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Mason County Sheriff's Office Website

so.co.mason.wa.us (soon will change to masoncountysheriff.us)

Mason County Government Website

masoncountywa.gov

Mason County Sheriff's Office Locations Main Office - Shelton 322 North 3rd Street, Shelton, WA 98584

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THREATENING DISCONNECTION – Scammers call, email or visit customers to extort money and use high-pressure tactics such as threatening immediate disconnection of service if the customer doesn't pay "overdue" bills.

Best defense: Just hang up! Do not provide personal, confidential or financial information. Call the utility's customer service center number printed on your bill or listed on the company's website to check the status of your account and report the scam. If you dial the number listed on your caller ID, you'll reach the scammer.



DEMANDING PAYMENT – Scammers often demand "overdue" payment by money transfer, prepaid card or Bitcoin, but no utility accepts these forms of payment.

Best defense: Just hang up! Do not agree to the scammer's' terms. Research the available payment options offered by the utility.



GOING "PHISHING": Scammers send emails that urge customers to click on an embedded link or attachment to resolve a utility-related issue, update information or pay for a utility bill.

Best defense: Think before you click. If you're not expecting an email from the utility, contact customer service to verify the email before opening or clicking.



IMPERSONATING UTILITY WORKERS: Scam artists pretend to be from a utility and go to homes or businesses in order to gain entry and steal from customers.

Best defense: Make sure the worker is driving an official utility vehicle, wearing a uniform with a logo and carrying valid identification. When in doubt, call customer service to verify the employee and the work being done.

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Current Coronavirus Fraud and Phishing Schemes

Provided from FTC.GOV

Medicare Scams

Scammers might call to offer things like a "COVID-19 kit," "Coronavirus package," or Medicare benefits related to the virus. But they'll ask you to verify personal information like your bank account, Social Security, or Medicare numbers. If you get a call from someone who says they're a Medicare representative and they ask for this information, hang up. It's a scam, not Medicare calling. Report it to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

Relief Payment Messages from "Government Agencies"

The FTC is getting a lot of reports about fraudulent calls, texts, and emails coming from people pretending to be from the Social Security Administration, IRS, Census, USCIS and the FDIC. These fake government messages might say that you're approved for money, can get quick relief payments, or get cash grants due to the Coronavirus. Scammers might also promise you small business loans, or send a (phishing) alert that a check is ready to be picked up. These are all scams, and none of those messages come from a government agency.

Coronavirus Treatments Scams

Last month, the FTC and FDA sent warning letters to seven sellers of unapproved and misbranded products, claiming they can treat or prevent the Coronavirus. On April 14, the FTC sent warning letters to 10 more companies.

The companies' products include everything from a bundle of supplements called an "ANTI-VIRUS KIT" to "Sonic Silicone Face Brushes" and intravenous (IV) "therapies" with high doses of Vitamin C. The FTC says the companies have no evidence to back up their claims — as required by law.

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KEPCALM and Avoid Coronavirus Scams

Here are **5 things** you can do to avoid a Coronavirus scam:



Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits.

Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work.



Hang up on robocalls.

Scammers use illegal sales call to get your money and your personal information.



Watch out for phishing emails and text messages.

Don't click on links in emails or texts you didn't expect.



Research before you donate.

Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. Get tips on donating wisely at **ftc.gov/charity**.



Stay in the know.

Go to <u>ftc.gov/coronavirus</u> for the latest information on scams. Sign up to get FTC's alerts at <u>ftc.gov/subscribe</u>.



If you see a scam, report it to **ftc.gov/complaint**

If you would like to report fraud, please contact the appropriate investigative agency as follows:

Consumer Fraud and Identity Theft

Contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP, 1-877-ID-THEFT, or online at <u>www.ftc.gov</u>.

Disaster-Related Fraud

Contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud at (866) 720-5721, by fax at (225) 334-4707, or by email at <u>disaster@leo.gov</u>.

