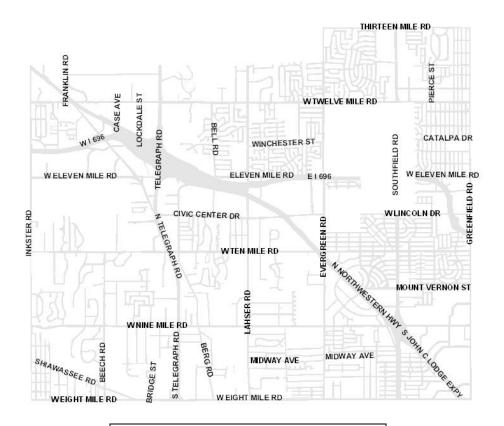
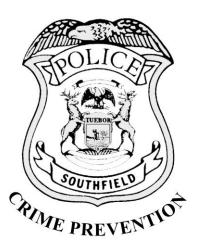
Police Crime Bulletin

Crime Prevention Bureau 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, Michigan (248) 796-5500

March 22, 2021 – March 28, 2021







Chief of Police Elvin Barren

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Commercial Bur	glaries:		
Date/Time	Address (block range)	Method of Entry	Description/Suspect Information
None Reported:			
Tips:			

Home Invasion:

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Date/Time	Address (block range)	Method of Entry	Description/Suspect Information
03/25/2021 8:58am	25000 Lois Ln.	The suspect gained entry to the garage and the breezeway between the garage and residence not into the door that goes into the residence.	Victim states he was at work from approx. 9:00am to 6:00pm. Upon returning to his home he found that the garage door was open and he found miscellaneous shoes, clothing, and an LG Cellphone that did not belong to him. (Left behind by suspect(s) Victim did discover that he was missing one pair of Nike shoes and a bag of returnable bottles. No suspect information.

03/22/2021	22000 Civic Center Dr.	No forced entry.	On Saturday March 20, 2021, there was a fire at
1:13pm	(Apartments)	The apartment	Apartment Complex in the 22000 Block of Civic Center.
		door had already	The Fire Marshall was on scene and several units had
		been breached by	forced entry because it wasn't safe for anyone to be in
		the FD.	these apartments. These apartments were to be
			boarded up when the scene was secured.
			Several days later tenants were allowed back into their
			apartments to collect belongings. The tenant in one of
			the apartments discovered that items were missing
			from her apartment, including cash and a Rolex
			Watch. There was no forced entry.

- Tips:

 Let trusted neighbors know if you are not going to be at home

 Be cautious about who you let in your home for service and repairs

 Contact the Southfield Police Crime Prevention Bureau for a free home security inspection (248) 796-5409

Automobile Thefts:			
Date/Time	Address (block range)	Year, Make, Model	Details
From: 03/23/2021 2:00am To: 03/23/2021 12:00pm	23000 Pond Rd. (Apartments)	Status S - Stolen Manufacturer DODGE Model CHARGER Color GRY - Gray Vehicle Year 2014 Body Style State MI Description Tinted Windows and Rock Chip Bottom Left Windshield	Victim states he got home from work on 03/23/2021 around 2:00am and parked his vehicle at his Apartment Complex in the 23000 Block of Pond Rd. When he returned to his vehicle later the same morning at 12:00pm he discovered someone had taken his 2014 Gray Dodge Charger. There was evidence that the passenger side rear window had been broken out. No suspect information.
From: 03/22/2021 1:43pm To: 03/23/2021 1:59pm	24000 Telegraph Rd. (Commercial- Car Rentals)	Status SR - Both Stolen and Recovered Bentley Model Flying Spur Color WHI - White Vehicle Year 2014 Body Style 4D - 4 Door State CA License Year 2021 Description White 2014 Bentley Flying Spur Recovered Date/Time 03/24/2021 8:35am	Officers were dispatched to the 24000 Block of Telegraph Rd. (Car Rental Business) regarding a UDAA report. A White 2014 Bentley Flying Spur was stolen from the business. The R/P (Owner) advised that the suspect is the same person that took the key to the vehicle one day earlier. The suspect was a B/M, Light complexion, 5'8"-5'10", thin build, black short curly hair, a full beard, wearing a blue Pistons short sleeve t-shirt, black pants, a black jacket, and black shoes. The suspect had the jacket tied around his waist yesterday and was wearing it again today when he returned. There is surveillance video of yesterday's incident and todays incident. On 03/24/2021 Officers responded to the area of W 8 Mile Rd and Shiawassee on reports of a

