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## *PRESS RELEASE*

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Medina Township Board of Trustees approved Chief Arbogast to begin the process of creating a safe place for people to exchange / purchase items off internet websites like craigslist and similar internet sites at the Medina Township Police Department.

Over the past several years we have seen several cases in the news where individuals are physically harmed during an exchange resulting from an online purchase. Typically through websites like Craigslist or Facebook, people are often making these exchanges in locations that are away from a watchful eye.

With increased complaints of fraudulent transactions between buyers and sellers on internet websites not only in Medina Township, but across the country, it was decided to allow residents to arrange for a safe meeting / exchange location for them to meet sellers and exchange the products they are purchasing, without giving their personal address or information.

The area will be well marked and will be recorded by video surveillance cameras twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In addition to video cameras, officers who park nearby add an extra layer of security.

If you have any questions please contact Chief David Arbogast at 330-721-1395



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# Buying on the Internet can be dangerous

## We Can Help!!!

**After latest Craigslist incident, police urge buyers and sellers to use caution** After an attempted robbery this weekend over a Craigslist item, Wichita police urge people to use caution when buying or selling items on the popular website.

*The Wichita Eagle*

### Ohio teen gets prison for life in Craigslist murders

AKRON, Ohio (Reuters) - Seventeen-year-old Brogan Rafferty was sentenced to life in prison without parole Friday for his role in the killing of three men, two of whom were lured by a Craigslist ad promising work on an Ohio farm.

*Chicago Tribune*



### Craigslist killers: 86 murders linked to popular classifieds website

(WAFB) - [Law Street Media](#), a company launched in 2013, decided to take a deeper look into Craigslist to see how dangerous it really is. Since the arrest of Philip Markoff, aka the "Craigslist Killer" in 2009, the Craigslist website faced increased scrutiny.

Advanced Interactive Media Group LLC, says since 2007, there have been [86 killings](#) in some way linked to Craigslist



## Internet Purchase Exchange Area

**Video Surveillance  
In progress**

### The 8 Biggest Craigslist Crime Stories

Most people come to Craigslist to find apartments, job openings, and cheap furniture, while others use the popular classified advertising website to do their dirty work. In recent years, Craigslist has become a hotbed for predators and scam artists looking to take advantage of unsuspecting victims. What's worse is no Craigslist section is safe from criminals. Whether you're browsing the personals, for sale, or jobs section, you never really know who's on the other end and what kind of danger you might be in. So before you agree to meet at a seller's house or send money to a complete stranger, read these eight biggest Craigslist crime stories first.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREES GUIDE

### Two men shot after responding to Craigslist ad

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (KTHV) - Two men got shot after responding to a Craigslist ad. Police say the men arranged to meet a seller to look at a car in a Little Rock neighborhood. But instead of showing the car, the supposed seller allegedly pulled a gun on them and used it.

*TRV 13*

**Did you ever buy or sell something on the internet and then have to meet the buyer/seller at your home, in their home or in a parking lot?**

**Why not meet them at the Medina Township Police Department at 4877 Fenn Road. We have reserved parking and our parking lot is video recorded 24/7 to make sure you are safe.**

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