<u>Correspondence may be sent to</u>: National Center for Disaster Fraud Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4909

General Fraud and Other Criminal Matters

Contact the FBI at (202) 324-3000, or online at www.fbi.gov or tips.fbi.gov.

Health Care Fraud, Medicare/Medicaid Fraud, and Related Matters

Contact the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-HHS-TIPS, or online at <u>www.oig.hhs.gov</u>.

Internet Fraud and Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud by Internet

Contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) online at <u>www.ic3.gov</u>.

Mail Fraud and Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud

Contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 1-800-372-8347, or online at <u>postalinspectors.uspis.gov</u>.

Securities Fraud

Contact the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330, or online at <u>www.sec.gov</u> or <u>www.sec.gov/complaint/select.shtml</u>.

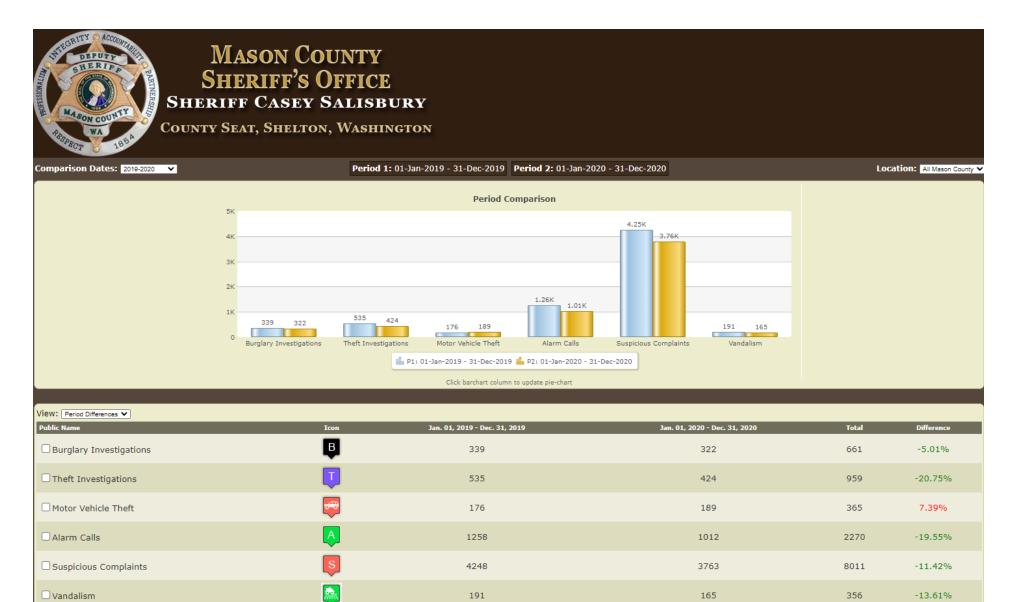
State and Local Fraud

Contact your local Police Department or State Attorney General's Office.

