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Rosetta James Foundation
ELDER OF THE WEEK



Mr. Allie Swann

"When I discover who I am, I'll be free." - Ralph Ellison

Church Street CPCA to Celebrate 150th Anniversary

The year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of Church Street Cumberland Church in America will climax with two upcoming services for members, friends and the community. On Friday, November 22,

the four choirs of the church will be featured in a Concert. The event will begin at 6 p.m. The anniversary Worship Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 24. Reverend LaBryant Friend, pastor



of the Belong Church of Atlanta, Ga., will deliver the anniversary message. Pastor Mitch-

ell Walker, Sr. and members of Church Street CPCA cordially invite the community to join them in celebrating this historic milestone. The church is located at 228 Church Street, Huntsville, Ala.

Drake State Joins NJCAA and ACCC

Drake State Community and Technical College has been accepted into the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC), marking the start of its ath-

letic journey. "This is a historic moment for Drake State as we join the NJCAA and ACCC," said President Patricia Sims of Drake State. "Athletics will enrich the student experience, foster school spirit, and strengthen our con-



nections within the Huntsville community and beyond."

Old City Hall to Be Dismantled

The City of Huntsville is set to begin a six-month demolition period to remove the 60-year-old City Hall building at 308 Fountain Circle. The former City Hall closed earlier this year following the opening of a new location across the street at 305 Fountain Circle. Britt Demolition and Recycling, Inc. received a \$1,243,000 contract to perform the work in 240 days. The



project's first two to three months will focus on asbestos removal and other hazardous materials remaining in the structure. The City anticipates having the newly expanded park site ready for public use in 2026. - huntsvilleal.gov

Upcoming Gala Will Support Mental Health Awareness

The Sister Circle, LLC will hold the Second Annual Holiday Gala to support mental health awareness on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the VBC at 6 p.m. Tickets are available through Eventbrite, with a special VIP package. For more info, contact Porchiamarie@pmfirminc.com.



Marker Dedication Set

The Madison County Remembrance Project & District No. 17 Masonic Center will hold a Day of Remembrance ceremony to honor and commemorate Robert Mosley on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. at 5905 Higdon Road NE, Huntsville, Ala., near the Alabama

A&M University campus. The event will commemorate Mosley, who was a victim of racial terror lynching near this site in 1890. Racial terror lynching claimed the lives of thousands of African Americans, primarily between 1877 and 1950.

Leidos Donates Nearly \$2M to Drake

Leidos has donated \$1.75 million to Drake State Community & Technical College, creating new learning opportunities for students

and allowing them to gain hands-on experience with complex technical and manufacturing projects. Drake's new advanced man-

ufacturing facility will be named the Leidos Advanced Training Complex, according to the colleges public relations office.



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Valley Weekly Washington One Minute

by Ron Hamm

Here are the top issues and events in Washington for this week:

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate are in session this week. On Tuesday, House Democrats held leadership elections for the 119th Congress. Last week in the GOP elections for the next Congress, the House GOP reelected House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) and the Senate GOP picked a new Senate Majority Leader, Sen. John Thune (R-SD) – who beat out Sens. John Cornyn (R-TX) and Rick Scott (R-FL). Last week, the House GOP chalked up its 218th Member, giving the Rs a continued razor-thin majority next year. In the Senate, the 119th Congress will see 53 Rs to 47 Ds - a pickup of +4 for Senate Rs (in OH, MT, WV, and PA), enabling the GOP to take

control of the Senate in January (but well below the 60-vote threshold needed to end a filibuster).

2. FY 2025 APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE.

The current stopgap measure keeping the federal government open expires on Dec. 20. Yesterday, House Speaker Mike Johnson, who spent the weekend at Mar-a-Lago conferring with Donald Trump, said that if Congress needs more time to finish the 12 appropriations bills, he favors a short-term extension into the “first part of next year.”

3. THE WHITE HOUSE.

On Monday, President

Biden was in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the 2-day summit of the Group of 20 Major Economies (G20), after stopping in Manaus, Brazil, on Sunday to tour the Amazon rainforest. On Sunday, The Washington Post reported that the Biden Administration will allow Ukraine to use the Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) on targets inside Russian territory in a significant reversal of U.S. policy as a response to the 10,000 elite North Korean troops that have been sent to Ukraine’s northern border.

4. PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION. Rep.

Mike Gaetz (R-FL) abruptly resigned from Congress last week after being nominated for Attorney General and Punchbowl News-scooped that a damaging House Ethics Committee report on Gaetz was due to be released last Friday (with the accompanying investigation now moot due to his resignation). Some notable picks include Trump book publisher/Right for America PAC Director Sergio Gor to head the office of Presidential Personnel.