possible stolen vehicle recovery. Officers had received a tip that the stolen vehicle along with the suspect's vehicle, a White 2011 Ford Escape was at Apartment Complex in the 25000 Block of Shiawassee St. Officers responded to the location and located both vehicles. During Officers investigation, they noticed movement under a blanket in the rear of the Ford Escape. Officers discovered a subject hiding under the blanket. The suspect was given verbal orders to exit the vehicle. The suspect at first didn't comply. When he did exit the vehicle, he fled on foot. Officers gave chase and apprehended the suspect. Officers reviewed the surveillance video from business and confirmed the suspect was the same person that took the key and the vehicle from business. The suspect was arrested for Larceny from Building, Auto Theft & R&O. Victims 2014 Bentley was recovered. Detectives conducted follow up investigation and presented case to OCPO. All three charges, Auto Theft, Larceny in a Building and R&O were issued and swore to by Detectives. Great job by everyone that was involved in this **Investigation & Arrest!!!**

03/26/2021 6:48am	25000 Northwestern Hwy. (Hotel)	Status I - Information Only Manufacturer DODGE Model CHARGER Color WHI - White Vehicle Year 2019 Body Style 4D - 4 Door State MI Description Dodge Charger Scat Pack Notes Vehicle TOT Berkley PD	Officer was on routine patrol at Evergreen Rd, north of Ten Mile Rd, when he observed a newer model White Dodge Charger Scat Pack backed into a parking spot at Hotel in the 25000 Block of Northwestern Hwy. Officer could read the license plate on the vehicle, and ran the license plate through LEIN. The plate returned stolen out of another jurisdiction, entered 03/09/2021. Officer obtained the Vin# which was ran through LEIN and returned stolen out of Berkley Public
		Vehicle TOT Berkley PD	

9:36pm 19000 W Nine Mile Rd. (Gas Station) Status SR - Both Stolen & Recovered Manufacturer MAZDA 19000 Block of Eight Mile Rd. to purchase something. She advised she was only in	he
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arrest was made by Vehicle Year left the vehicle unlocked with the keys in the	
DPD) ignition. Victims cell phone was also in the	
4D - 4 Door vehicle when it was taken.	
MI Victim called PD and advised that her phone	was
2021 pinging at 9 Mile & Mapleridge.	
Description 2014 Mazda CX-5 Officers checked area for victim's phone and	
Recovered Date/Time 03/28/2021 7:05am vehicle and neither were located.	
Officers spoke to the Clerk at the Gas Station	and
he stated he had a B/M in the business for	
approx. 2 hours around the time victim's veh	icle
was taken. The male told the Clerk his car had	
broken down and he needed assistance in	
pushing it to a pump. The B/M was referring	to a
Black Chrysler 300 that was parked in front o	
business in the far north parking spot near 9	
Rd. Officers located this vehicle, Chrysler 300	
attempted to contact the registered owner w	
negative results. (Poss. Suspect)	
The victim's vehicle was entered Lein as a Sto	len
Vehicle. Officers attempted to view surveillar	nce
of incident. It was not available at time of reg	
Note: Detroit Auto Recovery advised that the	
recovered victim's vehicle and made an arres	•
There was no damage to the vehicle and all p	arts
were intact with keys. The vehicle was recove	
in Detroit on 03/28/2021 at approx. 7:05am.	

			The suspect that was driving the vehicle has been identified and Investigation is on-going.
03/24/2021 7:45am	16000 W Nine Mile Rd. (Hospital)	Status SR - Both Stolen and Recovered Manufacturer JEEP Model GRAND CHEROKEE Color RED - Red Vehicle Year 2018 Body Style 4D - 4 Door State MI Description 2018 RED JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE TRACK HAWK Recovered Date/Time 03/28/2021 7:54pm	Victim states he parked his 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee Track Hawk in the Doctors parking area of the hospital on the west side of building on 04/23/2021 at 10:30pm. Victim returned to his vehicle the following morning at 7:00am and it was gone. No suspect information.

