

OCEAN SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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The Ocean Shores Police Department is investigating a current series of mail thefts and forgeries that have occurred within the past week. The suspects have stolen outgoing mail from homeowner's streetside mailboxes and altered the check to make it payable to the suspect and also changed the amount written on the check. The suspects then go to the victim's bank and cash the check the same day.

The Ocean Shores Police strongly recommend that everyone, when mailing bill payments, use the Post Office or place the outgoing mail in a Post Office mail receptacle. Additionally, people should report any suspicious activity or persons near their mailboxes to their local law enforcement agency.

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