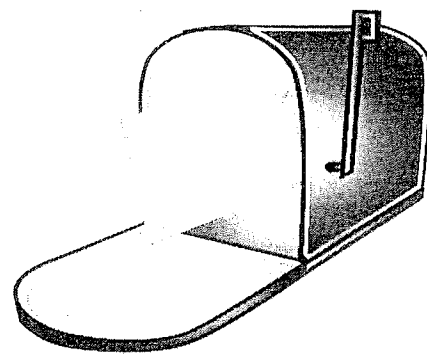
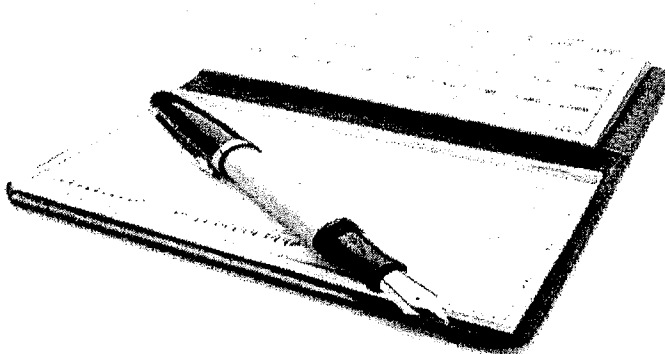
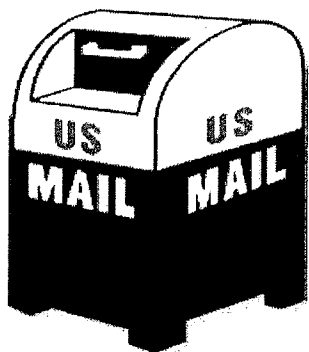




## **MAIL THEFT ALERT**



### **A Message from the NYPD**

There have been recent incidents where mail is being stolen from residential and U.S. Postal mailboxes. Thieves are taking the mail to obtain your checks, credit cards, and personal information for the purpose of identity theft.

Please follow these crime prevention tips to avoid becoming a victim:

- Pick up your incoming mail from your mailbox as early and as frequently as possible.
- Avoid leaving outgoing mail in mailboxes over Sundays and holidays, when mail carriers don't work.
- If using a public mailbox, drop off mail as close to the last collection time as possible.
- When writing checks, utilize a Uniball 207 or anti-check washing type gel pen (This type of pen has pigmented ink which adheres to the paper, thus making it difficult to alter the payee and monetary value of the check).
- Shred canceled or voided checks, credit card statements, and any other mail which contains your personal identifying information.
- The community's involvement is essential in catching a thief, so if you see any suspicious activity call 911. You may remain anonymous when calling.

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