



## **POLICE CRIME REPORT**

October 5, 2020 to October 11, 2020

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### **National Crime Prevention Month: Fraud Prevention Tips**

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) is raising awareness about social engineering scams in a new public education campaign with the call to action – *Don't Take The Bait – Validate!* The campaign aims to help empower consumers to outsmart fraudsters by protecting their PINs, passwords and personal information from incoming callers who may be trying to trick them.

As a customer, you may be busy and quick to trust someone who sounds like a customer service representative from a major company or service provider. You may even feel that it's rude or too time consuming to hang up and verify that the information request is legitimate. That's why it's important to remember that fraudsters often use social engineering tactics to create a sense of urgency and fear (for example: "someone has stolen your account information") which can inhibit critical thinking and make you forget what you know about scams. We want all consumers to know the signs of scams and how to outsmart fraudster.

A scammer over phone or text may:

- Be impatient, abrasive, pushy, or even rude
- Be over-complimentary
- Claim to be a representative of the government, community, business, law enforcement, charity, or a service provider
- Evade your questions
- Try to relate to you on an issue so that you drop your guard
- Gain your trust by having you verify some personal information, then ask you for more
- Try to rush you into a decision before the conversation is over
- Offer a deal that seems "too good to be true"
- Trigger a one-time PIN for you and ask you to read it back

### **Additional Resources**

For more information regarding national crime prevention month, visit these websites:

#### **National Crime Prevention Council**

<https://www.ncpc.org/fraud/>

*The Rockville City Police Department is committed to protecting and serving all members of the public. By following the safety tips and resources provided above, you can help us help you by taking steps to inform yourself on public safety issues to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.*

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If you have a crime or concern to report, you can call the Rockville City Police Department at:

**Non-Emergency: 240-314-8900**

**Emergency: 9-1-1**

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!**

## 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**

10/05/20, a male, age 33, was arrested for larceny \$100-1500 and fraud following an incident that occurred in the 300 block of Hungerford Drive.

10/05/20, a male, age 53, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred in the 500 block of Woodburn Road.

10/06/20, a male, age 25, was arrested for theft less than \$1500 following an incident that occurred in the 200 block of North Washington Street.

10/07/20, a female, age 43, was arrested for violation of a peace order and destruction of property following an incident that occurred in the 300 block of Prettyman Drive.

10/10/20, a male, age 44, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred in the 600 block of Hungerford Drive.

10/11/20, a female, age 29, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Maryland Avenue and Fleet Street.

### **INCIDENTS**

1600 block East Jefferson Street, the complainant reports that an unknown subject forcefully removed a lock and two secured bicycles stored outside a residence between 8:00 p.m. on 10/08/20 and 6:00 a.m. on 10/10/20.

**MULTIPLE LOCATIONS:** 800 Block Harrington Road, Unit block Bowie Court, 800 block Bowie Road: the complainants report that two unknown subjects removed a suitcase, three wallets, credit cards, identification cards, US currency, a tablet, shoes, and keys from unsecured motor vehicles between 4:00 p.m. on 10/10/20 and 9:00 a.m. on 10/11/20.



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