

Mitchell Crime Prevention Unit

January Crime Prevention Tip

Topic: **Tax Season Do's and Don'ts**

When using the United States Mail to send in your returns, always drop them in a secured mail box/drop or at the Post Office.

You have personal information on these forms that someone could use to claim your identity such as:

- ✍ Social Security Numbers
- ✍ Routing numbers for your bank accounts
- ✍ Income information that someone could use to open credit accounts without your knowledge (ID theft)
- ✍ Home Address

When using the Internet:

- ✍ Use all precautions you normally use for opening charge accounts with online businesses
- ✍ Turn off our computers when not in use
- ✍ When surfing the internet, hackers can get into your computer and gather personal information
- ✍ Check on fire walls and home computer security measures for your personal computer
- ✍ There is software that encrypts or scrambles the purchase information you send over the internet