



# Crime Bulletin

## "OPERATION SAFE SALE"



Glendale residents and business owners who sell or buy on Craigslist or other exchange sites are welcome and encouraged to conduct their transactions in the parking lot or front lobby of the Glendale Police Department.



With an increase of buying and selling items over the internet, we want people to be safe and meet up in a secure location. Especially selling smaller items, such as jewelry, cameras, or coin collections, which often require the seller to invite the buyer into their home to pick up and pay for the item or items. By meeting at the police department you eliminate any potential danger to your family or your property. You also eliminate the chance for any potential criminals to evaluate your residence for a future crime.



The parking lot and front lobby are monitored by staff and security cameras. Sellers and buyers are asked to come to the police lobby and let us know that you will be making a transaction.



Crime Prevention Officer Joel Dhein also offered these additional safety tips for those conducting a transaction with an unknown buyer:



- Only accept cash or a cashier's check for sale. Personal checks carry some risk.
- Conduct sales during weekdays so banking or financial institutions can be contacted if there is a problem.
- Be especially careful when selling high value items.
- Don't go alone and trust your instincts.



Please take the same common sense precautions online as you would offline. For more information about personal safety online check out these resources:

- [www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)
- [www.onguardonline.gov](http://www.onguardonline.gov)
- <http://getsafeonline.org>
- <http://wiredsafety.org>