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Mail Theft

You weren't the only one anxiously awaiting the arrival of your Christmas packages, cards, and letters this holiday season. New criminal charges allege a 44-year old Salt Lake City woman was also waiting for your gifts to be delivered to your home.

The Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office arrested the woman after a Holladay resident reported witnessing suspicious activity. Thanks to the tip, deputies uncovered numerous pieces of stolen mail and packages. It is believed the woman took as many as 368 pieces of mail addressed to 90 different victims. She was charged with possession of stolen mail. She could face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted of the charge.

This case is a reminder to take extra precautions with your mail and packages. Try to remove your mail from the box soon after it is delivered. Consider purchasing a locking mailbox. These types of boxes are designed to protect your mail, packages and the personal information that is printed on bills and bank statements. Also, do not put outgoing mail in your mail box. Criminals will use this opportunity to steal your mail. Take any of your outgoing letters, bill payments and packages to the local post office. Furthermore, report any suspicious activities in your neighborhood to the Sheriff's Office. If possible, provide a vehicle description and information about what the person looked like.

Anyone who believes they have been a victim of mail theft or mail fraud can report it to the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office at 801-743-7000 or the U.S. Postal Inspector at 1-877-876-2455.