Tips:

- Never leave your vehicle running unattended
 Park in areas where your vehicle is viewable if possible
 Use commercially available security devices

Larceny:			
Date/Time	Address (block range)	Item Taken	Details
From: 03/22/2021 8:00pm To: 03/23/2021 7:00am	23000 Civic Center Dr. (Apartments)	Status S - Stolen Description All Four Wheels & Tires Were Taken From 2020 Ford Fusion (Premium Wheels/Tires)	Victim states she parked her 2020 Ford Fusion Titanium in the parking lot at her Apartment Complex in the 23000 Block of Civic Center Dr. Sometime between 03/22/2021 8:00pm and the following morning at 7:00am someone stole All Four Wheels & Tires from her vehicle. A black Gorilla Brand Wheel Lock tool was discovered on the ground near the vehicle. Note: The vehicle was equipped with the Premium Titanium Wheels & Tires. There have been several of these types of wheels & tires taken from Ford Fusions the past couple weeks!

03/24/2021 1:04am (Entering w/o Permission Also)	28000 Franklin River (Apartments)	Status S - Stolen Description 1 pair of Gucci shoes, 2 pairs of Dolce Gabbana shoes,	Officers were dispatched to Apartment Complex in the 28000 Block of Franklin River for an MDOP Report. Victim states that he had a domestic altercation earlier in the evening with his boyfriend in the City of Detroit. R/P returned to his residence (sometime between 12:00am and 1:00am) and took his dog for a walk leaving his apartment door unlocked. While walking his dog, he observed his boyfriend in his apartment window and headed back to confront him. When R/P got back to his apartment he saw his boyfriend and his friend running away down the hallway. R/P checked his apartment and observed that three expensive pairs of shoes were now gone. R/P stated that his boyfriend didn't have permission to enter his apartment or take his shoes. Both subjects have been identified and incident is under investigation.
03/25/2021 10:38am	20000 Poinciana St.	Status S - Stolen Description Flower/Dragonfly Light, Glass and Metal Bird Bath, Yellow Steel Flower, Iron Welcome Planter Holder, 1 Bakers Rack, 4 Dragonfly Trellis', & A Small Windmill,	Victim states on Monday, March 22, 2021, she arrived home from work around 6:20pm to find a majority of her lawn ornaments were taken from her front lawn. No suspect information.

From: 03/24/2021 7:30pm To: 03/25/2021 7:45am	29000 Laurel Woods (Apartments)	Status S - Stolen Description All Four Wheels & Tires were Taken From 2020 Ford Fusion. The wheels were the Premium Titanium Type. There were also some cleaning supplies taken from the back seat.	Victim states she parked her vehicle at her Apartment Complex in the 29000 Block of Laurel Park on 03/24/2021 around 7:30pm. Victim returned to her vehicle the following morning at 7:35am and discovered All Four Wheels & Tires had been taken from her 2020 Ford Fusion Titanium. Note: The wheel lock was removed from the glove box and used to take the wheels.
From: 03/25/2021 9:15pm To: 03/26/2021 8:00am	20000 Lahser Rd. (Apartments)	Status S - Stolen Manufacturer Ford Model Explorer Description All Four Wheels & Tires were taken from 2020 Ford Explorer.	Victims 2020 Ford Explorer was parked in the east parking lot of victims Apartment Complex in the 20000 Block of Lahser Rd. Sometime between 03/25/2021 9:15pm and the following morning at 8:00am someone stole All Four Wheels & Tires from the vehicle. Note: The passenger side rear window was broken out, the interior of the vehicle was ransacked, the wheel lock was located and was utilized to take the wheels & tires. No suspect information.

1:03pm 20000 Beechaven St. Status S - Stolen Description GT Aggressor Pro Men's Mountain Bike, Black with Blu Lettering.	R/P states she had two of the family's bikes out on the front lawn. Sometime on 03/27/2021 between 6:00pm- 8:00pm someone stole one of the bikes. No suspect information.
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- Tips:

 * Ensure your vehicle is locked always and valuables are out of sight.