5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING. On Tuesday, November 19, the Hamm Consulting Group will attend a

POLITICO Live event featuring an in-depth discussion with policymakers, local leaders, and housing experts about solutions to America’s housing crisis and strategies for establishing a foundation for financial

prosperity. There is a strong desire for Congress and the Administration to act on this issue, as accessing affordable and quality housing has become increasingly difficult—and, in some cases,

unattainable—for many Americans.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2024-DR-08-1304

EBONI F. LEWIS, Plaintiff
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The Defendant is required to respond to the complaint by filing an answer with the Clerk of the Court at the following address: Clerk of the Court, Family Court, County of Berkeley, P. O. Box 219, Moncks Corner, SC 29661. A Order of Continuance has been issued and the Requested Hearing has been set for the 20th day of December 2024 at 10 a.m. in Courtroom B. The site is 300-B California Avenue, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

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Thanksgiving: A Daily Gift

Thanksgiving is more than a day marked on the calendar; it's a state of gratitude that should be celebrated every day we're granted another opportunity to make a difference. Ahh, Thanksgiving!

For me, Thanksgiving has always been a time of connection—of gathering with family, both immediate and extended, to reflect, share stories, and strengthen bonds. But as life grows busier and priorities shift, assembling loved ones across generations becomes increasingly challenging. Worshiping together, giving thanks, and simply enjoying one another's company are becoming rare treasures.

In my family's home, Thanksgiving was part of the harvest season, a time when the fruits of our labor overflowed. Food was abundant, and calorie counts were non-existent—partly because we worked hard enough to burn whatever we ate. Our cellar brimmed with sweet potatoes, while the smokehouse housed salted and smoked meats. The kitchen counters and screened porch overflowed with greens, nuts, and seasonal fruits. Cakes and pies of every flavor filled the dining room, turning it into a baker's dream.

Outside, life bustled with joy and purpose. Children played, babies cried, and evangelists preached on mantel radios. Hunters boasted about their prized game, and the soundtracks of Old School music spun from jukeboxes and car stereos. Thanksgiving wasn't just a meal; it was a celebration of community and connection.

But today, we need to tread carefully. Black Friday temptations and indulgent foods can lead us astray. Let's remember to choose wisely—to fill our bodies with nourishment and our spirits with gratitude. We spend too much time sedentary, scrolling through smart devices and storing up little for the future while burning nothing but precious time.

What if this Thanksgiving were your last? What legacy of gratitude would you leave behind? As the harvest season comes to an end and winter approaches, now is the time to extend kindness to others. Share what you have—a coat, a sweater, a warm meal—with someone in need.

This month, I'm donating some of Bill's winter coats, sweaters, and jackets to Second Chance Deliverance and Restoration Ministries. It's a small gesture, but one that I hope will make a difference in someone's life.

As we gather this Thanksgiving, let's remember that gratitude isn't confined to one day. It's a daily practice—a way of life. Pray for me, as I will pray for you.

Until next week ...

Dorothy



NOVEMBER 22 - MICHAEL K. WILLIAMS - Michael Kenneth Williams is an American actor, dancer, and reporter. He played Omar Little on the HBO drama series *The Wire* and Albert "Chalky" White on the HBO series *Boardwalk Empire*. Williams was also acclaimed for his role as Jack Gee, husband of Bessie Smith, in the HBO telefilm biopic *Bessie*. He has acted in supporting roles in many films and television series, including *The Road*, *Inherent Vice*, *The Night Of*, *Gone Baby Gone*, and *12 Years an enslaved person*. Williams received two **Primetime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie** nominations for his roles in *Bessie* (2015) and *The Night Of* (2016). Inspired by Janet Jackson's *Rhythm Nation 1814*, he left school and quit his job, against his family's wishes, to pursue a career as a dancer. - BlackCelebrityBirthdays.org



Spiritual Game Plan

Valley Weekly
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do it. Recently, we have witnessed some of the wrong ways to express our freedom of speech, which include things like slander, sedition, incitement, and what we could call fighting words.

However, the apostle Paul gives us a better way to express ourselves. Galatians 5:13 says, "You

humbly in love."

Words matter, so let us use our freedom of speech to bring about real change based on the truth of God's word.

May God grant you spiritual success in using freedom of speech to bring about real change.

Question: When should we use our freedom of speech?

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my books, *Spiritual Game Plans For A Successful Life* and *A Champion Game Plan for Life*, at amazon.com.

