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The South Harrison Township Police Department encourages citizens to report anything suspicious to the police department. You may hold the "piece of the puzzle" that our investigators need to close a case.

Personal safety tips

- Don't carry large amounts of cash with you. If you must carry cash, keep it in your front pocket--not in your purse or wallet.
- Be extra careful when carrying a purse--it is a prime target in crowded shopping areas. If you must carry one, make sure it has a strap that can go over the shoulder and be held under the arm, making it more difficult for someone to grab.
- Keep a record of your credit card numbers and contacts in a safe place at home. Notify the issuer immediately if your card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and free range of motion to keep yourself safe.
- Have your keys in your hand when walking out to your vehicle--you leave yourself and your packages vulnerable when you set things down to dig for them.
- Beware of strangers approaching you. Especially during this time of year, thieves may try various methods to distract you with the intention of taking your money or personal belongings.
- Follow your instinct--It's better to be safe than sorry. If you think you're being followed, call 911.

Home safety tips

- Secure sliding doors and windows by placing a bar or rod in the track.
- Close and lock doors and windows, even when you are home.
- Do not leave valuables where they can be easily seen from windows.
- Make sure your holiday gifts are not visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- Light the inside of your home to give the impression that the home is occupied, or put your lights on an automatic timer.
- Never say you are away from home on your answering machine or voicemail's outgoing message.
- Temporarily discontinue mail and newspaper services when you are out of town for an extended period, or ask a trusted neighbor or family member to gather it for you.

- Have a trusted neighbor or family member check on your place while you are away.
- Take laptops, iPods and other valuables with you when you leave for the holidays.
- Use a security marker pen or engraver to mark your belongings. Compile a list of serial numbers for your property and keep the list in a safe place.
- Call 911 immediately if you see suspicious people or activity in your neighborhood.

Vehicle safety tips

- Always park in a well-lit, high-traffic area.
- Roll up the windows and lock the doors when leaving your vehicle. Take the keys with you.
- Never leave your car running while unattended.
- Never leave personal identification documents, credit cards or checks in your vehicle, even if they are concealed from view.
- Never leave property in plain sight in an unattended vehicle, even if the vehicle is locked. Put your shopping bags in your trunk or drop packages off at home after a shopping spree. Don't try to cover items on your seats with a blanket.
- When transporting large items, secure them to your vehicle. Don't let items hang loosely out of your trunk.
- Call 911 immediately if you think a car has been broken into or if you see suspicious activity in a parking lot.