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HOBART POLICE DEPARTMENT 705 E. 4TH ST. HOBART, IN 46342

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GREETINGS FROM THE CHIEF'S OFFICE

It is hard to believe that it is almost Thanksgiving. Although the holidays bring joy for many people, there are some people that it affects adversely. This time of year brings a rise in depression related incidents and suicides, as well as, incidents related to the excessive alcohol consumption or drug abuse. I am no psychologist but whether it be stresses of family life, work, or finances, the rise in violence seems to go right along with it. When it comes to alcohol or drug abuse at this time of year, please remember that there is no answer at the bottom of that bottle. The only thing at the end of that "ride" is more pain.

Violence is also never the answer and remember that children exposed to these events, especially at the holidays, relive these experiences throughout their lives. The young and abused become future abusers. The cycle of abuse, whether verbal or physical, has to stop being shared with our future generations.

For family, friends, or neighbors that are struggling at this time of year, you should extend a hand to help, offer comfort, or just lend them some of your time to visit. In addition, there are many social service organizations and networks that could be recommended in person or anonymously. Often times, helping others during stressful times can act as its own self-help to let you know that you are not alone and that you are making a difference in the world.

There are many volunteer organizations in Northwest Indiana that provide a variety of services to the community and for all ages and circumstances. Often times, networking through these organizations bring a sense of purpose and association that can help lift spirits for those with the holiday blues. If you are still uncertain, just spend a little time on the internet or at the library learning about these clubs. If you need our assistance, please do not hesitate to call. This is our busy time of year with the volume of calls, but this should not deter you from calling.

My hope is that everyone can find a way to make the holidays meaningful and a little more enjoyable. When it comes to holiday shopping, remember that the value of the gift is not in its price tag but in the thoughtfulness. A little more thought with less expense will likely make for a more peaceful holiday season. When holiday shopping, you should shop with a companion or in a group. And one other safety tip is to take your time and be patient with the holiday traffic. Most accidents that occur happen due to feeling rushed or distracted.

On Wednesday, November 1st, we requested permission from the Board of Public Works and Safety to participate in our Grizzly Winter. All officers will be permitted to wear neatly groomed facial hair, beards, goatees, etc... until Spring. Officers raised \$1,500 last year and donated to the Hobart Historical Society. This year the goal is to raise \$2,000 for a local charity. The officers enjoy the break from the razor, and it is for a good cause.

Chief Richard Zornier

DID YOU KNOW?

How to Keep From Becoming a Holiday Crime Victim

The following tips can help you be more careful, prepared and aware during the holiday season.

-Try to shop during the day, but if you do shop at night, do not do it alone.

-Dress casually and comfortably.

-Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.

-Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.

-Consider bringing a security travel pouch instead.

-Always carry your driver's license or identification along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.

-Recognize when you are rushed, distracted and stressed out, and stay alert to what is going on around you.

-Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

-Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.

-Keep cash in your front pocket.

-If you discover that a credit card is missing, notify the credit card company as soon as possible. Don't assume that you misplaced it and will find it later.

-Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.

-Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.

-Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion if you are approached.

Enjoy a Safe Holiday Season

Holiday safety is an issue that burns brightest from late November to mid-January, when families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes. Take some basic precautions to ensure your family remains safe and injury-free throughout the season.

Watch Out for those Fire-starters

Candles and Fireplaces

Thousands of deaths are caused by fires, burns and other fire-related injuries every year, and 12% of home candle fires occur in December, the National Fire Protection Association reports. Increased use of candles and fireplaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations present in many homes means more risk for fire.

- Never leave burning candles unattended or sleep in a room with a lit candle
- Keep candles out of reach of children
- Make sure candles are on stable surfaces
- Don't burn candles near trees, curtains or any other flammable items
- Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in the fireplace
- Check and clean the chimney and fireplace area at least once a year

Turkey Fryers

While many subscribe to the theory any fried food is good – even if it's not necessarily good for you – there is reason to be on alert if you're thinking of celebrating the holidays by frying a turkey. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports there have been 168 turkey-fryer related fires, burns, explosions or carbon monoxide poisoning incidents since 2002. CPSC says 672 people have been injured and \$8 million in property damage losses have resulted from these incidents. NSC discourages the use of turkey fryers at home and urges those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments or consider a new oil-less turkey fryer. But for those who don't heed that advice, please follow these precautions:

