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Killam / Forestburg RCMP Warns of Increased Mail Theft During Holiday Season

Killam / Forestburg, Alta. – As the holiday season approaches, many Albertans are preparing for the busy shopping season with online orders, which means increased parcel deliveries and, in turn, the opportunity for mail theft from porches and community mailboxes.

Killam / Forestburg RCMP recommends the following strategies to safeguard your deliveries and ensure your packages arrive securely:

- When possible, arrange for packages to be delivered on days when you are home, or request that items be delivered to a trusted neighbour or friend who can receive them on your behalf.
- Some delivery services offer secure parcel lockers where you can pick up your package at a nearby location. Alternatively, installing a secure drop box at your home can provide a safe place for deliveries if you are not available to receive them.
- Visible security cameras and doorbell cameras act as a deterrent to potential thieves. They also provide useful footage if a theft does occur, aiding in investigations and recovery efforts.
- If you're expecting a valuable item, request a signature upon delivery. This ensures that your package will not be left unattended and susceptible to theft.
- For those with community mailboxes, make a habit of checking your mailbox regularly and removing mail promptly.
- Always report any damage or signs of tampering to your local postal service.
- Ensure that your mail key is stored in a safe place and not left unattended in vehicles or public spaces.

For more tips on how you can protect yourself from mail theft, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta.

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