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Prosecutor Keller Blackburn Provides Shopping Tips for a Safe Holiday

November 27, 2013 - With the holidays upon us, we are out and about and shopping more. Many people carry extra cash and credit cards, and it is a time to be extra careful. Here are some tips to help avoid becoming a theft victim:

1. Try using a small wallet that holds your driver's license, a credit card, and cash. Keep your wallet in a front pocket of your coat or pants.
2. If you carry a bag, here are some other important tips to remember:
 - Don't leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart;
 - Hold your purse firmly over your shoulder and tightly grip it;
 - Be aware of your surroundings, theft can occur in broad daylight;
 - Keep your bag zipped or latched.

In today's world, anyone can become a victim. In Athens County and other parts of Ohio thieves are stealing credit card information in public areas. Ways to protect your card are:

- Carry credit cards in metal cases;
- Limit the time they are out of your pocket;
- If you hand your credit card to a cashier keep your eyes on the card and be aware of your surroundings;
- Finally, monitor your credit card activity so that if your security is breached, you can contact your credit card company quickly.

Be safe and have a healthy, happy holiday season!