- Set up the fryer more than 10 feet from the house and keep children away
- Find flat ground; the oil must be even and steady to ensure safety
- Use a thawed and dry turkey; any water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over
- Fryer lid and handle can become very hot and cause burns
- Have a fire extinguisher ready at all times

Traveling for the Holidays? Be Prepared

Many people choose to travel during the holidays by automobile, with the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation. In 2013, 343 people died on New Year's Day, 360 on Thanksgiving Day and 88 on Christmas Day, according to *Injury Facts 2015*. Alcohol-impaired fatalities represented 31% of the totals.

- Use a designated driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol, over-the-counter or illegal drugs all cause impairment.
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance being traveled
- Put that cell phone away; distracted driving causes one-quarter of all crashes
- Properly maintain the vehicle and keep an emergency kit with you
- Be prepared for heavy traffic, and possibly heavy snow

Remember, when guests are staying in your home, make sure areas have night lights or easy-to-reach lamps in case they need to get up during the night. And, whether you are visiting someone else's home or you have guests in your home, make sure all medications are kept up and away and out of sight from young children.



HOBART POLICE BLOTTER OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 12, 2017

1039 CALLS FOR SERVICE, 24 ANIMAL COMPLAINTS, 8 DRIVING IMPAIRED, 3 JUVENILE INCIDENTS, 16 K-9 USAGE, 0 MEDICAL INCIDENTS, 17 ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS, 4 SHOPLIFTING INCIDENTS, 86 SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS, 98 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 256 TRAFFIC OFFENSES, AND 21 WARRANT ARRESTS

BATTERY:

10/30, 3:27pm, 900 block W. 37th Ave., suspect arrested
 10/31, 3:33am, 4100 block Maple St., suspect arrested
 10/31, 11:07am, 1600 block Southlake Mall, Starbuck's, report filed
 10/31, 8:49pm, 100 block Frasier Ln., report filed
 11/01, 12:33am, 400 block Joliet St., suspect arrested
 11/01, 11:51am, 2100 block Southlake Mall, suspect arrested
 11/03, 11:23pm, 1400 block St. Mary Cir, report filed
 11/05, 2:40pm, 1900 block Southlake Mall, Victoria's Secret, suspect arrested
 11/05, 2:40pm, 1900 block Southlake Mall, Victoria's Secret, suspect arrested
 11/09, 4:30pm, 600 block N. Wisconsin St., report filed

BURGLARY:

10/30, 7:44pm, 900 block State St., subject advised
 10/30, 8:10pm, 100 block Hidden Lake Dr., subject advised
 10/31, 6:02pm, 2000 block Dogwood Tr., report filed
 10/31, 7:15pm, 8300 block Aster Dr., report filed
 11/02, 7:33am, 4200 block Willow St., report filed

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

10/31, 7:49pm, 300 block LaSalle St., report filed
 11/01, 7:54pm, 1200 block W. Cleveland Ave., report filed
 11/03, 11:53pm, 2600 block SR 130, Hobart Animal Clinic, subject advised
 11/04, 8:52am, E. 6th St. & S. Hobart Rd., report filed
 11/04, 7:56pm, 1700 block E. 37th Ave., report filed
 11/06, 3:54pm, 500 block N. Wisconsin St., report filed
 11/07, 7:45am, 0 block Center St., Classic Cars, report filed
 11/11, 2:20pm, 700 block E. 4th St., subject advised
 11/12, 11:29am, 600 block Lake St., report filed

DEATH INVESTIGATION:

10/31, 4:08pm, 200 block N. Colorado St., deceased female
 11/01, 12:17pm, S. Pennsylvania St. & N. Lake Shore Dr., deceased male
 11/09, 1:04pm, 1500 block S. Lake Park Ave., deceased female

DISTURBANCE:

10/30, 10:19pm, 1200 block South St., report filed
 11/01, 12:41pm, 700 block E. 4th St., subject advised
 11/02, 11:53pm, 300 block Poplar Ln., report filed
 11/03, 11:58pm, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, subject advised
 11/07, 9:26pm, 700 block Lincoln St., subject advised
 11/09, 9:49pm, 200 block N. Guyer St., report filed
 11/10, 7:25pm, 1000 block E. 12th St., subject advised
 11/12, 1:07am, 4700 block E. 61st Ave., Speedway, subject advised
 11/12, 1:59pm, 0 block W. 3rd St., report filed

