Northwest Area Command
COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION: Mail Theft and Vandalism Reports

DATE SUBMITTED: 02/28/2017

APD RESPONSE DUE: 03/28/2017 Twenty (20) business days after submission

APD RESPONSE DUE: 05/23/2017 Sixty (60) business days after submission

RATIONALE:

Theft from mailboxes is a recurring issue in Albuquerque and elsewhere. Incidents of vandalism to cluster mailboxes may be indicative of attempted break-ins. Community members calling to report thefts from mailboxes or vandalism to cluster mailboxes are directed to contact the United States Postal Inspection Office. While the USPS has jurisdiction over the mailboxes and contents, this system does not allow APD to monitor when and where these incidents are occurring. Without the ability to track such incidents, APD cannot work proactively to prevent future thefts.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Albuquerque Police Department should generate an incident report for these calls so that mailbox thefts and vandalism to cluster mailboxes can be tracked along with other incidents in our community. Callers could be directed to
telephone report takers or the calls could be dispatched to Police Service Aides. APD would continue to work in cooperation with the USPS on these offenses.

Respectfully submitted,

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