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'Swap Spots' Now Offered by Glenwood Police Department

Safe zones for people to conduct transactions for items they've purchased on Craigslist or other online sites

The Glenwood Police Department has created two "swap spots," or safe zones for people to conduct transactions for items they've purchased on Craigslist or other online sites.

The zones are modeled after a system in use in several Cities throughout Cook County, Illinois. It's very effective, it's simple and easy, and it cost the taxpayers absolutely nothing.

Officers will not assist in the transactions or keep a log of them. But people can be assure that if anything goes wrong officers are nearby as well as surveillance cameras. The Swap Spot locations are ideal for child custody exchanges, or dropping off property in a neutral zone in cases where orders of protection are in place.

Regardless of where you live, crime prevention specialists recommend Craigslist, Wallapop, Sell.com, classified ads, FB's Thrift Shop & FB South Cook County Items for sale, transactions take place in a neutral, public location rather than in the seller's home or the buyer's home.

In some cases thieves will come to homes with the intent of backing out of a deal, in hopes of returning later to steal the item. Glenwood Deputy Chief, Derek Peddycord also reminds residents that, "Also, some transactions are simply a ruse, resulting in the buyer or seller being the victim of a robbery.

The Village of Glenwood Swap Spots can be found at the following locations:

- Glenwood Police Department Main Lobby
- Glenwood Police Department Parking Lot

Both locations are just North of Village Hall located at One Asselborn Way, Glenwood, IL 60425

For more information, contact **Glenwood Police Department at 708-753-2420**

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