 * Thieves wait for the right time and will move quickly

 * Even if playing sports at a park ensure your vehicle is locked

Armed Robbery:				
Date/Time	Address (block range)	Item Taken	Details	
None Reported:				
Tips: Always be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious incidents or persons to your local police.				
 If something doesn't appear right or someone looks like they are up to no good, call the police immediately Trust your intuition 				
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Be on the Look Out Highlights:	Arrests by SPD Officers:
Special Attention: Domestic F/A with a Shovel 03/24/2021 2:48pm 21000 Block of Eight and Half Mile Rd. On 03/24/2021 at approx. 2:48pm, Officers were dispatched to the 21000 Block of Eight and Half Mile Rd. for a Domestic Assault just occurred. The female suspect was walking towards Eight Mile and Evergreen wearing rainbow pants and a black jacket. Officers arrived on scene and determined that the female that left the scene was responsible for Domestic F/A. She threatened victim with a knife and then struck victim with a shovel which caused injury to her right forearm. The suspect was identified and Investigation is on-going.	OWI= Operate While Impaired OUIN= Operate Under Influence Narcotics LFA= Larceny from Auto R&C= Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property DWLS= Driving with Suspended License A&B= Assault & Battery CSC= Criminal Sexual Conduct CCW/CPL= Carrying Concealed Weapon NOLOP= No Operator License on Person R/A= Robbery Armed RNA= Robbery Not Armed PWID= Possession with Intent to Deliver PPO= Personal Protection Order PBT= Preliminary Breath Test R/P= Reporting Party VCSA= Violation Controlled Substance Act

Special Attention:

Fleeing & Eluding/ F/A on Police Officer

03/26/2021 3:22am

S/B M-10 & Lahser Rd.

On 03/26/2021 at 3:22am Officer was assisting Southfield Fire Department and DTE with traffic control for down powerlines at N/B Lahser, south of Eleven Mile Rd. Inc.# 21-9644.

Officer was blocking the N/B lanes of Lahser Rd, south of Eleven Mile Rd, with his emergency lights activated, when he observed a newer model, Red Jeep Grand Cherokee Trailhawk 5.7L Hemi, tinted windows, black wheels and no license plate (it did have a black license plate frame but no plate), drive around his patrol vehicle at a high rate of speed. Officer pursued the vehicle lights & Siren activated as the vehicle was approaching the DTE Crew that was working on the wires.

The vehicle came to a stop and Officer contacted the lone occupant/driver, described as a B/M in his mid to late 20's, thin build, short beard, with short braided hair. The unknown suspect, failed to identify himself after being asked numerous times.

The driver then suddenly turned the steering wheel all the way to the left, put the vehicle in drive and accelerate at a high rate of speed, S/B on Lahser Rd.

Note: The vehicle's drivers rear tire nearly ran over

Officers right foot and he had to step back to avoid being hit by the vehicle.

Officer pursued the vehicle until he terminated on S/B M-10 near Mt. Vernon. The vehicle was last seen

Disorderly Conduct- 1- Arrest

03/24/2021 3:42am

16000 Block of W Nine Mile Rd.

(Hospital)

On March 24, 2021 at approx. 3:42am Officers were dispatched to the 16000 Block of 9 Mile Rd. (Hospital) for a disorderly subject. Security was fighting with a male subject and had him in custody. Providence Security requested police presence on scene.

Officers arrived on scene and spoke to Security Personnel.

Security advises the suspect arrived at the ER entrance to drop off a female subject with a leg injury. The suspect left his vehicle (orange Nissan Rouge) running unattended in front of the entrance.

He entered the ER and became disruptive. He was cursing and yelling at staff and Security. He was asked to stop cursing and to leave the building. He refused and made threats of violence. He was given several opportunities to leave. One Security Officer pulled his taser out because suspect became increasingly aggressive and continued making threats. As they tried to get suspect to leave the property, he raised his hand as if he was going to throw a punch. Security Officers took suspect to the ground and hand cuffed him until Police arrived. The suspect was taken into custody for Disorderly Person.

