



# Rockville City Police Department

## Police Crime Report

For the period of September 23, 2019 to September 29, 2019

### **Weekly Public Safety and Crime Information**

October is National Crime Prevention Month! The Rockville City Police Department is committed to protecting and serving the citizens of Rockville and its visitors. As part of national crime prevention month, the Rockville City Police Department is providing citizens with tips that can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of a crime, and ways that you can help police in making Rockville a safer city for everyone.

### **Protecting Yourself on the Street**

#### **Tips for Staying Safe when Going Out: Day and Night**

- If you plan on being out late at night, always try to have a friend with you, there is safety in numbers! If you are going to be traveling alone, attempt to only travel in well-lit areas and areas that are populated.
- If you are going out, make sure friends or family members are aware of your plans and when you expect to be home.
- Avoid taking short cuts through isolated areas, especially at night. These are places such as parking lots, alleyways, and unlit paths.
- If you plan on taking a ride share service such as Lyft or Uber, make sure that you check your driver's information including the license plate of the vehicle, the name and the photo of the driver match, and the make, model, and color of the vehicle. Make sure friends are aware of the fact you are taking a rideshare.
- Do not display items that may draw attention such as cash, expensive jewelry, and hand-held electronics (such as video game systems or iPad's).
- Be alert of your surroundings. If a situation or a person doesn't feel right, there's a good chance that your instincts are correct. If you notice someone following you, you can do things such as crossing the street to see if they continue to follow. If they do, try and enter a populated area (such as a store or business) as quickly as possible and do not be afraid to ask or call for help.

#### **If Someone Tries to Rob You:**

- Try to stay calm. Do not make any sudden movements to upset the robber.
- If you have to move, tell the robber what you are going to do and why.
- Do not play hero. Give up your property. Remember your property can be replaced, your life cannot. Try to get a good look at the robber, so you can describe him or her later to police.
- Give the robber time to leave.
- Note the direction of travel when he or she leaves.
- Try to get a description of the vehicle ONLY if you can do so without exposing yourself to harm.

#### **What to do if you have been robbed:**

- Call the police immediately!
- If there are any witnesses, ask them to stay until police arrive.
- Do not discuss the details of the robbery with witnesses.
- Try to recall as much as you can about the robber's appearance, speech, and mannerisms and take notes so you can help Law Enforcement identify the suspect.

## Protecting Yourself at Home

### Tips for Preventing Burglary from Motor Vehicles

- Many victims who report stolen property from their vehicle to Rockville City Police did not lock or secure their vehicle during the time frame that items were stolen. Always secure your vehicle to make it more difficult for criminals to enter your vehicle.
- Remove all valuables from motor vehicles. Do not leave items visible in a vehicle that will attract attention such as cash, electronics, purses and wallets, and jewelry.
- If you are not planning on using your vehicle for an extended period of time, check that all valuables have been removed from the vehicle and look over your vehicle every few days to ensure that it is still secure and.

### Tips for Preventing Package Theft and Home Burglaries

- Sign up for delivery alerts so you know when your delivery is scheduled. If possible, ask to be notified when your package has been delivered. Request a signature for delivery if possible
- If possible, request that your package's carrier hold packages for pickup at a store or local shipping center for your respective carrier.
- If you are unable to be home for a delivery, ask a trusted neighbor if they are available to receive your package until you can pick it up.
- Consider smart home video surveillance options such as a Ring Doorbell. This will notify your smartphone anytime someone approaches your door and provide video footage of package deliveries, suspicious people, and can be used to help Law Enforcement identify suspects if a theft or burglary occurs.
- If you have a home video security system, you can register this camera with Rockville City Police. Registration in the RockView program is voluntary, free, and does not enable law enforcement to view camera footage without an owner's permission. The RockView program will allow city police to quickly identify security cameras that may have captured criminal activity when a crime is reported nearby and can help keep you and your community safer. More information is available at:

<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/2247/Security-Camera-Registration>

### Tips for Gun Owners

- Always make sure to store your gun in a secure manner. This includes keeping the firearm unloaded when it is not in use.
- Keep ammunition secured in a different location than a firearm. This will help keep children safe in the event they find a firearm, but also consider the following methods for securing a firearm.
- Devices such as trigger locks and cable locks are a relatively inexpensive way you can secure a firearm. Lock boxes and gun safes can be expensive, but they keep firearms secured so that only the owner can access the firearm. This can help prevent people such as children from accessing your firearm. By securing your firearms properly, you can help prevent situations that can lead to a child or unauthorized user harming themselves or others.
- Make sure to record your firearms serial numbers! In the event a firearm is missing, report it to Law Enforcement **immediately!**
- Teach your children firearms safety to include what to do if they find a firearm, to tell an adult if their friend has a firearm, and to speak to a trusted adult if they overhear a friend talking about bringing a firearm to school.

For more information about Crime Prevention Month, please see the resources below to help keep you and others informed about ways to stay safe.

<https://www.ncpc.org/programs/crime-prevention-month/>  
<https://www.ncpc.org/>

## 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.**

### A R R E S T S

On 9/23/19, a male, age 25, was arrested for theft from motor vehicle following an incident that occurred in the 800 block of Rockville Pike.

On 9/27/19, a male, age 35, was arrested for second degree assault and an active warrant following an incident that occurred in the 100 block of East Montgomery Avenue.

On 9/30/19, a male, age 22, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Hungerford Drive and North Campus Drive.

### I N C I D E N T S

700 block Westmore Road, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed tires from the property between 1:00 p.m. on 9/21/19 and 7:00 a.m. on 9/23/19.

Unit block Mannakee Street, the complainant reports that two unknown subjects removed backpacks and headphones from the store without paying for them at 2:25 p.m. on 9/23/19.

1700 block Piccard Drive, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a watch, headphones, and a prescription medication from a motor vehicle between 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on 9/21/19. Report Received 9/23/19

200 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed an unattended backpack from the location at 9:30 a.m. on 9/24/19.

14000 block Shady Grove Road, the complainant reports that two unknown subjects removed cash notes from a business at 12:45 a.m. on 9/26/19.

14000 block Shady Grove Road, the complainant reports that two unknown subjects removed a wallet from a shopping basket containing credit cards, identification cards, and a cell phone at 1:00 p.m. on 9/26/19.

1900 block Veirs Mill Road, the complainant reports that two unknown subjects removed a purse from a business at 5:30 p.m. on 9/27/19. ***The suspects are described as:***

**#1 - H/M - Last seen wearing - blue shirt, gray hat, black pants, and white shoes.**

**#2 - B/M - Last seen wearing - white shirt, black jacket, black pants, black shoes, and black hat.**

600 block Elmcroft Boulevard, the victim reports an unknown subject entered the residence and removed a laptop, wallet, car keys, and personal items between 1:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on 9/27/19.

**Rockville City Police  
Department**  
2 W. Montgomery Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850  
Non-Emergency: 240-314-8900



The Rockville City Police Department is a Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency.  
To learn more about CALEA, please visit: <https://www.calea.org/>