



20th DISTRICT



PREVENT PORCH PIRATING

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PACKAGES SAFE:



- Have packages delivered to your workplace or a business drop off/pick-up such as Amazon Locker or UPS Access Point.
- When available, track your shipment to know when it will be delivered.
- If you will not be home to receive your package, ask a neighbor to watch for the delivery truck and give them permission to take possession of the item until you return.
- Avoid letting deliveries sit out in the open on your porch or doorstep.
- Ask the delivery company to place items in inconspicuous areas such as the back door, or behind fixtures or landscaping where they cannot be readily observed from the sidewalk or street.
- Consider adding a surveillance device to catch deliveries when they occur so you can notify a neighbor to help you, or to help catch and identify a thief that does steal the packages.
- Beware of vehicles that pass up and down the block numerous times, many thieves case the neighborhood before they act.
- Weather is not a factor – excessive heat, cold, or precipitation will not deter the thieves.
- Know your neighbors, when a neighbor gets a delivery, text or call. Ask your neighbors to do the same for you.
- Consider installing a strongbox at your entryway to keep packages secure and out of sight.



UPS



Amazon



FedEx



USPS



DHL

Use your cell phone camera to scan the QR code for a link to the shipper's tracking website.