CRIME STATS FOR 2018 TO 2019 COMPARISON



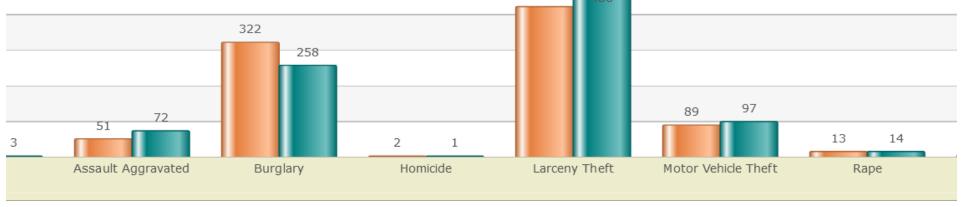
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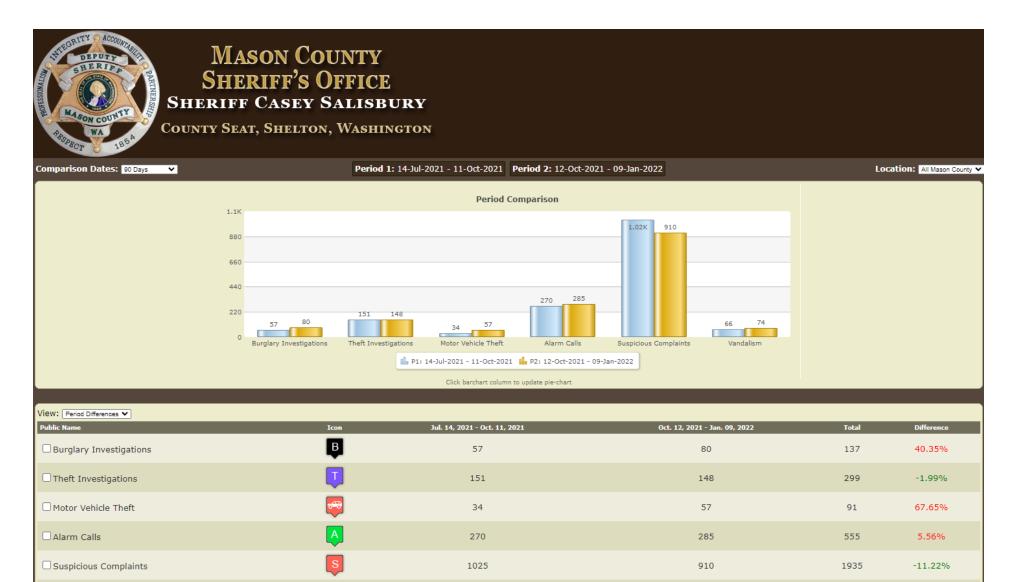
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CRIME STATS FOR "2022 LAST 90 DAYS" COMPARISON



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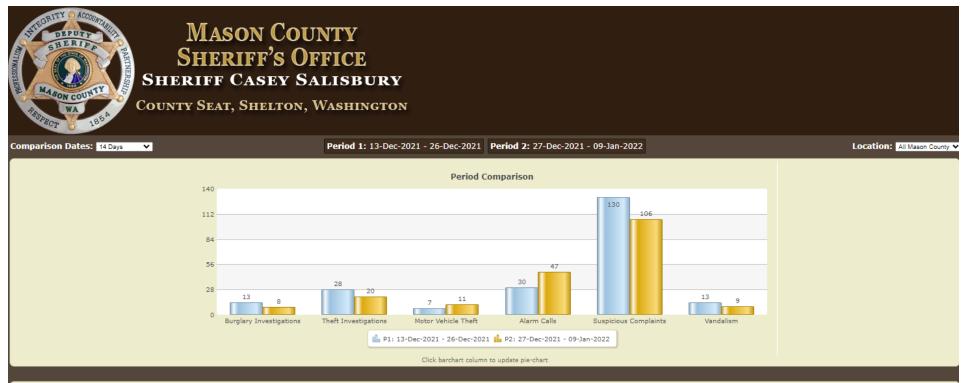
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Vandalism

CRIME STATS FOR "2022 LAST 14 DAYS" COMPARISON



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Public Name	Icon	Dec. 13, 2021 - Dec. 26, 2021	Dec. 27, 2021 - Jan. 09, 2022	Total	Difference
Burglary Investigations	₽	13	8	21	-38.46%
□ Theft Investigations	Ū	28	20	48	-28.57%
O Motor Vehicle Theft	6	7	11	18	57.14%
Alarm Calls	A	30	47	77	56.67%
Suspicious Complaints	S	130	106	236	-18.46%
Vandalism		13	9	22	-30.77%



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The Mason County Sheriff's Office is actively looking for several Volunteers to work in both the Shelton and Belfair Offices. These Volunteers will be assisting with administrative office support and field work. We need you! Come join our team! Applications are available on our website or in either of our offices.



For further information contact Chief Civil Deputy Tami Beyer at (360) 427-9670, ext. 244, or feel free to email her at tbeyer@co.mason.wa.us. MCSO Volunteers are committed to working in partnership with the community to improve the quality of life in our County

Share your unique skills, experience, and abilities

Contribute to the safety and security of your community

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