



# **19<sup>th</sup> Precinct Crime Prevention**

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# Phone Scams

**SCAM**  
**ALERT**



Common imposter scams we see:

- **Medical** 
- **Hostage** 
- **Immigration**
- **Donations/Charity** 
- **Law Enforcement** 
- **Medicare** 
- **Utility/Gov't** 
- **I.R.S** 
- **Grandparent** 
- **Romance** 

# Phone Scams



Techniques used to perpetrate scams:

- **Fear**
- **Call Spoofing**
- **AI (Artificial Intelligence)**



# Phone Scams



What you can do:

- **Let all calls go to voicemail**
  - **Remain calm**
  - **Do your research on the caller**
- Call back numbers you can verify**

**SCAM ALERT**



**NYPD**

New York City Police Department



**Call us at**



**646-610-SCAM(7226)**



**for non-emergencies**



**Dial 9-1-1 if you feel you've  
been the victim of a crime**



# Mail Theft

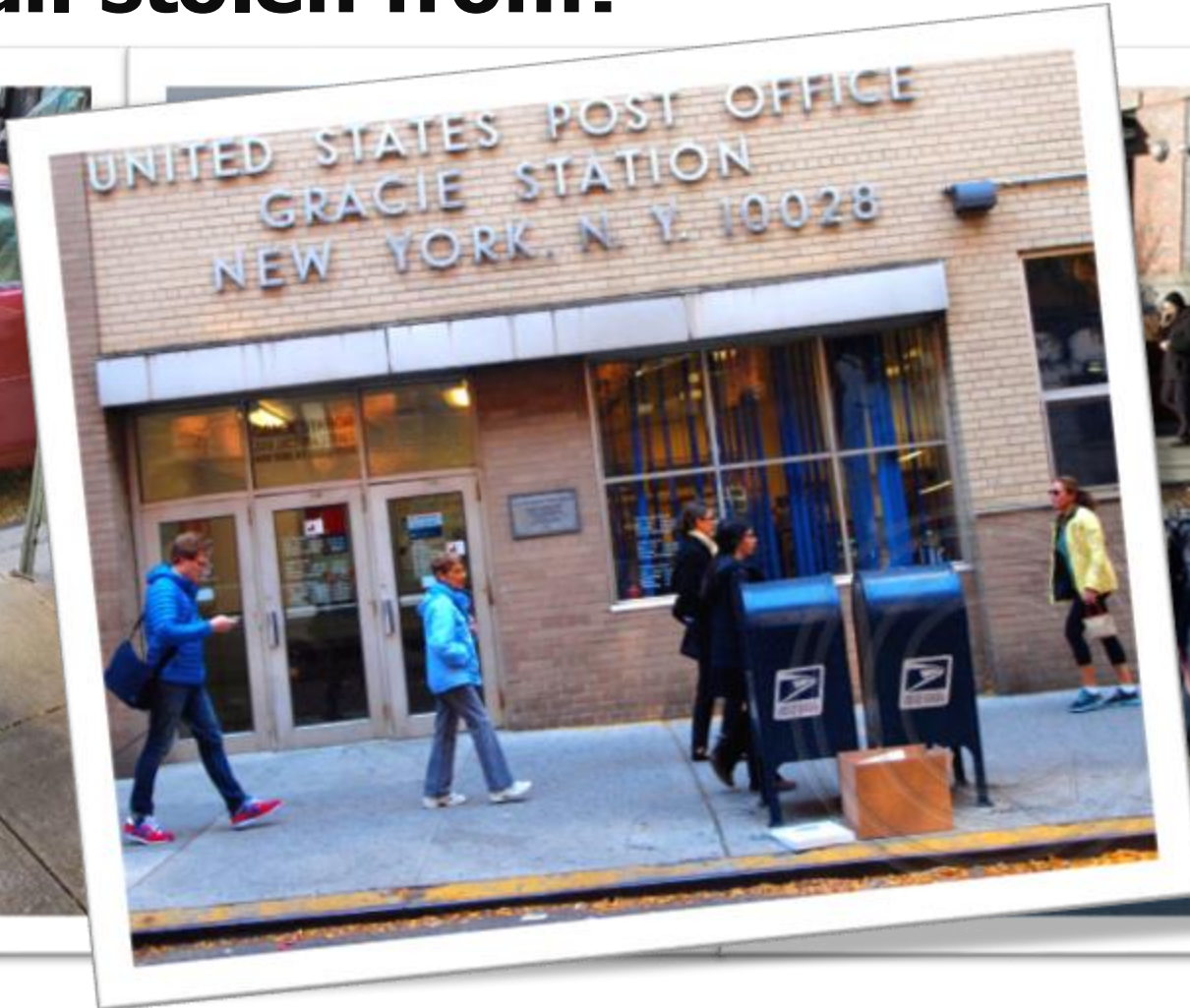


- National average amount of check fraud reported in a single case was nearly \$45,000, and that the median amount of reported check fraud exceeded \$14,000
- In 44% of cases, checks were altered and deposited stolen checks. In another 26% of cases, criminals used the stolen checks as templates to create counterfeit checks
- Mail theft-related check fraud reported in all 50 states
- **New York**, California, and Florida saw the most reports
- 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct received approx. 200 reports in 2023 (25 from post offices) and 2024 Year to Date 120+ (27 from post offices) \*many more go unreported

# Mail Theft



Where is mail stolen from?