NEXT WEEK:
"Replacing Bad with Good"

Today's Game Plan:
"Words Matter"

any responsibility. They don't seem to realize that words matter, and there are consequences for the



things that we say.


Freedom of speech is crucial to our way of life, however, there is a right way and wrong way to

my brothers and sisters were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather serve one another

James 3:5-6 says, "Consider a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body and sets the whole course of one's life on fire and is itself set on fire by hell."

When I read this scripture, I think about freedom of speech and the way it has taken on a different meaning in today's society. Now freedom of speech is defined as a principle that supports an individual's freedom to articulate his or her opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship, or legal sanctions. Every citizen may accordingly speak, write, and print with freedom but shall be responsible for such abuses of this freedom as shall be defined by law.

Today, freedom of speech has gotten out of control. The reason it is out of control is some people are not willing to be responsible for what they say. Furthermore, so many people today are willing to say things that are hurtful, hateful, disrespectful, and humiliating without taking



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Funeral services for **MR. BENNIE WASHINGTON** (b. 1978) and **MR. DANNY HOUSER** (b. 1955) will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for **MS. MARY CROWDER** (b. 1943) was Sunday, November 17, at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, 599 Brock Road, Brownsboro, Ala.

Funeral service for **MR. RAYLYN HOLMES** (b. 1989) was Saturday, November 16, at Syler Tabernacle, Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.

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Funeral service for **MRS. TRACEY NICOLE JACKSON** (b. 1971) will be held Sunday, November 24, at 2 p.m. at the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Toney, Ala.



Funeral services for **MRS. LOIS L. DADE** (b. 1924); **MR. ANTHONY FRANKLIN** (b. 1968); and **MR. EUGENE RICE** (b. 1955) will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for **MR. ROSEVELT EARSKINE** (b. 1942) was Sunday, November 17, from the Nelms Memorial Chapel with Elder Sammy Milton, officiating.

Funeral service for **MS. CYNTHIA M. EVERSON** (b. 1985) was Saturday, November 16, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Felix Chew officiating.

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Funeral services will be announced at a later date for **MRS. ZELLA ATWOOD** (b. 1940) and **MR. DANIEL LOVE** (b. 1959).

Funeral service for **MS. BRITTANY SHANTEE BINFORD** (b. 1989) was Wednesday, November 20, at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1303 Evangel Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala., with Minister Cynthia Binford officiating.

“Boomerang Kamala’s” Next Campaign Began Back Home!

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
Henceforth, . . .” - 2 Timothy 4:7,8*

Following her heartbreaking November 5th loss, challenger Kamala Harris about-faced immediately and sought to comfort and challenge her supporters.

She returned the next day to Howard University where in 1982, this transfer freshman from Montreal’s Vanier College began her electoral leadership launch.

This boomerang-like model can serve as a three-step object lesson for all aspiring leaders - whether in victory or defeat: return home to affirm where you began; concede defeat graciously; and inspire the next generation of leaders.

Howard launched her in 1982, by electing her to its Liberal Arts Student Council. In 2020, when elected as Joe Biden’s Vice President, Harris soared higher than any other American woman in public service. And in August 2024, she received the first major presidential nomination for an HBCU graduate.



On Wednesday, November 6, she returned to her HBCU alma mater. Drawing a standing-room-only crowd on “The Yard,” she delivered an impassioned 11-minute primer for aspiring leaders; here, she offered three characteristics of true leadership:

Return home to affirm.

“To go back . . . to Howard, my beloved alma mater, and be able to hopefully...recognize this day for what it is, it’s full circle for me,” according to Vice President Kamala Harris: Truth and Service to America | The Dig at Howard University.

Concede graciously. “The outcome of this election is not what we wanted, not what we fought for, not what we voted for but hear me when I say . . . the light of America’s promise will always burn bright as long as we never give up and as long as we keep fighting, . . .”

Finally, point to that bright future. “There’s an adage an historian once called a ‘law of history,’ . . . only when it is dark enough can you see the stars. I know many people feel like we are entering a dark time, but for the benefit of us all, I hope that is not the case.

“But here’s the thing. America: if it is, let us fill the sky with the light of a brilliant, brilliant billion of stars, the light -- the light of optimism, of faith, of truth, and service. And may that work guide us even in the face of setbacks toward the extraordinary promise of the United States of America.

“I thank you all.”

Have you ever been knocked down, and need three pointers for recovering? Harris’ three points will serve you and me anywhere and anytime, starting right now.



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Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

Respond, Don’t React ...

Some people feel these two words are one in the same. Especially when they are standing amid turmoil. Kneejerk “reactions” are not always the best, even if we have justified that action, in our heads.

