POLICE CRIME REPORT
November 4, 2019 to November 10, 2019

Monthly Public Safety and Crime Information

Winter is coming! While winter doesn't officially begin until December 1st, now is the time to prepare for the upcoming seasonal change. Did you know that the average date for the first measurable snowfall in the Rockville area is December 10th? Plan and stock up on supplies now rather than rushing to the store hours before the storm, only to find the shelves empty and stuck without the supplies you need. Creating a stockpile of non-perishable foods and water, generators and batteries, winter clothing gear such as coats and snow boots, and snow clearing material such as shovels and car snow scrapers will help you remain ready for when the first snowfall comes to the area.

You can sign up for alerts to be sent whenever a weather advisory goes in effect for our area at:

ALERT Montgomery
https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OEMHS/AlertMontgomery/

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Winter Weather and Auto Thefts and Burglaries

Did you know that it is illegal in Maryland to leave your vehicle running and unattended with the keys in the ignition? Maryland State Code: Transportation – Article 21, Section 1101(a) states that a person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle may not leave it unattended until the engine is stopped, the ignition is locked, the key is removed, and the brake is effectively set.

The penalty for this violation is a $70 fine and one [1] point on your license. *(This subsection does not apply to individuals who have vehicles equipped with a remote keyless ignition system).*

As we get closer to winter and temperatures continue to drop, it can be tempting to warm up your vehicle while getting prepared to leave in the morning. While it may seem convenient to do so and make your mornings more comfortable, this leaves your vehicle vulnerable to what is known as "Warm-Up Thefts".

Criminals will see a vehicle is running and know that the doors are likely unlocked. They can enter your vehicle and take valuable items or sensitive personal information. They could even drive off with your vehicle.

Preventing "Warm-Up" Thefts

To prevent yourself from becoming a victim of warm up thefts, auto thefts and burglaries, follow the tips provided below.

- Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition when you are away from the vehicle, even if it is just for a minute.
- Consider investing in a remote keyless ignition device which would allow you to warm up your car and not risk thefts or penalties.
- Keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk. Purses, credit cards, and cell phones in plain view only help attract thieves.
- Always rollup the windows and lock your car, even if it is in your driveway, garage, or in front of your home.
- Never leave the registration or title in your car, if stolen; it makes it easier for the thief to dispose of your vehicle. It can also make you a target of identity theft.
- Be alert when approaching your car, have a plan of action, and have your keys in your hand. Check around, under and in your vehicle for suspicious individuals. Immediately leave the scene to get help if you have any concerns for your safety.
- Only park your car in busy, well-lighted areas.
- Install a mechanical locking device – commonly called clubs, collars, or J-bars – that locks to the steering wheel, column, or brake.
- If your vehicle has an alarm or another anti-theft device, use it.

Additional Resources

For more information regarding warm up thefts, visit these websites:

NIH – Cold Weather and Auto Theft
https://www.ors.od.nih.gov/News/Pages/cold_weather.aspx

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Rockville City Police Reported Incidents

The Rockville City Police Department provides a weekly Crime Report of serious incidents to serve as an overview of police activity occurring within the City Limits of Rockville. Please note this summary does not include every reported incident that has occurred during this time frame.
It is to be noted that the words "arrested" and "charged" do not imply guilt.

ARRESTS

10/31/19, a male, age 41, was arrested for shoplifting following an incident that occurred in the 700 block of Dover Road. Report received 11/04/19.

11/4/19, a male, age 34, was arrested for theft of a motor vehicle following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Monroe Street and Fleet Street.

11/5/19, a male, age 58, was arrested for disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace following an incident that occurred in the 400 block of Crabb Avenue.

11/6/19, a male, age 43, was arrested for violating a protective order following an incident that occurred in the 800 block of Rockville Pike.

11/7/19, a male, age 18, was arrested for driving under the influence of narcotics following an event that occurred in the 1000 block of Westmore Avenue.

11/8/19, a male, age 43, was arrested for driving under the influence of liquor following an incident that occurred at the intersection of North Horners Lane and Howard Avenue.

11/9/19, a male, age 38, was arrested for failure to appear following an incident that occurred in the 100 block of Gibbs Street.

11/9/19, a male, age 23, was arrested for driving under the influence of liquor following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Rockville Pike and Dodge Street.

11/9/19, a male, age 22, was arrested for driving under the influence of liquor following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Frederick Road and Redland Boulevard.

11/9/19, a male, age 34, was arrested for failure to appear on a criminal citation and possession of an open container of alcohol in a prohibited place following an incident that occurred in the 100 block of Gibbs Street.

INCIDENTS

14000 block Shady Grove Road, the complainant reports that an unknown subject forced entry into the business and removed a safe containing US currency between 11/03/19 and 11/04/19.

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700 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that two unknown subjects removed prescription glasses frames from the business at 3:40 p.m. on 11/04/19. **The suspects are described as:**

> **# 1 - B/F – black hair with white braids – Last seen wearing a white jacket**
>
> **# 2 - B/F – black hair with braids – Last seen wearing a dark sweater and black bag**

Unit block Mannakee Street, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed cash notes from an unattended wallet between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on 11/5/19.

600 block Rollins Avenue, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed US currency and headphones from an unsecured vehicle between 6:30 p.m. on 11/4/19 and 12:00 p.m. on 11/5/19.

7300 block Westmore Road, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed US currency from a lockbox at 11:41 p.m. on 11/6/19.

1700 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed two (2) laptops, wallet, credit cards, and identification cards between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on 11/6/19.

Unit block Upper Rock Circle, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed items from the business without paying at 2:50 p.m. on 11/6/19.

1500 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that two [2] unknown subjects removed items from a business without paying at 6:00 p.m. on 11/7/19. **The suspects are described as:**

> **#1 – B/M – Last seen wearing: black ball cap, long sleeve dark blue shirt, reflective work vest, blue jeans, and white shoes**
>
> **#2 – B/F – Last seen wearing: blue headband, blue zip up jacket, black leggings, brown winter boots**

1700 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a Samsung Tablet from an unoccupied room between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on 11/6/19.

1000 block Paul Drive, the complainant reports that two [2] unknown subjects removed a gift card and sunglasses from an unsecured vehicle at 6:00 p.m. on 11/9/19. The suspects are described as:

> **#1 – U/M – Last seen wearing: white mask, light blue jeans, blue hoodie, and white sneakers**
>
> **#2 – U/M – Last seen wearing: light blue jeans and black hoodie**

100 block East Montgomery Avenue, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed unattended items to include US currency, identification cards, and a personal bag between 6:30 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. on 11/9/19.

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