

Mail Theft Media Release, Jasper County Sheriff's Office

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office is informing the citizens of Jasper County about the increasing numbers of mail theft and forgery.

Jasper County Sheriff Archie Dunn along with the Joplin Branch of the United States Postal Service makes the following suggestions which are likely to aid against mail theft and forgery.

Try to send ***"outgoing"*** mail at the Post Office in the heavy-duty blue mail boxes, or, rent a P.O. Box.

You may purchase a USPS Government Approved mail box with front and rear locking access doors from stores that sell mail boxes. This mail box can be placed at the location your regular mail box was mounted and provides more security.

If you do use your personal mail boxes that do not have the locking feature, do not put ***"outgoing"*** mail out the night before or for extended periods of time. Retrieve your ***"Incoming"*** mail promptly as well.

There is a pen on the market with ink that is designed to stay on paper and will not "wash" off. Use this pen to write your checks.

Keep your checkbooks, credit cards, account information, and identifications in a safe, secure location.

If it appears someone is tampering with the mail, or you see somebody loitering around mail boxes, get a description of them, their vehicle, and if possible, a license plate number. Do not approach or confront them. Contact your local law enforcement agency and give them the information.

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