Note: While this incident was taking place, someone stole suspect's

Note: While this incident was taking place, someone stole suspect's vehicle that was left running unattended at the entrance to the ER. Security advised the suspect in the Auto Theft was a B/M approx. 6'1" 30-40 you with short black hair. He was last seen wearing a red and white Red Wings jacket, grey sweatpants with a blue stripe, and blue and white high-top shoes. Security advised the subject was on the property charging his phone and was asked to leave several times. The suspect was arrested for Disorderly Person. He didn't have any paperwork for the vehicle so it wasn't entered as a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was a 2008 orange/red Nissan possibly a Rogue.

S/B on M-10 at a high rate of speed.

Special Attention: Aggravated Assault

03/23/2021 18:08

29000 Block of Telegraph Rd (Car Dealership)

On 03/23/2021, Officers were dispatched to the 29000 Block of Telegraph Rd. (Car Dealership)) for a report of a possible armed subject.

There was a subject threatening to shoot everyone, but it was unknown if he was armed. Additional information was given that the suspect had assaulted the manager.

Officers arrived on scene after the suspect had already fled. Investigation revealed that suspect is a regular customer and he was upset about some damage to his vehicle and he thought it happened at the dealership. The customer made threats to kill everyone and referenced "Like in Colorado".

When the manager came out on the floor to try and deescalate the situation the customer slapped him in the face. The customer continued to go after the manager and several employees came to his aid. When employee yelled out that she was calling the police the customer fled in his 2020 White Ford F-350. License Plate info was given to Officers. The suspect wasn't located.

Detective conducted Follow Up Investigation and obtained video surveillance of the incident showing the suspect assaulting the manager.

The manager has since lost some vision in his eye

Detective secured and swore to warrant for Disorderly Conduct-Breach of the Peace.

R&C/ CCW/ Resisting Arrest- 2- Arrests

03/23/2021 10:39pm

26000 Central Park Blvd.

(Hotel)

TCSU Officer was on surveillance in an unmarked vehicle when he observed a Black Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT pull into Hotel in the 26000 Block of Central Park Blvd. He observed vehicle stop and speak to Security Guard. All windows were tinted and unable to see the occupants. The vehicle had an expired MI Temp Tag, Expired 11/30/2020. The Temp Tag came back clear, no record.

After requesting additional units to respond to his location Officer observed the passenger exit the vehicle and go into the hotel office. The suspect vehicle parked near the office. As additional units arrived on scene the subject that went into the office was observed returning to the suspect vehicle.

Officer stopped the passenger and when the driver exited the vehicle he ignored Officers request to stop. The driver was observed entering a unit on the second floor.

Officers went to this room and the occupants of the room were ordered out and identified without incident. Officer originating the investigation identified the driver and passenger of the Black Jeep Grand Cherokee. The driver and passenger were detained while Officers continued their investigation.

Officers conducted a search of the suspect vehicle and ran the VIN on it. The VIN returned as confirmed stolen out of Novi. A search of the vehicle returned with an AR Pistol being recovered by Officers on the front passenger floorboard.

Additional Information:

that is going to require treatment.

The suspect has been identified and investigation is on-going. The case was presented to OCPO for review. No disposition at time of this report.

Special Attention: Animal Cruelty

03/27/2021 4:07pm

15000 Block of Pennsylvania St.

On 03/27/2021 at 4:07pm, Officers were dispatched to the 15000 Block of Pennsylvania St. regarding an animal abuse complaint. Dispatch advised that a B/M, wearing a hoodie and jeans was observed kicking a White and Brown Pitbull.

Officers arrived on scene and spoke to several witnesses that observed their neighbor kicking his dog numerous times. The dog was tied to a snow blower that was running?

Officers spoke to male & female that were at the residence in question. Information was gathered that they were watching the dog for their son who wasn't home at the time of this investigation.

The male denied kicking or abusing the dog.
Officers contacted the R/P who had video of incident. The video clearly shows the male suspect kicking the dog very hard multiple times in the body and head. The video also showed the male yanking the dogs leash attached to a collar on the dog's neck, which caused the dogs head to severely jerk.
Officers returned to the residence in question and issued the male suspect an Ordinance Violation for Animal Cruelty. The dog was also taken into

The driver was charged with R&C Motor Vehicle, CCW, and Resist and Obstruct. The passenger was charged with CCW.

