PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS

**Tax season is here!** Our wonderful Crime Analysts at the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office have special tips during this time to make sure no one tries to steal your valuable tax returns.

During this time, there are many who try to steal your tax returns by calling the IRS and filing under your name. Please be cognizant of this danger and take head to the following safety tips:

- Be very careful who you give your information to. This includes your work, home address, etc.
- **DO NOT** give your name, social security number, phone number, or any other personal information to anyone you do not know or trust.
- File your taxes **EARLY**. The earlier you file your taxes, the better off you are. These perpetrators are more likely to file under your name near the mid-to-end tax season.
- Be careful and trusting with who you file your taxes with, or what program you use. If you are using a person to help file your taxes, make sure they are a certified professional in tax filing.

Tax season can be a stressful time for many. Please follow these tips and keep your information safe, so no problem occurs when receiving your tax returns.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER**

If you *See Something, Say Something*. Tell a first responder. Call 911 or call the non-emergency number at 843-743-7200. **IMPORTANT**: Teach your child how to call 911 in case of an emergency.

**www.CCSOjobs.com**

Charleston County Sheriff’s Office is hiring! We have open positions for Detention Deputy, Juvenile Detention Deputy, Deputy Sheriff, and some non-sworn positions. Become a part of our family and begin a long and fulfilling career! If you know of someone who is looking for a job, pass this on to them. Click on the link and examine the offerings. The job descriptions and requirements are posted with the job openings on the website. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Recruiter Terry Reed at treed@charlestoncounty.org or 843-529-7390 (Office) or 843-259-3719 (Cell)

**See a Deputy or First Responder, Give Them Your Thanks**

All first responders work and live in our communities. When you see one of us (Sheriff, Police, Fire, EMS, etc.), walk up and say thank you, or good morning/afternoon. It will always brighten our day while we provide you “Service Beyond the Call”.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Mahle Behr Exe Career Fair, 2-13, 9AM – 2PM, 4500 Leeds Ave, Charleston
- Heritage Parade, 2-25, 1PM Town of Hollywood
- Extending Branches, 4-20, 1-5PM, Summerville Seacoast Church 301 E 5th North St, Summerville 29483
HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Be the change you want to see in your community. Making a positive change always starts with you! Engage with your neighbors, be active in your community and cooperate with your local law enforcement. Research any local events and participate in them. There are so many ways you can create a positive impact.

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

*** Purpose: This public crime information bulletin is an informational publication focusing on significant incidents in a given area that impact the quality of life of its residents. ***

Lincolnville Area

- Assault – 100 block of Bell Drive on January 22nd, 2024 around 8pm, a noise complaint and assault were handled
- Shoplifting – 10500 block of Highway 78 on January 24th, 2024 around 6pm, merchandise was taken

Ladson Area

- Vandalism and Larceny – 3200 block of Pinewood Drive on January 15th, 2024 around 2:00am, items were damaged and stolen
- Suspicious Circumstances – 4000 block of Elderwood Drive on January 16th, 2024 around 5:00pm, a report of suspicious circumstances was investigated
- Fraud – 4400 block of Hardwood Street on January 17th, 2024 around 1pm, a fraudulent charge was reported
- Fraud – 4600 block of Outwood Street August 2023 to January 2024, a scam regarding a subject fraudulently claiming to be the son of Willie Nelson and a fraudulent check was reported.
- Larceny – 100 block of Dunmeyer Loop on January 4th, 2024 after 3pm, items were taken
- Attempted Burglary – 4500 block of Nestwood Street on January 20th, 2024 around 3am, an attempt was made to forcibly enter a residence
- Auto Break-in – 4500 block of Nestwood Street on January 23rd, 2024 around 5am, a vehicle was entered.
- Auto Break-In – 3200 block of Benchmark Drive on January 28th, 2024 around 10:00pm, a vehicle was entered

North Charleston Area

- Attempted Burglary – 4300 block of Rivers Avenue on January 14th, 2024 around 2:00am, attempted entry into a business was made.
- Auto Break-In – 8700 block of Bucknell Drive on January 14th, 2024 around 10:30pm, a vehicle was entered
- Burglary – 2000 block of Hayne Street on January 16th, 2024 after 5:00pm, a residence was entered.
- Extortion & Police Impersonation – 7500 block of Tedder Street on January 16th, 2024 around 9pm, a subject extorted the victim out of money while fraudulently claiming to be with Interpol.
ADDITIONAL EVENTS

- Shoplifting – 100 block of Lawson Drive on January 20th, 2024 around 10am, merchandise was taken
- Attempted Burglary & Auto Break-in – 7500 block of Stafford Road on January 18th, 2024 around 2pm, an attempt was made to enter a residence and a vehicle was entered
- Vandalism – 2900 block of Otranto Road on January 23rd, 2024 after 6pm, a vehicle was damaged.
- Vandalism – 2700 block of Gordon Street on January 26th, 2024 around 7:30am, an item was damaged

