



UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

National Bulletin

April 9, 2020

// LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE //

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENT DISSEMINATION 2020

AWARENESS for LAW ENFORCEMENT

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Postal Service (USPS) anticipates delivering up to 80 million Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) in the near future. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is asking our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners to exercise increased vigilance for USPS employee safety, whenever possible.

This unprecedented mailing, along with the intense media focus and public awareness surrounding these EIPs, will make USPS employees and vehicles a tempting target for criminal activities.

The Inspection Service is prepared to respond to any criminal activities associated with the mailing of these payments, to include:

- General thefts of mail
- Forced entries into delivery cluster box units
- Assaults and robberies of USPS personnel
- Break-ins of USPS delivery vehicles
- Robberies of USPS facilities
- Fraudulent Change of Address and Hold mail activity

We are asking all law enforcement to pay extra attention to the safety and security of your local USPS employees as they complete their critical duties.

If you have any questions regarding this program or need Inspection Service assistance, a Postal Inspector can be contacted by calling our National Law Enforcement Communications Center (NLECC) law enforcement line at 877-696-5322 and request to contact a Postal Inspector for your ZIP code.

If you receive complaints from the public regarding theft of EIPs from the mail, please direct them to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at www.uspis.gov/report or 1-800-ASK-USPS.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE: The enclosed information was collected and disseminated pursuant to the authority of the United States Postal Inspection Service set forth in 18 U.S.C. 3061 and subject to the protections and limitations of the Privacy Act, Title 5 U.S.C. §552a, and Postal regulations, 39 CFR Parts 261-267, issued thereunder. The information is law enforcement sensitive in nature and must be treated accordingly. The information may only be used for a purpose consistent with the approved uses as set forth in the appropriate system of records set forth in Postal Handbook AS-353, Guide to Privacy, the Freedom of Information Act, and Records Management. The information cannot be further released, disseminated, disclosed, or transmitted without prior approval of the Chief Postal Inspector or his authorized delegate. Unauthorized release of this information may result in criminal and civil sanctions pursuant to the Privacy Act and associated regulations and may also result in debarment from further receipt of information.



facebook.com/postalinspectors



twitter.com/uspispressroom



instagram.com/postalinspectors



youtube.com/uspispressroom