DOMESTIC:

10/30, 3:34pm, 300 block Poplar Ln., report filed
 10/30, 7:42pm, 400 block Crestwood Dr., subject advised
 10/31, 3:33am, 4100 block Maple St., suspect arrested
 10/31, 10:16pm, 8300 block Aster Dr., report filed
 11/01, 11:01am, 500 block W. 450 N., subject advised
 11/02, 10:36am, 300 block Poplar St., subject advised
 11/03, 7:59pm, 100 block S. Colorado St., report filed
 11/05, 9:47am, 1100 block High St., report filed
 11/07, 7:20pm, 400 block Ruta Dr., subject advised
 11/07, 9:23pm, 2000 block Dogwood Tr., subject advised
 11/09, 4:45am, 2400 block Walnut Dr., suspect arrested
 11/11, 7:53am, 1500 block Independence Dr., suspect arrested
 11/12, 10:49am, 2000 block Dogwood Trl., report filed

Drugs :

10/30, 12:41am, W. 37th Ave. & N Wisconsin St., suspect arrested
 10/30, 4:20pm, 700 block E. 4th St., HCC, report filed
 10/30, 11:06pm, 100 block E. 3rd St. Sun Liquors, suspect arrested



Thankful
 grateful
 blessed

All of us at the Hobart Police Department are thankful for the support giving to us through out the year by the citizens, community leaders, business leaders, corporate owners, and civic organizations. Your kindness, generosity, and support affords us the ability to have a positive impact on the community of Hobart and Northwest Indiana. It is our honor to serve and protect such a community and city! May your family's Thanksgiving be plentiful in feast and memories!

HOBART POLICE BLOTTER CONTINUED:

Drugs continued:

11/03, 6:50pm, 3900 block W. 37th Ave., Tobacco Town, suspect arrested
 11/03, 7:55pm, S. Co. Line Rd. & E. SR 130, suspect arrested
 11/06, 12:11pm, W. Old Ridge Rd. & Beverly Blvd., subject advised
 11/08, 7:31pm, 800 block W. 38th Ave., report filed
 11/09, 4:00pm, W. 37th Ave. & N Ridge Rd., suspect arrested
 11/11, 7:44am, W. 37th Ave. & Montgomery St., suspect charged
 11/11, 10:19am, E. 36th Ave. & Martin Luther King Dr., suspect charged

FIGHT:

11/10, 5:45pm, 2400 block Southlake Mall, Red Robin, suspect arrested
 11/11, 2:06am, 200 block Main St., Cagney's, subjects advised

FRAUD:

11/01, 1:08pm, 3100 block E. 83rd Pl., Trade Winds, suspect arrested
 11/01, 1:24pm, 1200 block W. 43rd Pl., report filed
 11/02, 4:14pm, 700 block E. 4th St., subject advised
 11/03, 10:33am, 700 block E. 4th St., report filed
 11/05, 11:24am, 100 block S. Wisconsin St., subject filed
 11/06, 12:44pm, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., report filed
 11/07, 2:38pm, 700 block E. 4th St., subject advised
 11/09, 8:11am, 700 block E. 4th St., report filed
 11/09, 9:58am, 700 block E. 4th St., report filed
 11/10, 9:27am, 3700 block Liverpool Rd., report filed
 11/10, 11:08am, 2300 block E. 80th Ave., Longhorn Steakhouse, report filed
 11/11, 2:12pm, I90, suspect arrested

HARASSMENT:

10/30, 8:16am, 3100 block E. 83rd Ave., report filed
 10/31, 6:54pm, 5500 block Maple St., report filed
 11/01, 3:06pm, 7700 block E. Ridge Rd., KFC, subject filed
 11/02, 10:13am, 0 block N. Linda St., report filed
 11/06, 2:02pm, 400 block N. Lake park Ave., subject advised
 11/09, 10:00am, 700 block E. 4th St., report filed
 11/09, 12:08pm, 300 block N. Virginia St., report filed
 11/11, 2:41pm, 700 block E. 4th St., subject advised

INTOXICATION:

11/04, 4:41pm, 7800 block E. 37th Ave., Anytime Fitness, suspect arrested
 11/08, 10:32am, 400 block N. Wisconsin St., Foremost Liquors, subject advised
 11/10, 5:21pm, E. 37th Ave. & N. Hobart Rd., subject advised
 11/10, 8:08pm, 1500 block S. Lake Park Ave., subject advised

MISSING PERSON:

11/08, 12:53am, 1700 block E. 69th Ave., report filed

OVERDOSE:

10/31, 9:24pm, 3000 block W. Old Ridge Rd., subject transported to hospital
 11/08, 3:04pm, 700 block Lincoln St., subject transported to hospital

SEX OFFENSE:

11/12, 1:35pm, 100 block N. Guyer St., report filed

THEFT:

10/30, 6:15pm, 1600 block Southlake Mall, Kohl's, subject advised
 10/31, 3:09am, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, suspect arrested
 10/31, 11:27am, 2800 block E. 81st Ave., Home Depot, suspect charged
 10/31, 3:25pm, 1900 block Northwind Pkwy., report filed
 11/01, 6:40am, 7900 block E. 37th Ave., report field
 11/01, 11:49am, 3100 block E. 79th Ave., report filed
 11/02, 3:34pm, 1900 block Southlake Mall, Carson Pirie Scott, subject advised
 11/03, 9:05am, 700 block S. Ash St., report filed
 11/04, 2:25am, 6800 block Dunlin Ct., report filed
 11/04, 9:51pm, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, suspect arrested
 11/04, 10:02pm, 1500 block S. Lake Park Ave., St. Mary's Hospital, subject advised
 11/04, 11:22pm, 8300 block Colorado St., Hallmark Sports Club, report filed
 11/05, 2:32pm, 1600 block Southlake Mall, Koh's, subject advised
 11/05, 4:35pm, 3900 block W. 37th Ave., Marathon, report filed
 11/06, 2:10pm, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, suspect arrested
 11/07, 12:59pm, 1900 block Northwind Pkwy, report filed
 11/07, 8:15pm, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, report filed



**Questions regarding
found property please call:
942-1125 ex.1067**

10/30, various items, E. 80th Ave.

11/01, bicycle, E. Home Ave.

11/02, bicycle, Southlake Mall

11/09, air soft gun, W. 4th Pl.

HOBART POLICE BLOTTER CONTINUED:

THEFT CONTINUED:

11/08, 9:46am, 3800 block W. 39th Ave., report filed
 11/08, 5:06pm, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, suspect arrested
 11/08, 5:21pm, 7800 block E. 37th Ave., Goodwill, subject advised
 11/08, 8:35pm, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, suspect arrested
 11/09, 6:45am, 3900 block W. 37th Ave., Marathon, report filed
 11/09, 12:16pm, 1600 block Southlake Mall, Kohl's, subject advised
 11/09, 5:06pm, 2300 block E. 80th Ave., Shoe Carnival, subject advised
 11/10, 8:19am, 1100 block S. Ash St., subject advised
 11/10, 12:45am, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, suspect arrested
 11/10, 2:49pm, 1600 block Southlake Mall, Kohl's, suspect arrested
 11/11, 3:05pm, 2900 block E. 81st Ave., Home Depot, report filed
 11/12, 1:48pm, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, suspect arrested

THEFT FROM VEHICLE:

10/31, 9:21pm, 2100 block Southlake Mall, various items stolen
 11/03, 11:14am, 700 block E. 4th St., wallet stolen
 11/03, 8:45am, 7800 block E. Ridge Rd., A Little of the Top, money stolen
 11/05, 9:42am, 1100 block S. Colorado St., license plate stolen
 11/06, 10:51am, 2100 block Southlake Mall, laptop stolen
 11/06, 4:08pm, 100 block S. Liverpool Rd., tire stolen
 11/08, 1:59am, 3000 block McAfee Dr., report filed

THEFT OF VEHICLE:

10/30, 9:59pm, 2100 block Southlake Mall, trailer stolen
 11/06, 12:50pm, 200 block S. Washington St., subject advised
 11/09, 1:07am, W. 37th Ave. & Wisconsin St., suspect arrested
 11/09, 1:00pm, 2600 block E. 81st Ave., subject advised
 11/10, 9:03pm, 3900 block W. 37th Ave., Tobacco Town, vehicle recovered
 11/12, 4:40pm, 700 block N. Wisconsin St., Dollar General, vehicle recovered

