POLICE CRIME REPORT
October 7, 2019 to October 13, 2013

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.

Stop Cyber Bullying!

Bullying is heartbreaking. It is defined as aggressive behavior that is persistent, intentional, and involves an imbalance of power or strength. Bullying is now seen as a serious problem by parents, educators, medical and mental health professionals, and scholars. Although bullying was once considered a rite of passage, parents, educators, and community leaders now see bullying as a devastating form of abuse that can have long-term effects on youthful victims, robbing them of self-esteem, isolating them from their peers, causing them to drop out of school, and even prompting health problems and suicide.

Now, bullying has followed teens online. Cyberbullying is a modern twist on traditional bullying. Cyberbullying is defined as use of the Internet, cell phones, or other devices to send or post text or images intended to hurt or embarrass another person. Cyberbullying includes such things as sending malicious emails, spreading rumors or threats, and posting embarrassing or intimate photos of a person -sometimes altered – without their permission. Frequently, the audience is enormous. And what lives in cyberspace can never be fully erased.

The Effects of Cyber Bullying:

Victims of cyberbullying may experience many of the same effects as children who are bullied in person, such as a drop in grades, low self-esteem, a change in interests, or depression. However, cyberbullying can seem more extreme to its victims because of several factors:

- It occurs in the child's home. Being bullied at home can take away the place children feel most safe.
- It can be harsher. Often kids say things online that they wouldn't say in person, mainly because they can't see the other person's reaction.
- It can be far reaching. Kids can send emails making fun of someone to their entire class or school with a few clicks, or post them on a website for the whole world to see.
- It can be anonymous. Cyberbullies often hide behind screen names and email addresses that don't identify who they are. Not knowing who is responsible for bullying messages can add to a victim's insecurity.
- It may seem inescapable. It may seem easy to get away from a cyberbully by just getting offline, but for some kids not going online takes away one of the major places they socialize.

What your children can do to reduce their risk of cyber bullying

- Never give out personal information online, whether it is in instant messaging, chat rooms, blogs or personal websites.
- Never tell **anyone** (but your parent) your password. This includes not even telling friends.
- If you receive a mean or threatening message, **DO NOT RESPOND**. Save it or print it out and show it to your parents.
- **NEVER** open e-mails from someone you don't know or from someone you know is a bully.
- **DO NOT PUT ANYTHING ONLINE THAT YOU WOULD NOT WANT YOUR CLASSMATES OR PARENTS TO SEE**.
- Do not send messages when you are angry. Before clicking "send", ask yourself how you would feel if you received the message.

What your children can do if they are experiencing cyber bullying

- Tell an adult you trust about what's going on.
- Don't delete any of the emails, texts, or messages. They can serve as evidence.
- Keep a record of incidents.
- Don't forward any mean messages that spread rumors about you or someone else.
- Don't cyberbully back. Revenge is never the best answer.
- If possible, report the incident to the administrator of the website. Many websites including Facebook and YouTube have safety centers to report cyberbullying.
- Recognize that you don't deserve to be treated that way, and you deserve respect.

Since most cyberbullying takes place at home, parents can help protect their children from cyberbully by following these few simple tips:

- Keep your home computer in a busy area of the house.
- Set up e-mail and chat accounts with your children. Make sure that you know their screen names and passwords and that they don't include any personal information in their online profiles. Don't forward any mean messages that spread rumors about you or someone else.
- Regularly go over their instant messenger "buddy list" with them. Ask who each person is and how your children know him or her. If possible, report the incident to the administrator of the website. Many websites including Facebook and YouTube have safety centers to report cyberbullying.
- Discuss cyberbullying with your children and ask them if they have ever experienced it or know about it happening to someone.

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/

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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.

A R R E S T S

On 10/8/19, a request was submitted to the Montgomery County Police Department's Special Victims Investigations Division for 2 juveniles to be charged with second degree assault, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest following an incident that occurred in the 100 block of East Jefferson Street.

On 10/9/19, a male, age 31, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Hurley Avenue and West Montgomery Avenue.

On 10/10/19, a female, age 24, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred in the 300 block of Hungerford Drive.

On 10/11/19, a male, age 20 was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred in the 700 block of Rockville Pike.

10/11/19, a male, age 36 was arrested for failure to identify to law enforcement and failure to appear following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Veirs Mill Road and Atlantic Avenue.

On 10/12/19, a female, age 59 was arrested for second degree assault following an incident that occurred in the 5900 block of Lemay Road.

10/12/19, a male, age 35, was arrested for forth degree burglary following an incident that occurred in the 400 block of Elmcroft Boulevard.

10/12/19, a female, age 27, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of First Street and Maple Avenue.

I N C I D E N T S

1600 block East Gude Drive, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed Euro cash notes, US currency, and jewelry from a secured storage box located in a business between 6/2019 and 10/2019. Report received 10/10/19.

100 block Beall Avenue, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed US currency and an electronic reading tablet from a residence between 10/8/19 and 10/12/19.

1800 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject entered the business and made threats involving a firearm to commit armed robbery of the business at 9:56 a.m. on 10/9/19.

14000 block Shady Grove Road, the complainant reports that two unknown suspects stole 4 Apple iPhones from a business at 11:10 a.m. on 10/9/19. **The suspects are described as:**

> **#1 - B/M – approx. 5 foot 10 inches - 160 pounds – thin build – black hair with mustache and beard - Last seen wearing – red hat, black coat, blue pants, and blue shoes with white soles**

> **#2 - B/M – approx. 6 foot 2 inches – 215 pounds – large build – black hair with dreadlocks – Last seen wearing – orange hat, black coat, black pants, black shoes with red soles**

1100 block Taft Street, the complainant reports four unknown suspects forced entry into a business at 9:20 p.m. on 10/10/19. **The suspects are described as:**

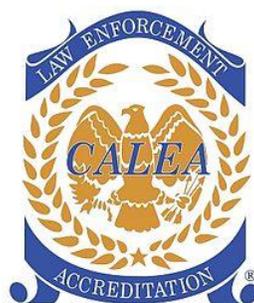> **#1 – B/M – curly hair – Last seen wearing: puffer jacket and light-colored pants with stripes on the side.**

> **#2 – B/M – Last seen wearing: sweatshirt with word "Georgetown" and black sneakers**

> **#3 – B/M – tall – small goatee – Last seen wearing: Champion brand sweater and light-colored pants**

> **#4 – B/M – No further information is available**

300 block Summer Garden Way, the complainant reports that an unknown subject attempted to force entry into a residence at 3:00 a.m. on 10/14/19.