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### **Pennsylvania State Police Announce...**

#### **Media –**

During this holiday season, the Pennsylvania State Police, Media barracks, have been investigating three types of thefts.

- One is an aggressive phone scam where the caller purports to be from the Internal Revenue Service. The caller seems to have knowledge of the victim and can be very convincing, even threatening. NOTE: the Internal Revenue Service will not call you without first mailing you a bill. The Internal Revenue Service will not demand a credit/debit card over the phone. They will also give you an opportunity to appeal the amount.
- The second is when the victim has ordered a package to be delivered to the home while he/she is not there. Some precautions a resident can take: require a signature on the delivery, ask the delivery company to place the item around the back of the house or, if possible, have it delivered to work. Also, neighbors can keep an eye out for each other's deliveries.
- The third type happens when a business owner is called by someone allegedly representing a utility company. The person calling told the owner that she was late with her bill and had to buy a prepaid debt card to get her account up-to-date immediately. Also, no legitimate company will want to be paid in gift cards.

For more information, visit [www.psp.state.pa.us](http://www.psp.state.pa.us).