

## Alberta RCMP pens Christmas parody to educate public

Alberta RCMP is reminding residents of “thieves’ favourite things” to educate the public about mail theft. Each week a new verse will be posted on Alberta RCMP social media accounts with #FavoriteThings (lyrics below).

In 2018 the months with the highest mail thefts were December and January. December 2018 saw approximately 130 mail thefts while January had over 120. In all of 2018 there were close to 1,000 mail thefts in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction.

One of Alberta RCMP’s favourite things is getting reports and calls of suspicious activity. Reports play an important role in our investigations. They tell us where to look, who to look for and where to patrol in the future.

Albertans are urged to check their mail every day, especially during the Christmas season. If you are going to shop online, plan to be home when packages are delivered or arrange to pick up items from a secure location. If you are planning to be away, arrange for someone to check your mail or use Canada Post’s Hold Mail service.

It’s important to track online purchases because scammers often send emails requesting payment for delivery fees or overdue payments. Canada Post will never send an email requesting money for parcels not delivered. If you’re not sure of an email’s legitimacy, call the company using the contact information from their official website or other trusted source. If something doesn’t seem right, it probably isn’t.

Follow us on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta), Twitter (@RCMPAlberta) and #FavoriteThings for more tips on keeping your mail safe.

*Parcels on porches and  
shipments not hidden.  
Dark unlit door steps and zero  
cares given.  
Expensive packages tied up with  
strings.  
These are a few of thieves’  
favourite things.*

*Big branded boxes and gift  
cards a plenty.  
Letters and parcels and presents  
so many.  
Free and unguarded, yes, all of  
your blings.  
These are a few of thieves’  
favorite things.*

*Post boxes not checked and  
cash in the mail  
Sending financials is an epic fail  
Shopping on websites and all  
that this brings  
These are a few of thieves’  
favourite things.*

*Yards with full landscapes with  
no open sightlines  
Boxes that stay on your step are  
a goldmine  
Leaving the lights off? It’s not  
bright like Spring.  
These are a few of thieves’  
favourite things.*

*When it’s sketchy  
Please report it  
We really will be glad  
Just simply remember our  
favourite things  
And mail theft won’t be so bad*