# Mail Theft



**How does your mail travel?**

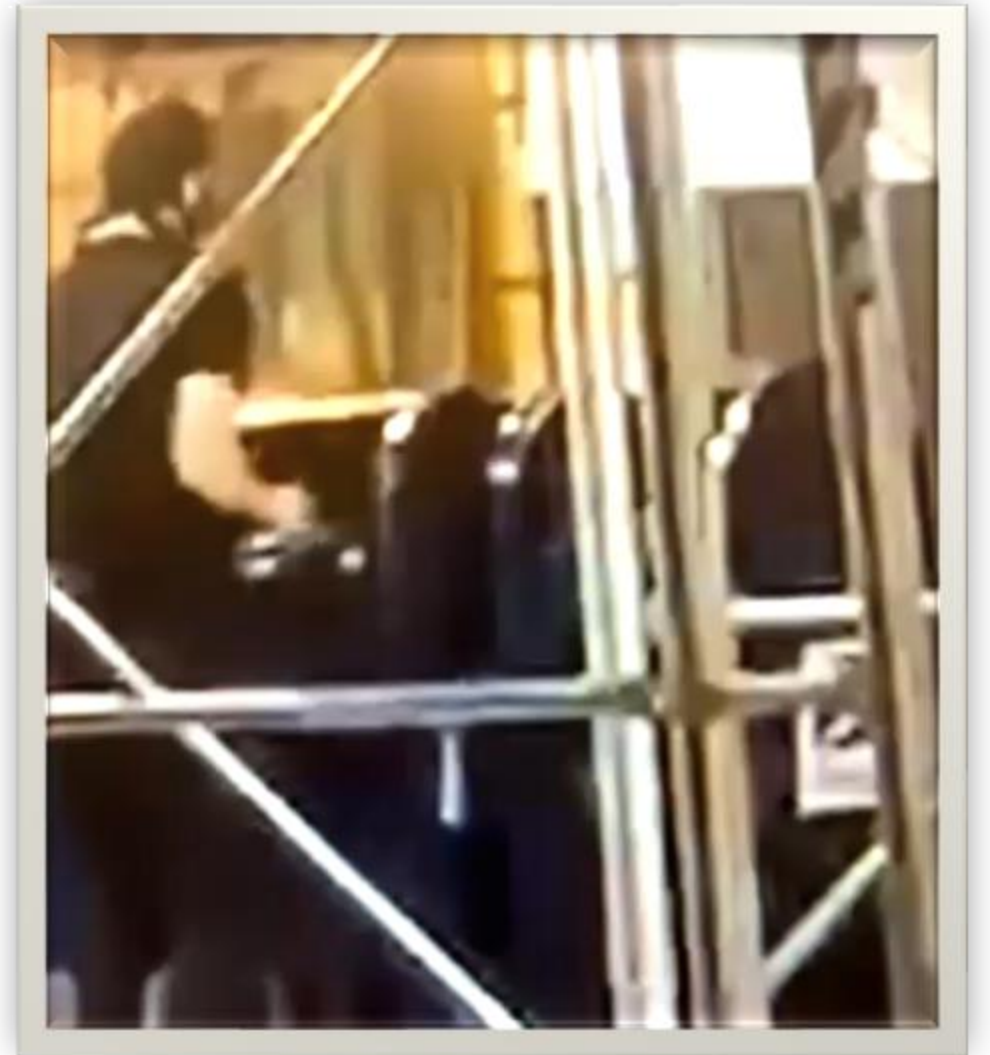
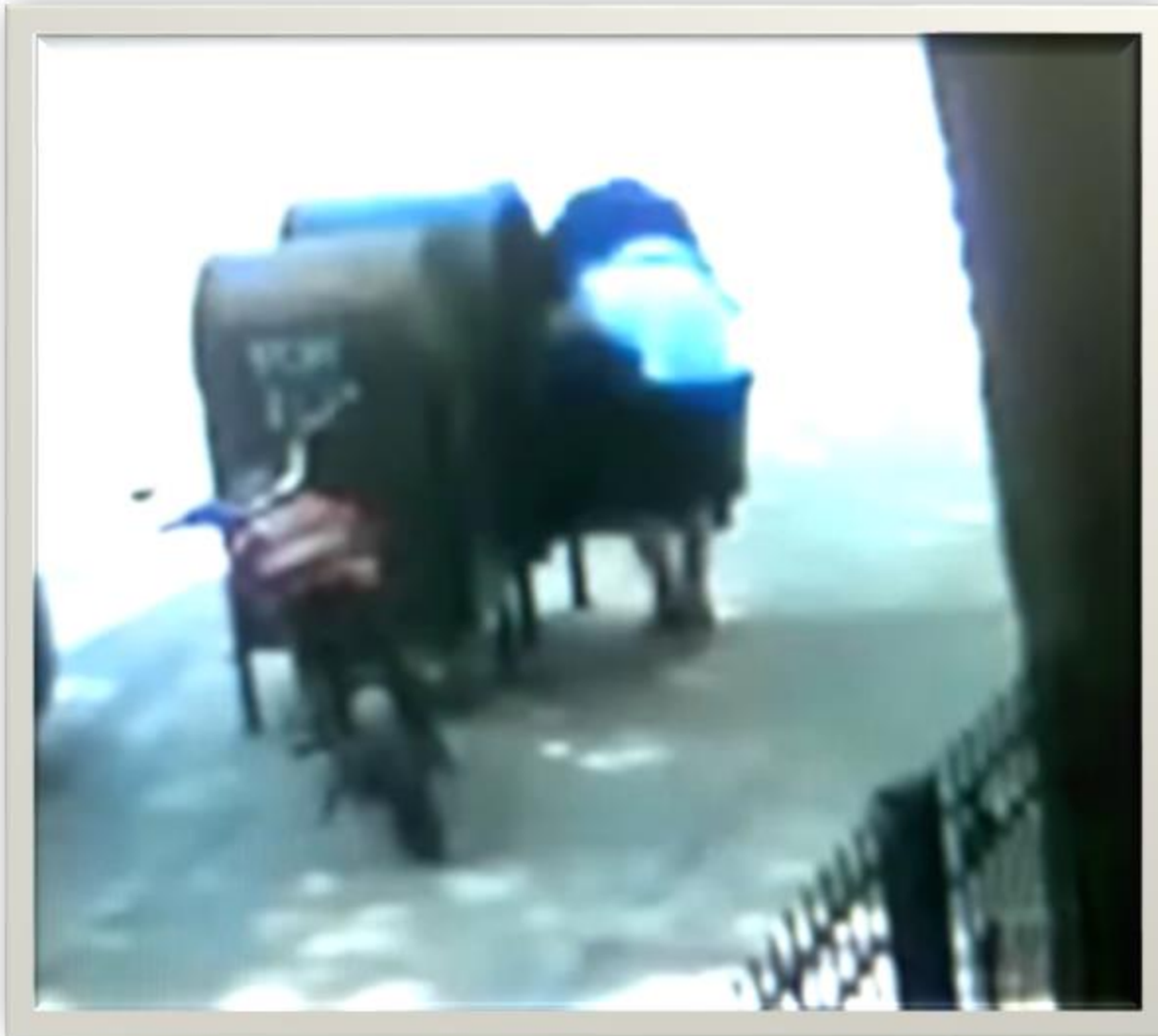


