seen an increase in the number of fatal pool and spa drownings, as compared with fatal drownings during other weeks. Data compiled from media reports by the USA Swimming Foundation for the last four years indicate that an average of 23 children fatally drowned in pools and spas during the week of July 4th, 2015 (June 30th through July 6th). In 2014, there were 21 fatal drownings reported involving children younger than 15 during the week of the July 4th holiday; 33 fatal drownings were reported in 2013; 30 fatal drownings were reported in 2012; 24 fatal drownings were reported in 2011; and 25 fatal drownings were reported in 2010.

"Fatal drownings don't look like they do in the movies—they’re silent, happen in an instant and devastate families for a lifetime," said Chairman Elliot F. Kaye. "There are simple steps, though, that families can take to be sure that their time around the water is safer this holiday weekend. Adults need to be designated as Water Watchers and ensure their only task is to watch kids in the water. Fences with locking gates should completely enclose the pool, and kids need to be signed up for swim lessons with certified instructors. Drowning is 100 percent preventable."

Pool Safety is CPSC’s public education and outreach effort to prevent drownings and entrapments in swimming pools and spas.

Here are Pool Safely’s Top 10 Tips to Stay Safer Around the Pool or Spa this Holiday Weekend:
1. Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim.
2. Install a four-foot or taller fence around the entire perimeter of the pool and use self-closing and self-latching gates, ask your neighbors to do the same at their pools.
3. Never leave a child unattended in or near a pool or spa and always watch your children closely around all bodies of water.
4. Designate a Water Watcher to supervise children in the pool or spa. This person should not be reading, texting, using a smartphone or be otherwise distracted. Adults can take turns being a Water Watcher.
5. If a child is missing, look for him or her first.
6. Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings to avoid entrapments.
7. Ensure any public pool and spa you use has drain covers that comply with federal safety requirements, and, if you do not know, ask the pool manager if the facility complies with the “VGB Act.”
8. Learn how to perform CPR on children and adults, and update those skills regularly.
9. Install and use a lockable safety cover on your pool.
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If you happen to find yourself as a victim or witness to any crime including Identity Theft, Fraud and Mail theft please report it to the Unified Police Department.

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