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Mail stolen from boxes

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Outgoing mail has been reported stolen from residents' mailboxes several times over the past few months.

The thefts have been occurring throughout town, and in no particular pattern, police said.

The missing mail has all been taken from boxes where it is left for pickup, signaled by a raised red flag on the box.

Holden police are working with the U.S. Postal Inspection Unit on the thefts.

Police Chief George Sherrill recommends that residents use the Postal Service's blue boxes to deposit outgoing mail.

"If residents use their own mailboxes, they should not raise the flag on the box. Outgoing mail will be picked up, as long as a delivery is made to your mailbox that day," Chief Sherrill said.

He also recommended that residents avoid placing outgoing mail in residential boxes hours before pickup, giving thieves more time to steal mail.

Residents whose mail has been stolen should report it to the Holden Ppolice immediately at 508-210-5600 and file a report with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at postalinspectors.uspis.gov.

If residents spot unauthorized people removing mail or see suspicious motor vehicles, they are asked to call police with a description.

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