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Holden Police Investigating Rash of Mail Thefts

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HOLDEN, Mass. — Over the past several months the Holden Police Department has been investigating the theft of outgoing mail from residents' mail boxes, which have been occurring on an irregular basis all over the town of Holden.

According to the Holden police, residents have placed mail in their mailbox at night or early morning, leaving the red flag up. Later they would discover the mail missing.

At this time the Holden Police Department is investigating some leads, but are still trying to identify the thieves.

It is recommended that people use the Post Office's blue collection boxes that are placed in various spots throughout town, and never put out-going mail in their personal mailbox.

Police added that "if you must put outgoing mail in your mail box, don't raise the flag," explaining that "postal

personnel will pick up mail without the flag raised, as long as you receive incoming mail on that day."

Furthermore, the police department recommends if that if residents must use their personal mail box that they place the mail in the box closer to the delivery time, giving criminals less of an opportunity to steal the mail.

Residents that believe they are a victim of mail theft are asked to report it to the Holden Police as soon as possible, and file a report with the United States Postal Inspection Service at www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov.

If a resident has observed unauthorized people removing mail, they should call the police immediately with a description of the people and motor vehicle.






The Holden Police Department is working with the US Postal Inspection Unit to determine who is involved in the theft of the mail.

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