THREATS:

10/30, 3:49pm, 1200 block W. 2nd Ave., report filed
 10/31, 6:23pm, 1400 block Mississippi Pl., subject advised
 10/31, 7:51pm, 1100 block W. 37th Ave., report filed
 10/31, 7:53pm, 700 block E. 5th St., report filed
 11/03, 4:39pm, 1900 block Northwind Pkwy, subject advised
 11/12, 1:17pm, 2000 block Dogwood Tr., subject advised

TRESPASSING:

10/31, 3:11pm, 2500 block E. 79th Ave., Bed Bath & Beyond, subject advised
 10/31, 6:03pm, 2100 block Southlake Mall, suspect arrested
 11/01, 11:51pm, 2100 block Southlake Mall, suspect arrested
 11/02, 12:02pm, 200 block E. 10th St., subject advised
 11/03, 5:03pm, 7800 block E. Ridge Rd., subject advised
 11/08, 7:56pm, 300 block N. Virginia St., subject advised
 11/10, 9:56am, 1800 block Mississippi St., Keywest Inn, subject advised
 11/12, 7:42pm, 200 block W. 8th St., report filed

WEAPON OFFENSE:

10/31, 10:35am, I65, suspect arrested
 10/31, 3:52pm, N. Hobart Rd. & E. Cleveland Ave., suspect arrested



Have turkey questions? Call the hotline!

The Turkey Talk-Line hotline from Butterball answers all turkey questions each November and December. It began in 1981 with six home economists, who answered 11,000 calls about how to cook a turkey. Since then, the hotline has grown to answer 100,000 calls each season, and include Spanish-speakers, the first male Turkey Talk-Line expert, and email, texting, live chat, and social media platforms. The Butterball team is available to help you at the following times:



CALL:
1-800-BUTTERBALL
1-800-288-8372

- Nov 1 to Nov 17 8am to 8pm
- Nov 18 to Nov 19 8am to 6pm
- Nov 20 to Nov 21 7am to 9pm
- Nov 22 7am to 10pm
- Nov 23 6am to 6pm
- Nov 24 8am to 6pm
- Nov 27 to Dec 22 8am to 6pm
- Dec 23 to Dec 24 8am to 2pm

ARRESTS 10/30 - 11/12 ALL SUBJECTS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW

Carl Anderson, 22, Gary, IN; warrant
 Sebastian Arreola, 22, Merrillville, IN; theft
 Daniela Ayala Navarro, 36, Crown Point, IN; theft
 Lori Back, 44, Portage, IN; public intoxication
 Pamela Bailey, 51, Crown Point, IN; battery
 Latisha Barnes, 28, Gary, IN; multiple charges
 Gregory Behrndt, 50, Hobart, IN; warrant
 Kenneth Bingman, 30, Merrillville, IN; owi
 Mariah Braswell, 20, Lake Station, IN; battery
 Dawn Bridgmon, 50, Portage, IN; warrant
 Kearra Burnett, 19, Gary, IN; theft
 Michael Corso, 41, Hobart, IN; owi
 Cody Davis, 25, Hobart, IN; theft
 Katrina Davis, 28, Gary, IN; warrant
 Erin Delaney, 26, Whiting, IN; possession of marijuana
 Demond Dixon, 42, Gary, IN; criminal trespass
 Ebony Dobbs, 34, Hobart, IN; battery
 Steven Dragos, 25, Portage, IN; multiple charges
 Morgan Duffy, 22, Crown Point, IN; warrant
 Bradly Dugger, 29, Hobart, IN; multiple charges
 Bradley Dutton, 41, Gary, IN; multiple charges
 Laderrous Edmond, 33, Gary, IN: warrant
 Derek Edwards, 39, Gary, IN; theft
 Rickisha Edwards, 35, Hobart, IN; disorderly conduct
 Amber Ellis, 18, Lake Station, IN; theft
 Sierra Gentry, 26, Lake Station, IN; multiple charges
 Michael Goranovich, 38, Hobart, IN; battery
 Suzanne Gory 46, Avon, IN; theft
 Jonathon Grove, 25, Hobart, IN; multiple charges