The gun was recovered & Both suspects were transported to the Southfield Jail for processing and booking.

OWI/ CCW- 1- Arrest

03/27/2021 7:52pm

Telegraph Rd. & W Twelve Mile Rd.

Officer was dispatched to 12 Mile & Telegraph for an Injury Accident Investigation. Officer arrived on scene and met with the driver of the vehicle that was involved in the crash. Officer immediately suspected alcohol was involved. There was a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the driver, the driver had a flushed face, with glossy eyes and dilated pupils. After failing sobriety's and a PBT the driver was arrested for OWI 3rd Offense. He later submitted to Data Master Breathalyzer administered by Officer. The result was over the legal limit.

After the suspect was arrested Officer performed vehicle inventory of suspect's vehicle. During the inventory, a loaded handgun was located behind the passenger seat of the vehicle. The suspect stated the handgun belonged to his sister.

Detective conducted Follow Up Investigation and submitted case for review. Warrants were issued for OWI 3rd Offense & CCW.

protective custody and placed into SPD Animal Containment Area.

An arrest packet was completed and forwarded for Complaint & Warrant.

Special Attention: Several LFA's of Wheels & Tires the Past Few Weeks.

Mostly Ford Fusions with the Titanium Package Wheels & other Ford products. Incidents are occurring late night into the early morning hours. Incidents the past week:

1) From: 03/22/2021 8:00pm

To: 03/23/2021 7:00am

23000 Block of Civic Center Dr.

(Apartments)

All Four Wheels & Tires Were Taken From 2020 Ford Fusion (Premium Wheels/Tires)

2) From: 03/24/2021 7:30pm

To: 03/25/2021 7:45am

29000 Block of Laurel Woods

(Apartments)

All Four Wheels & Tires were Taken From 2020 Ford Fusion. The wheels were the Premium Titanium Type. There were also some cleaning supplies taken from the back seat.

3) From: 03/25/2021 9:15pm

To: 03/26/2021 8:00am

CCW/ Discharging a Firearm Investigation/ Accident Investigation

03/28/2021 10:12am

W Eight Mile Rd. & Southfield Rd.

On 03/29/2021, Officers were dispatched to w/b Eight Mile Rd and Southfield on a report of an injury accident.

During the investigation Officer observed in plain view, several unspent rounds & spent shell casings throughout the floorboard in the front seat area of the vehicle involved in the accident. Officer also observed a handgun on the passenger side of the front floorboard.

Investigation revealed that the passenger in the vehicle was the registered owner of the handgun and he didn't have a CPL.

Further information came in via a BOL from Livingston County that a vehicle matching the description of the vehicle involved in accident may have been involved in incident of discharging a firearm in that jurisdiction. (no further details). The passenger was taken to Hospital for treatment and was later RPI'd on charges of CCW.

A Southfield Police Evidence Technician processed the vehicle and recovered the handgun. He also recovered several unspent rounds, spent shell casings and a Machete that was found in the rear floorboard.

20000 Block of Lahser Rd.

(Apartments)

All Four Wheels & Tires were taken from 2020 Ford Explorer.

Special Attention: Larceny from Vehicles How to prevent this from happening to you!

- -Citizens should never leave anything of value inside their vehicle. (Especially Handguns, Purses, Wallets, Cash & Cell Phones!)
- If you have a garage you should park your vehicle in the garage and lock the garage.
- Wheel Locks are a deterrent but don't leave the wheel lock key in the interior of your vehicle, especially the center console or glove box. This is the first place they will look for the wheel lock.
- -After parking your vehicle turn your wheels all the way to the right or the left. This will make it difficult to get the lug nuts off the front wheels.
- -If you don't have a garage, try to park your vehicle as close to your residence as possible.
- -If you here any loud noises near where your vehicle is parked, especially during the late night or early

Special Attention: Covid 19 Scams

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General is alerting the public about fraud schemes related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Scammers are using telemarketing calls, text messages, social media platforms, and door-to-door visits to perpetrate COVID-19-related scams.

Fraudsters are offering COVID-19 tests, HHS grants, and Medicare prescription cards in exchange for personal details, including Medicare information. However, these services are unapproved and illegitimate.

