

Judge's Neighborhood News

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Marion Estates Mail Theft and Credit Fraud

Hello Neighbors,

I just got off the phone with Detective Oliver of the Scottsdale Police Department. Yesterday, two men were arrested in Scottsdale. In their car was a pile of mail and a journal with a list of identities they had stolen or were attempting to steal. One victim (in our neighborhood) lives on St Joseph Way and was contacted yesterday. Their stolen credit was already used to open an account and buy tires.

Here are some of the facts from Detective Oliver:

- There was mail from Dec 25th to present in the car.
- They had mail from St Joseph Way, Buena Terra and Marion Way. The detective couldn't verify mail from other streets in our neighborhood at this time.
- The investigation is in its beginning stages. Officers will be contacting victims.

What you can do to help:

Detective Oliver made it clear that they are **not pursuing charges of mail theft**. That would be coming from the Postal Inspector. She said they are looking for cases of **Identity Theft**. She wanted to know if any of us in Marion Estates have had odd inquiries or any occurrences that may be a result of these guys trying to defraud us. She said that if you think your credit may have been affected, check your credit report to see if there has been any fraudulent activity. In short, the police are looking for victims of Credit Fraud/Identity Theft to make their case as strong as possible.

How do you check your credit for free without hassles? The Federal Trade Commission requires that all credit reporting agencies give you one free report every 12 months. To get your free report, go to annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. Traci and I just did it.

If you have some evidence of CREDIT FRAUD against you, Detective Oliver would like to speak with you. Her number is (480) 312-5035 and the case number is 18-03918.

One final note, I only have email addresses for about half of the neighbors on St Joseph Way, Marion Way and Buena Terra. So, if you live on one of those streets, you can help by verifying with your neighbor(s) that they've received this message too. Please forward it to them if they are not on our email list.

Let's get these guys locked up for a long time.

Thanks again for your vigilance,

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