**Mt. Pleasant/Awendaw Area**

- Larceny – 4700 block of Highway 17N on January 17th, 2024 around 6pm, a trailer was taken
- Vandalism – 5700 block of Seewee Road on January 29th, 2024 around 2:00pm, a report of vandalism was investigated

**McClellanville Area**

- Nothing Significant to Report

**West Ashley**

- Embezzlement – 2000 block of Savannah Highway on January 6th, 2024 around 5:00pm, a report of embezzlement was investigated.
- Auto Break-In – 1000 block of Wappoo Road after January 10th, 2024, a vehicle was entered
- Attempted Burglary – 1600 block of Sam Rittenberg Boulevard on January 18th, 2024 around 3am, an attempt was made to forcibly enter a building
- Homicide Investigation – 1800 block of Wallace Lane on January 23rd, 2024 around 2am, a shooting resulting in a homicide was investigated.
- Fraud – 2300 block of Etiwan Avenue January 2020 to January 2024, an application was made for a fraudulent loan

**Adams Run**

- Shots Fired – 8000 block of Williford Road on January 27th, 2024 around 10:00am, a report of shots fired was investigated

**Edisto Island Area**

- Nothing Significant to Report

**Hollywood Area**

- Fraud – 8000 block of Britton Road on January 9th, 2024 around 9:00am, victim was told to transfer crypto currency via the Telegraph app
- Larceny – 5800 block of Scott White Road on January 30th, 2024 around 2:30pm, a tag was stolen
Meggett Area

- Nothing Significant to Report

Parker's Ferry Area

- Nothing Significant to Report

Rantowels Area

- Nothing Significant to Report

Ravenel Area

- Shoplifting – 6300 block of Savannah Highway on January 13th, 2024 around 12:00pm, merchandise was not paid for
- Auto Break-In – 7000 block of Highway 165 on January 16th, 2024 around 1:15pm, a vehicle was entered.
- Fraud – 4500 block of Savannah Highway on December 27th, 2023, fraudulent charges were made
- Suspicious Activity – 5900 block of Yellow Dog Road January 7th to 24th, 2024 a subject has been seen on the property multiple times
- Larceny – 6100 block of Savannah Highway on January 25th, 2024 after 5:00pm, items were stolen.
- Larceny – 6300 block of Savannah Highway on January 23rd, 2024 around 8:30am, items were stolen

Younges Island Area

- Nothing Significant to Report

James Island Area

- Auto Break-In – 1000 block of Valley Road after January 10th, 2024, a vehicle was entered
- Larceny & Vandalism – 1000 block of Harbor View Road on January 19th, 2024 around 6am, an item was taken and a residence was damaged.
- Larceny – 700 block of Folly Road on January 20th, 2024 after midnight, an item was taken
- Fraud – 1800 block of Houghton Drive June 2023 to January 2024, fraudulent applications were submitted
- Auto Break-in – 800 block of Quail Drive on January 20th, 2024 after 8pm, a vehicle was entered
- Burglary – 1500 block of Inland Avenue January 15th to 23rd, 2024 a residence was entered
- Auto Break-In – 1200 block of Camp Road on January 23rd, 2024 around 6:30pm, a vehicle was entered.
- Larceny – 900 block of W Madison Avenue on January 28th, 2024 around 1:00pm, an item was stolen

Johns Island Area
o Larceny – 4300 block of River Road after January 10th, 2024, an item was stolen.
o Gunshots Heard – Michelle Lane on January 15th, 2024 around 8:00pm, a report of gunshots heard was investigated
o Suspicious Circumstances – 3200 block of Johnstowne Street on January 16th, 2024 around 3:00pm, a report of suspicious circumstances was investigated
o Identity Theft – 3900 block of Gift Boulevard after July 15th, 2023, an identity was stolen.
o Stolen Vehicles – 1800 block of Bohicket Road after November 1st, 2023, a Dodge Ram and a Lincoln Town Car were stolen.
o Stolen Vehicle – 500 block of Main Street on January 13th, 2024 after 5pm, a Ram 1500 was taken
o Larceny – 7000 block of Stonecrop Lane January 18th to 19th, 2024 an AC condenser unit was taken.
o Larceny – 100 block of Main Road on January 16th, 2024 around 1am, a trailer was taken.
o Larceny – 2500 block of Bohicket Road on January 20th, 2024 after 6pm, a trailer was taken
o Auto Break-in – 3900 block of Gift Boulevard on January 23rd, 2024 after 11pm, a vehicle was entered
o Burglary – 1400 block of Brownswood Road on January 26th, 2024 around 11:30pm, a residence was entered.
o Shoplifting – 600 block of Fresh Fields Drive on January 25th, 2024 around 1:00am, merchandise was not paid for
o Fire Investigation – 3000 block of Old Pond Road on January 30th, 2024 around 2:30pm, a fire was investigated

Wadmalaw Island & Kiawah Island/Seabrook Island

o (Wadmalaw) Fraud – 5800 block of Bears Bluff Road on January 23rd, 2024 around 2:00am, fraudulent charges were made
o (Wadmalaw) Fraud – 5300 block of Peerless Place Drive on January 24th, 2024 around 9:00am, a call was received requesting the victim’s bank account information