**Picked up from your building**



**Transported to corner mailboxes**

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## What can I do?

If you mail out bill payments via a check, please:

- **DON'T! Discontinue check writing!**
- Electronically pay all bills
- No matter how you pay bills, frequently check your account

# Misconceptions About Online Banking



- “I’ll Get Hacked”: *Mail Stolen > Getting Hacked*
- “It’s too complicated, I’m not tech-savvy, I don’t have a computer” : *All you need is a landline*
- “My [insert payee here], doesn’t accept electronic banking” : *You would be surprised most places now accept more than checks, or ask your bank to print & mail check for you as a last resort*

# What's on a Check?



**John Doe**  
**153 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Manhattan, NY 10065**



**BANK MEGA**

5719

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO THE ORDER OF: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS  Security Features Detailed on Back

MEMO: More Miscellaneous Information



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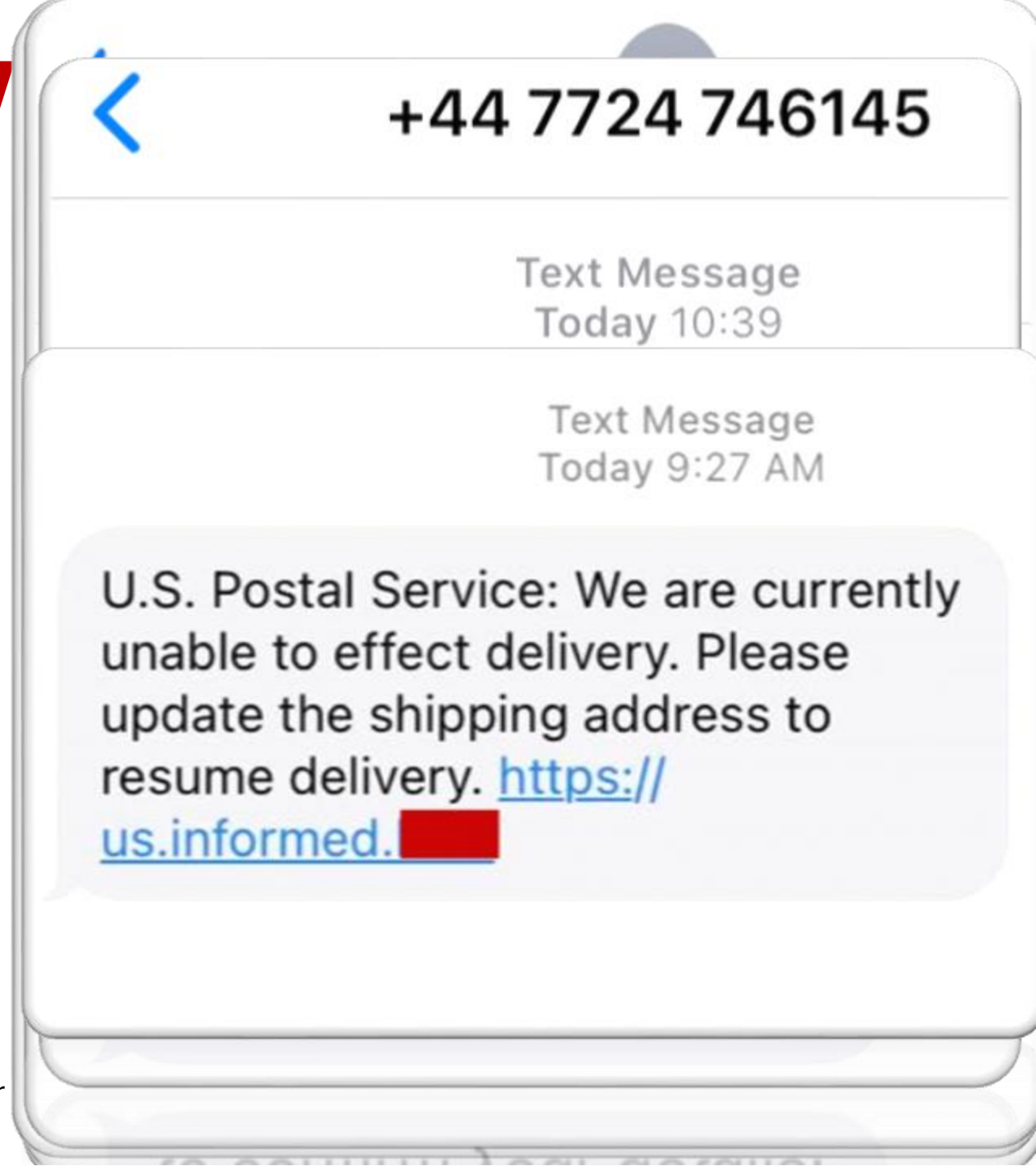
**If you see anyone  
suspicious lingering  
around a blue or green  
mailbox, mail carrier's  
push cart, mail truck, or  
your mail room:**

**CALL 9-1-1**



# Phishing Emails/ Texts

- "Phishing" or fraud schemes are sent via email or texts posing to be legitimate & direct you to a spoofed website (IRS, banks, credit card, shipping companies etc).
- The "spoofed" sites are designed to trick consumers and collect personal information for identity theft purposes.
- If you receive suspicious email or text, **don't** input personal information or click on links, but rather contact the company from which the email claims its from to report the suspicious email. \*Use Trusted Phone Number



# Phishing



- If you receive an **email/ Text** claiming to be from any government entity such as the IRS or Social Security Administration, or a financial institution/ utility company that contains a request for personal information, taxes associated with a large investment, inheritance, or lottery.
- **Don't reply!**
- Don't open/click any attachments. They can infect your computer or mobile phone with a virus.
- Don't click on any links or buttons.
- **Delete the original email/text.**



# Older Adult Liaisons



- The New York Police Department (NYPD) has designated Older Adult Liaisons for each of the 77 NYPD Precincts and 9 Police Service Areas.
- The Liaisons will be the contact person in each command for issues concerning older adults and will provide assistance when appropriate.
- The Older Adult Liaisons will work to enhance public safety and better support older New Yorkers in identifying elder abuse, complaints, and crime patterns.