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Dear Citizens:

The Coral Gables Police Department wishes you a happy and safe holiday season. Please remember to stay safe and vigilant by following these crime-prevention holiday tips:

- If you're traveling during the holidays and plan to be away from home, have a trusted neighbor pick up your mail and newspaper and call our Police Department at 305-442-1600 to request a residential security check. This service is free of charge and helps us know when to patrol around your home to check for any suspicious activity.
- Use the main lobby of the Coral Gables Public Safety/Police Building at 2801 Salzedo Street as a "Safe Haven" for your internet transactions. You can meet at this lobby any day of the week between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- If you go to an automatic teller machine for cash, check for people around and make sure it is well lit and in a safe location.
- When shopping after dark, remember to park in well-lit areas and shop with friends or relatives because there is safety in numbers. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Always lock all vehicle doors and never keep holiday packages and valuable items in plain view inside of your vehicle. The best place is in a locked trunk.
- If you're attending a holiday party, plan on having a designated driver. Don't drink and drive and don't text and drive for your safety and for those on the road.

Enjoy the holiday season but please be aware of your safety on the streets and at home. It only takes a second for a criminal to ruin your holidays. If you need to reach us, the Coral Gables Police non-emergency number is 305-442-1600. Please call 911 for any emergencies.

Happy holidays,

Sincerely,

Edward J. Hudak, Jr.  
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City of Coral Gables