

# SCHAUMBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Schaumburg Police Arrest Package Thief

Schaumburg, IL - On December 18, 2018, at approximately 3:10 P.M., a male subject was seen walking down a driveway in the 400 block of south Braintree with packages in his hand and ripping off labels. The suspicious incident was observed by an off duty Schaumburg Police Officer who was in the area. The off duty officer called 911 and reported the suspicious incident immediately and continued observing the male subject. An on duty beat officer responded and observed the male subject with a brown cardboard package in his possession with the top ripped off the box. During the investigation it was discovered four packages were taken from two different residences with three different victims. The male subject had packages in his possession addressed to persons other than him. The male subject, identified as Mario Heath, 34 years old, was arrested and charged with (3) three counts of misdemeanor theft. Heath posted bond and was issued a court date of January 3, 2019.

This incident is an example of the dedication to duty police officers across the country display every day in service to their communities. The Schaumburg Police Department would like to remind citizens to be aware of their surroundings and "If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING".

How to minimize your risk of being a victim of theft:

- Have packages delivered to a location where they can be received in person, such as a neighbor or relative's house.
- Take advantage of delivery alerts so you can be notified when a package arrives at your home.
- Provide delivery instructions so packages can be left out of sight from your yard or the roadway.
- Video doorbell's can be a deterrent to thieves and some model's allow you to speak to the person.
- When making a purchase online, see if you can choose a specific delivery time when you are home.



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