So, what is responding rather than reacting? I am glad you asked. To respond means to give a reply, or to “say something” ...

to make an answer. I really love the “make” an answer definition because in my head when you “make” something there are steps you must take to do so. Making something takes effort. You are

creating, producing, or assembling something and there is a cognitive process in doing this. It takes mental action,



do we do that? Think about when we are dealing with “road rage”. Someone cuts us off, or someone makes a smart comment to you and you “bark” back at them to show them “they can’t talk to you like that”. But what does that really get you? Most of the time, nothing.

So how can we respond rather than react? Well, first we can start by being thoughtful and deliberate in our approach to a situation rather than action impulsively. Breathe, think, ask questions, and consider someone else’s

perspective. There is so much to learn when you take a moment to absorb things.

Let’s all try to do a little bit better. We’ve got this!

Lace Up! *Let’s Go!*

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 Night! - \$8, \$10
 360 Bevills Church Road
 Hazel Green, Ala.
 5-9 p.m.

Christmas Murder Mys-
 tery
 The Blind Tiger
 113 Clinton Avenue
 West
 Huntsville, Ala. - 7 p.m.

Drive-By Truckers:
 Southern Rock Opera
 Tour 2024
 Artist Meadow
 The Orion Amphitheater
 8 p.m.

November 23

Manna House Volun-
 teering
 Manna House
 9:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Trans Pride in the Park
 Stoner Field Park
 12-4 p.m.

Holiday Light Show
 Bridge Street Town
 Centre
 Huntsville, Ala.
 6-8 p.m.

November 24

Hops N Guac
 Vendor Market
 2620 Clinton Avenue W

Suite B

Huntsville, Ala.
 Reservations, \$40
 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

November 27-January 5

Skating in the Park
 Big Spring Park
 Downtown Huntsville

November 28

TTT: Theatre Turkey
 Trot
 Sponsor: Around the
 Curtain Children's The-
 atre
 Ditto Landing
 Huntsville, Ala. - 8 a.m.

**November 29 Thru
January 1**

Tinsel Trail Market

December 2

Galaxy of Lights 5k Race
 4747 Bob Wallace Av-
 enue SW
 Huntsville, Ala. - 6 p.m.

December 3

"Christmas in Toyland"
 Von Braun Center
 Downtown Huntsville
 Tickets: \$29-\$69
 6 p.m.

December 4

"A Charlie Brown
 Christmas on Stage"
 Von Braun Center
 6 p.m.

December 5

Christmas Carnival of
 Lights
 Christmas Parade Pre-
 sented by Bryant Bank
 Downtown Huntsville

Candle Pouring Experi-
 ence
 1320 McMullen Road
 Gurley, Ala. - 6-8 p.m.

December 6

Christmas 2024 NEACA
 Craft Show
 Von Braun Center South
 Hall
 Downtown Huntsville
 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

December 7

AUDITIONS: The Wiz-
 ard of Oz
 10300 Bailey Cove Road
 SE, Suite 7
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 9 a.m.

Holidays at The Orion
 Christmas Carnival
 701 Amphitheater Drive
 NW
 Huntsville, Ala.
 10 a.m.

Day of Remembrance
 Ceremony to Commem-
 orate Lynching Victim
 Robert Mosley/Marker
 Dedication
 5905 Higdon Road NE
 Huntsville, Ala.
 2 p.m.

2nd Annual Gala
 The Sister Circle LLC
 Von Braun Center
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December 8

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 ket Series: Jingle &
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"You can kill a man,
 but you can't kill an idea."

- Medgar Evers



Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mr. Allie Swann

A native Mississippian, Allie was born in rural Macon, Mississippi, on a farm owned by his grandfather and father. He earned his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University in 1958 in accounting and economics. The retired financial officer at NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center, Allie Swann followed up his 35-year stint with the agency with productive community involvement.

He proudly served in the United States Army for two years and later earned the Master of Administrative Science from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. While in the Army, he played a trombone in the prestigious Army Band.

He came to Huntsville to conduct an audit of Redstone Federal Credit Union as an auditor for the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions. While in the Rocket City, some of his fraternity brothers from Mississippi State's Lambda Chi Alpha encouraged him to consider a move here, which he did.

He has served as a volunteer in numerous community organizations and agencies through the years. He has been



a board member and treasurer of Interfaith Mission Services; an adjunct professor of accounting at the University of Alabama in Huntsville; and a volunteer at Trinity United Methodist Church, First Stop, and the Burritt Museum.

Allie and his lovely wife, Linda, have five grown children, two sons and three daughters, all of which are Huntsville residents except one daughter in Nashville.

