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LCSO Offers Holiday Safety Tips

Law enforcement agencies typically observe an increase in burglaries, thefts and robberies during the holiday shopping season. The Leon County Sheriff's Office wants the citizens to be safe while enjoying their holiday traditions. Here are a few tips to make your holiday shopping season safe and successful.

Personal safety

- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Shop with friends, there is safety in numbers.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. If possible, shop for shorter periods of time.
- Leave the store with others, not alone.
- Ask security to escort you to your vehicle if you feel uncomfortable.

Identity theft

- Monitor your bank accounts. Check your balances and recent purchases at least weekly.
- Keep your card in sight. Question multiple swipes.

Home safety

- Keep your windows and doors locked.
- If you have an alarm system, use it.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up newspapers and mail.
- Set an automatic timer for interior and exterior lights if you will be away from home.
- Call the Sheriff's Office and set up an extra protection while you are out of town.

Vehicle safety

- Lock your vehicle when you leave it.
- If you have an alarm system on your vehicle, use it.
- Park in a high visibility area with good lighting.
- Remove valuables from your vehicle as soon as you reach your destination.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

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