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The Osceola County Sheriff's Office has designated the parking lot and front lobby of the Public Safety building as a Safe Exchange Zone for transactions arranged online. With the increasing use of internet classifieds, the Sheriff's Office would like to take a proactive approach to ensuring the safety of the citizens and visitors of the community by offering this service.

Online Purchase Red Flags

- Vague initial inquiry
- Poor grammar or spelling
- Use of the word "guarantee"
- Offering Shipping (unless using eBay)
- Payment through Western Union, MoneyGram, or PayPal

Ways to Protect Yourself

- Meet during the day
- Bring a friend and tell someone
- Meet in person
- Meet in a safe, public area
- Refuse background and/or credit checks
- Always use cash or a cashier's check