

Tips for Combating Mail Theft

With low barriers to identity theft and modern check washing capabilities mail theft has been on the rise. Here are some tips to decrease your risk of having your mail stolen.

- Pick up your mail promptly after delivery
- Put outgoing mail in your mail box as close to pickup time as possible
- Do not raise the red flag for outgoing mail. It is a signal to thieves as well as your mail carrier
- Do not send cash or valuables through the USPS
- Take your most important mail directly to the post office
- Get a locking mailbox that will deter theft of incoming mail. See Lowes Oasis model or Home Depot Gibraltar model
- Invest in a high definition security camera with night vision
- Enroll in a identity theft monitoring service....about \$10/month
- Put a hold on your mail when going out of town
- Report mail theft to the USPS and Spartanburg County Sheriff, Case #16011240
- For best security use a post office box.