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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.

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