

Twice in Three Days, Darien Packages Purloined from Porches

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Darien residents told police twice last week that packages left outside their homes on the west side of Darien (but otherwise not especially close to each other) were missing.

The apparent thefts occurred within three days of each other, first on Kensett Lane, then on Holmes Ave., at homes that are a bit less than [2 miles apart](#).

Kensett Lane, Dec. 16

A [Kensett Lane](#) woman said that she was told through FedEx's tracking service that the delivery company had delivered a package outside her home at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 16. But when she checked, it wasn't there.

She asked her neighbors if they had seen it and double-checked with FedEx, but none of that helped. The package held a sweater priced at \$116.33. The next day, she reported the matter to police.

Holmes Avenue, Dec. 18

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, a [Holmes Avenue](#) resident told police that when she pulled into her driveway, she saw two packages on her doorstep.

She didn't try to pick up the packages until about half an hour later, and by that time it was too late.

The packages held clothing valued at \$88 and a child's toy valued at \$53.12 (a total of \$141.12).

Some Previous Package Pilfering:

- [Police: Thief Foiled in Attempt to Get Package Delivered to Unoccupied House](#) (Dec. 17)
- [Package Stolen From Darien Doorstep Found in Stolen Car in Norwalk](#) (Nov. 18)

Preventing Porch Pirates — Some Ideas:

Some wacky ideas, some intriguing ones and some that likely aren't available here:

- [Ten Tips To Thwart Porch Pirates This Holiday Season](#) (Forbes, December 2018)
- [10 Clever Ways to Foil Porch Pirates](#) (Family Handyman; some overlap with the previous item)
- [Glitter stink bomb 2.0 to deter 'porch pirates'](#) (BBC, Dec. 17)
- [How to prevent 'porch pirates' from pilfering holiday packages from your front stoop](#) (WTOP-TV; Dec. 1)