



POLICE CRIME REPORT

October 12, 2020 to October 18, 2020

Cold Weather and Auto Thefts and Burglaries

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.

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).*

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](https://www.ors.od.nih.gov/News/Pages/cold_weather.aspx)

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.

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

10/15/20, a male, age 46, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Frederick Avenue and Hungerford Drive.

10/16/20, a male, age 31, was arrested for theft under \$100 following an incident that occurred in the 1500 block of Rockville Pike.

10/16/20, a male, age 32, was arrested for carrying a concealed deadly weapon following an incident that occurred in the 14000 block of Shady Grove Road.

10/17/20, a female, age 41, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred in the 800 block of King Farm Boulevard.

10/18/20, a male, age 18, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Hurley Avenue and Feather Rock Drive.

INCIDENTS

5700 block Fishers Lane, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed US currency and medication from an unsecured motor vehicle between 7:30 p.m. on 10/11/20 and 10:00 a.m. on 10/12/20.

12000 block Twinbrook Parkway, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a guitar from a business without paying for the item at 4:14 p.m. on 10/12/20. **The suspect is described as:**

B/M – Heavy Set – Last seen wearing: black hat with white lettering, gray hoodie, dark rain jacket, dark pants, and dark shoes

16000 block Shady Grove Road, the complainant reports that two unknown subjects brandished an unknown object to the complainant and forcibly removed US Currency at 7:42 p.m. on 10/12/20. **The suspects are described as:**

#1 - B/M – approx. 6 feet tall, thin build, 25-30 years old – Last seen wearing: plain black face mask, a black jacket, and hat.

#2 - W/F – approx. 5 feet 5 inches tall, heavy set, blonde hair – Last seen wearing: blue jacket, white shirt, and blue pants

400 block Redland Boulevard, the complainant reports that three unknown subjects removed cleaning supplies from a business without paying for the items between 9:25 p.m. and 9:28 p.m. on 10/12/20. **The suspects are described as:**

#1 - B/M - approx. 6 feet tall, thin build - Last seen wearing: blue backpack, blue jeans, and grey jacket

#2 - B/M – approx. 6 feet tall, thin build – Last seen wearing: black jacket, blue pants, and red backpack

#3 - B/M – approx. 6 feet tall, thin build – Last seen wearing: black jacket, blue jeans, and grey backpack

1600 block East Jefferson Street, the complainant reports that an unknown subject forcibly removed a locked bicycle from a parking garage between 12:01 a.m. on 10/02/20 and 10:00 p.m. on 10/09/20. **Report Received 10/12/20.**

300 block Hungerford Drive, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed grocery items from a business without paying for the items between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 a.m. on 10/14/20. **The suspect is described as:**

W/F - approx. 5 feet tall, 130 pounds, medium build, brown hair, NA - Last seen wearing: gray pants and gray sweatshirt

300 block Seth Place, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed credit cards and computer equipment from an unsecured motor vehicle between 4:00 p.m. on 10/13/20 and 3:30 p.m. on 10/14/20.

100 block Halpine Road, the complainant reports that an unknown subject displayed a firearm to forcibly remove US Currency at 10:42 a.m. on 10/15/20. **The subject is described as:**

W/M – approx. 5 feet 11 inches tall, 300 pounds - Last seen wearing: Black briefcase, black mask, gray shirt, blue jeans, grey baseball cap

1600 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a winter jacket from a business without paying for the item at 3:22 p.m. on 10/17/20. **The subject is described as:**

B/M - approx. 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds, Thin Build, black hair - Last seen wearing: blue jeans



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