Bryan Hall, 30, Valparaiso, IN; possession of paraphernalia
 Jamie Heridia-Jones, 35, Lake Station, IN; warrant
 Gloria Idonije, 35, Gary, IN; fraud
 William Isabell, 24, Gary, IN; warrant
 Bradley Keene, 23, Portage, IN; theft
 Paul Kerr, 23, Gary, IN; dws
 James Kmetz, 26, Crown Point, IN; warrant
 James Benjamin, 31, Gary, IN: warrant
 Shawn Lauerman, 18, Crown Point, IN; possession of Marijuana
 Leigh Main, 42, Lake Station, IN; theft
 Eric Mares, 36, Hobart, IN; multiple charges
 Dishaina Marshall, 19, Gary, IN; theft
 Alfredo Martinez, 41, Hobart, IN; warrant
 Donyel Mister, 50, Gary, IN; multiple charges
 Sergio Montez, 33, Hobart, IN; warrant
 Matthew Morgan, 27, Gary, IN; warrant
 Charles Mosier, 22, Lake Station, IN; multiple charges
 Charles Myers, 28, Hobart, IN; multiple charges
 John Nosich, 23, Merrillville, IN; warrant
 Samantha Peterson, 35, Rensselaer, IN; theft
 Jeffrey Richmond, 18, Lake Station, IN; possession of marijuana
 Chanel Sherrod, 18, Gary, IN; multiple charges
 Tracey Smith, 46, Crown Point, IN: theft
 Jamie Taylor, 41, Gary, IN; theft
 Asell Thomas, 56, Gary, IN: theft
 Quitman Triplett-Hudson, 30, Hammond, IN; multiple charges
 Colton Wilkey, 20, Lowell, IN: theft
 Gina Willimas, 58, Hammond, IN; warrant

3 Juveniles Arrested

Be cautious shopping online. Because many retailers now have chip card readers, fraud at bricks-and-mortar stores is down, so scammers have shifted their efforts online. Use a credit (not debit) card online and only shop on secure websites. Look for https in the address (the extra "s" is for "secure") and for a lock symbol.

Look-alike websites: When shopping online, make sure to use only legitimate websites. Watch out for URLs that use the names of well-known brands along with extra words.

Fake shipping notifications: These can have attachments or links to sites that will download malware on your computer to steal your identity and your passwords. Don't be fooled by a holiday phishing scam.

E-cards: Electronic cards can be great fun, but be careful. Two red flags to watch out for are: the sender's name is not apparent; you are required to share additional information to get the card.

Letters from Santa: Several trusted companies offer charming and personalized letters from Santa, but scammers mimic them to get personal information from unsuspecting parents. Check with bbb.org to find out which ones are legitimate.

Emergency scam: Be cautious if you get a call from a family member or friend claiming to be in an accident, arrested, or hospitalized while traveling in another country. Never send money unless you confirm with another family member that it's true.

Phony charities: Everyone is in a generous mood at the holidays, so scammers take advantage of that with fake charity solicitations in email, on social media sites, and even by text. Check out charities at give.org before donating.

Temporary holiday jobs: Retailers and delivery services need extra help at the holidays, but beware of solicitations that require you to share personal information online or pay for a job lead. Apply in person or go to retailers' main websites to find out who is hiring.

Unusual forms of payment: Be wary of anyone who asks you to pay for holiday purchases using prepaid debit cards, gift cards, wire transfers, third parties, etc. These payments cannot be traced and cannot be undone.

Free gift cards: Pop-up ads or email offering free gift cards are often just a ploy to get your personal information that can later be used for identity theft.

Social media gift exchange: It sounds like a great deal; buy one gift and get 36 in return. But it's just a variation on a pyramid scheme and it's illegal.



Our Newsletter can also be picked up from the following locations:

Hobart Police Station, Hobart Family Y.M.C.A., Hobart Public Library, Maria Reiner Senior Center, Walgreen's, and at the following restaurants: Lake Park, Diner's Choice, and Paragon

If you would like to receive our newsletter via email: Please call the Public Relations Office at 219-942-1125 ext. 1070 or email us at hpdnews@cityofhobart.org and also find the newsletter on [facebook.com/Hobartpolice](https://www.facebook.com/Hobartpolice).

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