



POLICE CRIME REPORT

November 16, 2020 to November 22, 2020

Winter Safety and Preparedness Tips

Winter is coming! While winter doesn't officially begin until December 21st, 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. With the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic causing an additional shortage of supplies, taking the time now to create 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/>

Thanksgiving Holiday Safety Tips

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and while you are urged to follow social distancing guidelines or consider alternative plans for Thanksgiving, for those who choose to travel for holiday festivities with family and friends, the Rockville City Police Department is reminding everyone of safety measures they can take to remain safe while still enjoying the holiday.

For more information on Maryland Advisories regarding the Coronavirus and travel, please see the link below:

<https://www.wbaltv.com/article/coronavirus-update-maryland-governor-larry-hogan-november-10/34621063#>

Drinking and Driving

Did you know that in as little as 2 alcoholic drinks you can exceed the legal driving limit of 0.08% BAC in Maryland? You may feel that you have waited long enough since your last drink, but the consequences for even a first time Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) charge in Maryland can result in jail time, hefty fines, and a suspension of your license. Not only could you face criminal charges and thousands of dollars in fines, insurance rates, and lawyer fees for a DUI/DWI charge, you could cause an accident that could result in either severe injury or death to yourself, loved ones, and others.

It may seem like asking a sober friend or family member to drive you home or calling for an Uber, Lyft, or Taxi service are inconvenient and/or expensive options. However, you don't want to look back and realize that spending \$30 for a ride home and a having to pick up your car in the morning when sober could have saved you from facing criminal charges, jail time, and most importantly: could have prevented severe injury or death to you, loved ones, or other drivers.

Remember!

Arrive Alive – Drive Sober!

Black Friday and Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

While preparing for the holidays, don't allow the spirit of giving to turn into leaving yourself vulnerable to burglars, muggers, and pickpockets. For many people, Black Friday is the first step in preparing to give Christmas gifts to loved ones. However, criminals know this is a time of year that people have gifts in their homes and vehicles and are more likely to be distracted in crowded places making pickpocketing easier.

Shopping Tips

- Make sure to park in a well-lit, populated area. Avoid parking next to large vans or trucks that can obstruct your view. **Remember to lock your vehicle's doors!**
- Don't leave tempting objects in your vehicle. If you are shopping all day and want to deposit items in your vehicle, make sure they are stored out of sight such as in a trunk or covered area of your vehicle, or consider taking items home first.
- There is safety in numbers! If you are shopping alone a thief may single you out as an easier target. Try going shopping with a family member or friend at the same time.
- If you are going shopping with children, make a plan with them in case you are separated. Select a known meeting point and make sure they know what mall security, police officers, or store clerks look like so if they need help, they know who to approach.
- **Never leave your children unattended or in a vehicle alone!**
- Always remain aware of your surroundings! Thieves and scammers are the most active around Christmas time and they will use various tactics to try and scam you or isolate you to rob you by force.

Holiday Package Theft

With online retailers being just as popular as physical stores, package theft is a risk that comes with holiday shopping now. To prevent package theft:

- Track deliveries online and confirm delivery has occurred. You can sign up for email notifications to track your packages from initial shipment to its arrival at your home, or the recipient's address if you have the gift delivered directly.
- If you know a family member or neighbor will be home, ask them to pick up the packages as soon as they are delivered. Reward them with fresh baked cookies.
- Switch delivery location to work where it can be received by someone and not left on the porch.
- See if the post office or store the product is being shipped from can hold the package for pick up.
- The post office will allow your package to remain safe and secure for up to 30 days.

Additional Resources

For more information regarding Thanksgiving Holiday safety tips, please see the links below:

Arrive Alive

<http://www.arrivealive.org/>

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration – Travel Safety

<http://www.mva.maryland.gov/programs/safety/travel-tips.htm>

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 Department

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.

INCIDENTS

1800 block East Jefferson Street, the complainant reports that an unknown subject forcefully removed two cell phones, a credit card, identification cards, and personal documents between 10:45 p.m. and 11:35 p.m. on 11/15/20. The suspect is described as:

B/M - approx. 6 feet 0 inches, large build - Last seen wearing: multicolored hat, white sneakers, blue jeans, and black jacket

900 block Nelson Street, the complainant reports that an unknown subject forced entry into a business and removed a lock, a generator, and construction equipment between 4:30 p.m. on 11/10/20 and 6:35 a.m. on 11/16/20.

600 block Veirs Mill Road, the complainant reports that an unknown subject forced entry into a school causing property damage between 9:48 p.m. and 9:55 p.m. on 11/14/20.

400 block Blandford Street, the complainant reports that an unknown subject punctured the tires of a motor vehicle between 9:00 a.m. on 11/15/20 and 8:00 a.m. on 11/16/20.

400 block Redland Boulevard, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed an unsecured bicycle from outside of a business between 11:35 a.m. and 12:00 a.m. on 11/17/20.

400 block Redland Boulevard, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a wallet containing US currency, identification cards, and credit cards from an unattended shopping cart between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on 11/18/20.

1600 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that three unknown subjects removed childcare items, a chair, and a drying rack from a business without paying for the items between 6:01 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. on 11/19/20.

1800 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed coffee packages from a business without paying for the items between 12:40 p.m. and 1:04 p.m. on 11/20/20.

400 block Hungerford Drive, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a wallet containing credit cards, identification cards, and personal documents from an unattended business office between 12:34 a.m. and 12:45 a.m. on 11/20/20.

B/M – bald - Last seen wearing: black sweatshirt, black pants, black boots, and black face mask

100 block Talbott Street, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed three unsecured bicycles from a residential address between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on 11/19/20.

1000 block Copperstone Court, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a motor vehicle from a residential address between 11:00 p.m. on 11/20/20 and 12:30 p.m. on 11/21/20.

1580 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a toy drone and personal care items from a business without paying for the items between 9:25 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on 11/21/20.

B/M - approx. 180 pounds, medium build, bald – No further information is available



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