In addition, the Swanns have been blessed with 12 beautiful grandchildren. In

addition to his community service, Allie enjoys woodworking. He has made or will make each of his grandchildren a piece of furniture as his special gift to them. He is an avid reader of history and political books.

He has travelled all over the United States and to Europe, Canada and Mexico. According to Swann, he has had "a great life. It's been wonderful." Actually, if he had to live it all over again, there are very, very, very few things he would change!



"Spotlight on Our Elders" is a weekly feature sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation to promote **volunteerism** and **activism** in our community among those who are 70-plus. The Foundation also provides scholarships. Learn more about us at www.rosettajamesfoundation.org. Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250-word write-up to info@valleyweeklyllc.com.

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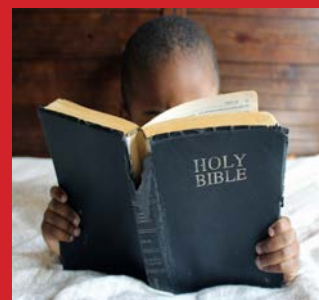
This Sunday's Lectionary

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Last Sunday

After

Pentecost



(Track 2, Year B)

First Lesson:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Second Lesson:

Revelation 1:4b-8

GOSPEL:

John 18:33-37



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Don't Get Snowed by Holiday Scams

(BPT) - Scams are unfortunately a fact of life these days. If it's not identity or data theft, it's credit breaches and scam phone calls. Many of us are getting scam texts, too. As the holidays roll in, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) wants you to know we are on the job, working to protect you and your mail and packages.

USPIS's new holiday campaign, *Don't Get Snowed by Holiday Scams*, alerts consumers about crimes that are on the rise this holiday season: counterfeit postage, phishing/smishing, mail and package theft, and letter carrier robberies. It's all about making sure your holiday season is merry, bright, and safe.

Counterfeit postage

Now is a great time to stock up on stamps so you have them on hand to mail your holiday cards and packages. Looking for Forever Stamps online? You may find some deceptively good deals out there. And that's the key word: Decep-

tive. Counterfeit stamps are appearing more and more. If you see stamps at 20% to 50% off their face value, it's a scam. Fraudsters target consumers online on social media platforms, third-party ecommerce sites, and pop-up ads. These fake, discounted stamps come in a variety of designs that are meant to mimic real postage.

Protect yourself

* Buy your stamps at the post office or from approved postal providers, which include legitimate "big box" retailers.

* Report counterfeit stamps at uspis.gov/report.

Phishing/smishing

What's that? You may have received a text or email about a package delivery gone wrong or unpaid online postage charges. The subject line or headline usually is "Delivery Failure Notification" or something similar. These messages appear to be from the USPS or another government entity, but

they're not. They will likely contain a URL for you to click. If you do, it can activate a virus or lure you into providing personal financial information.

Protect yourself

* Don't click on any links.

* Block the sender.

* Delete the text or email immediately. If you choose to report it, send USPS-related phishing emails to spam@uspis.gov.

Mail and package safety

Thieves are always lurking, getting ready for the busy holiday season, just like you! Your packages may arrive on time but may not truly reach their destination if they're plucked from the porch before you or your loved ones can get them inside. USPIS takes these cases of package theft very seriously and makes thousands of arrests each year. Thieves commonly cruise neighborhoods at times when people are at work, but they can strike anytime.

Protect yourself

* Don't leave letters and packages in your mailbox or at your door for any length of time.

* Request signature confirmation on packages and add package tracking.

* Don't send cash in the mail.

* If you move, file a change of address with USPS at www.usps.com.

* Report theft at www.uspis.gov/report.

Letter carrier safety

Thieves are getting bolder. They're targeting letter carriers and stealing mail, packages, and even employee valuables. USPIS constantly strives to protect

those who deliver to your door.

Postal inspectors are on the job, focusing on operations in high-risk areas, increasing awareness through education, and enforcing more than 200 laws designed to protect the nation's mailstream. Recent operations have led to the arrests of individuals involved in postal-related crimes, and the Postal Inspection Service is committed to making sure every letter carrier returns home safely this holiday season and all year long.

Protect yourself (and your letter carriers!)

* If you see suspicious

activity, call 9-1-1 immediately, then postal inspectors at 877-876-2455.

* Secure packages immediately after delivery.

* Have your local post office hold mail/deliveries if you are going to be away.

* Ensure valuables remain out of sight. Whether on your person or at your front door, your valuables are a target for thieves who are always on alert for their next opportunity.

For more information on what postal inspectors are doing to protect employees and customers, visit Project Safe Delivery - United States Postal Inspection Service (uspis.gov).

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