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## **Citizen Advisory: Milan Police Lobby and Front Parking Lots Open for the Public to Use**

We have had several inquiries lately regarding the ability of citizens to use the parking area directly in front of the Milan Police Station, and/or the Police Department lobby when they are meeting persons they are unfamiliar with to complete purchases involving on-line web-sites, such as Craig's list.

We would just like to reinforce to our citizens, that those areas are open 24/7 and can be used for such purposes should you feel the need. Many citizens currently use both the parking area and the lobby for meetings with persons they may be conducting such business with, or even during the course of child exchanges or other personal business where there may be lingering issues or friction from the past.

The parking area and the lobby are monitored by video surveillance. The Dispatch Center, which is just inside the lobby, is staffed 24/7.

It is recommended that transactions involving purchases made over the Internet where a face-to-face meeting is involved should be conducted in daylight and in public places. Crime prevention specialists also recommend that buyers and sellers don't go alone, let family or friends know where they are going beforehand, and carry a cell phone.

Should a citizen be involved in such an exchange and the situation becomes either suspicious or threatening, call the police, remove yourself from the situation, and proceed to the nearest Police Station.