These scammers use the coronavirus pandemic to benefit themselves, and beneficiaries face potential harm. The personal information collected can be used to fraudulently bill federal health care programs and commit medical identity theft.

Protect Yourself

- Be cautious of COVID-19 survey scams. Do not give your personal, medical, or financial information to anyone claiming to offer money or gifts in exchange for your participation in a COVID-19 vaccine survey.
- Be mindful of how you dispose of COVID-19 materials such as syringes, vials, vial container boxes, vaccination record cards, and shipment or tracking records. Improper disposal of these items could be used by bad actors to commit fraud.

morning hours, attempt to look outside without alerting anyone and if someone is tampering with your vehicle immediately call 911, (Do Not Approach or Scare the Suspects Away) give Police Dispatchers as much information about the suspect(s) and suspect vehicles as you can. Stay on the phone with Dispatchers until the Police arrive.

-Lots of lighting around the area(s) that you park your vehicles is also very beneficial. Criminals don't like to work in well lighted areas. They prefer to work in darkness because it's difficult to see them.

Special Attention:

Larceny of Packages that were ordered and delivered via Common Carrier.

How to prevent this from happening to you!

Recently several citizens have had packages that were delivered to their residences and apartments stolen prior to them retrieving the packages. Citizens can prevent this from happening by scheduling a specific time to have the package delivered and be waiting for the package. Citizen can also schedule the package to be picked up by themselves at the common carrier facility.

- Offers to purchase COVID-19 vaccination cards are scams. Valid proof of COVID-19 vaccination can only be provided to individuals by legitimate providers administering vaccines.
- Photos of COVID-19 vaccination cards should not be shared on social media. Posting content that includes your date of birth, health care details or other personally identifiable information can be used to steal your identity.
- Be vigilant and protect yourself from potential fraud concerning COVID-19 vaccines. You will not be asked for money to enhance your ranking for vaccine eligibility. Government and state officials will not call you to obtain personal information to receive the vaccine.
- Beneficiaries should be cautious of unsolicited requests for their personal, medical, and financial information. Medicare will not call beneficiaries to offer COVID-19 related products, services, or benefit review.
- Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering COVID-19 tests or supplies. If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately.
- Do not respond to, or open hyperlinks in, text messages about COVID-19 from unknown individuals.
- Ignore offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing or treatments on social media sites. If you make an appointment for a COVID-19 test online, make sure the location is an official testing site.
- Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone claiming to offer HHS grants related to COVID-19.
- Be aware of scammers pretending to be COVID-19 contact tracers. Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Medicare number, financial information, or attempt to set up a COVID-19 test for you and collect payment information for the test.
- If you suspect COVID-19 health care fraud, <u>report it immediately</u> <u>online</u> or call 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).

Special Attention: Tax Scams:

It's Tax Time, Citizens Should Be Aware of

Scams That Are Out There!

Report Scams to the Federal Trade

Commission.

1-877-382-4357

Someone calls to ask for money. Are they who they say they are? Stop!

Check it Out.

Don't wire money if someone asks you to!

Some tax scams involve unexpected refunds that are deposited into personal bank accounts. Scammers then impersonate IRS agents, alter the Caller ID information and contact the refund recipient advising them the money must be returned before facing arrest, deportation or suspension of their driver's license. The target will be asked to return the refund through a gift card or wire transfer or the caller will attempt to get personal information from their target.

Citizen's Beware- The IRS will not do the following:

• Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift

card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill.

- Threaten to bring in local police or other lawenforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Should you receive an unexpected /erroneous tax refund – contact the IRS either through their website www.irs.gov Tax Topic Number 161 - Returning an Erroneous Refund or Call the IRS toll-free at 800-829-1040 (individual) or 800-829-4933 (business). The FCC further warns that criminals have even started using imposter tax preparation sites. Look alike Tax Preparation Services capture your personal information while you believe they are e-filing your tax return. Your information is now used to commit fraud. Always use trusted sites and be careful when clicking.

When using an online tax preparation service, look for the tax preparer identification number. The IRS requires all paid tax preparers to have one before filing any returns.