

PEMBROKE PINES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

PIO ASSIGNED THIS INCIDENT: Captain A. Xiques

PPPD CASE NUMBER: _____ **DATE:** 11/25/13 **TIME:** 1600

CHARGE/INCIDENT: 2013 - Holiday Safety

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: City of Pembroke Pines

VICTIM(S) – NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) _____

2) _____

SUSPECT(S) – NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) _____

2) _____

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

The City of Pembroke Pines Police Department wants to remind the community to be safe this holiday season and not be vulnerable to crime. Listed below are some tips to follow to help prevent becoming a victim.

- Stay alert to your surroundings. Don't leave your purse unattended.
- Carry a small wallet and avoid carrying a large amount of cash.
- Immediately report lost/stolen credit cards.
- Don't overload yourself with packages.
- Beware of strangers approaching you or around you, this may be a method of distracting you with the intention of taking your belongings.
- Try not to shop alone.
- Holiday shoppers make perfect targets for vehicle break-ins. Caution is advised when choosing to leave valuables or shopping bags in your vehicle.
- Update or create a home inventory. Take photos or videos of items, and list their descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify and claim stolen items.
- Also, write down any account numbers and phone numbers to contact banks and lenders should you need to cancel any financial accounts if you lose or have your wallet stolen.

- **Whenever you leave your home, make sure your doors and windows are secure, alarm systems are on and packages out of view to deter a potential burglar.**
- **If you are traveling out of town, keep your lights on timers and make arrangements to have your neighbors retrieve your mail.**

When arriving or leaving a mall or store, be aware of who is congregated around the entrances and parking lots. Use caution when approaching your car and take time to look around, inside and even underneath your vehicle.

Report activity that seems suspicious, to store security or the police immediately upon noticing it. Suspicious activity may be an unknown vehicle parked in your neighborhood or a suspicious person looking into vehicles in a parking lot. Remember to obtain information such as vehicle descriptions with the license plate and its direction of travel. For a suspicious person, their physical and clothing descriptions are of great help to police in identifying them.

The Pembroke Pines Police Department will have additional uniformed and unmarked officers in the field during this Holiday Season to help keep our community safe.

Please contact our PIO number for any requests regarding this media release.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to Tips@ppines.com, or call Crimestoppers at 954-493-TIPS