



POLICE CRIME REPORT

October 21, 2019 to October 27, 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.

Don't Get Tricked by Counterfeits!

Have you ever bought a product only to reveal its not authentic or a fake copycat of the item you believed you were purchasing? From iPhones and concert tickets to purses, shoes, and DVD's, counterfeit items are hardly a new way to scam people out of their money. Counterfeits cost US consumers and businesses billions of dollars annually. Even though government agencies such as the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice are hot on the trail of many counterfeiters, they have trouble keeping up with the sheer volume of fake, imported consumer goods.

Impact on Consumers

Counterfeit products can have a significant range of impact on consumers beyond just the loss of consumers money. Buying a pair of fake shoes or an invalid concert ticket may leave you feeling upset and could ruin plans for the weekend, but other products can have a significant impact.

Counterfeit auto parts such as brakes and tires could lead to significant repair bills from damage to your vehicle costing thousands of dollars or could even result in your car failing and causing an accident which could cause significant injury or death. Counterfeit electronics are also a risk. Items such as extension cords, batteries, and electronic devices can have sub-standard wiring or build qualities that could lead to risk of fires and electrocution, posing safety risks to your home, and your life.

How to Protect Yourself

The old saying "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is" is your best defense against becoming a victim. If someone is selling an item at a significantly lower price than similar items are selling for, there is a good chance the product is a counterfeit, or is faulty, broken, or maybe even stolen. What may seem like a good deal could leave you empty handed in the end.

Buying from Companies on the Internet

Make sure when you are purchasing products that you are doing so from reliable sources. If you are purchasing items from the internet, make sure the retailers are reputable and that the items are shipped and sold by either the host website (such as "Shipped and Sold by Amazon") or a reputable third-party dealer that is fulfilled by or guaranteed by the host website. Pay attention to consumer reviews regarding the specific products and note any concerns from previous buyers regarding counterfeit products.

Selling/Buying Online with Individuals

When using secondary resale markets such as eBay, Facebook Marketplace, and LetGo be cautious and try to verify the authenticity and condition of the products before you buy. Make sure that any wear and tear on used items is aesthetic only. Be careful to check for damaged wires, parts, or any evidence of tampering to products. If you are buying event tickets make sure they are verified through an authorized resale retailer such as StubHub.com or Ticketmaster.com. Avoid buying tickets from individuals on the street outside of the event or venue, this is a common scam and the tickets are often invalid.

If you are meeting up to purchase items from the seller, you can ask to meet the seller at a public location that has a high level of foot traffic, or you can even agree to meet at a local police station such as the Rockville City Police Station or one of the local Montgomery County Police District stations. This will potentially deter individuals from attempting to pass off counterfeit products and protects you both as the buyer and the seller.

Pharmaceuticals

Counterfeit pharmaceuticals are a danger as well. The Food and Drug Administration estimates that roughly 15% of the pharmaceuticals that enter the United States every year are counterfeit. You can protect yourself by avoiding online pharmacies that are not directly operated by an authorized, licensed pharmaceutical company. If a website allows you to purchase medications that would require doctor prescriptions, but they don't ask for doctor information, avoid purchasing and taking that medication as it could have harmful effects on your health. Provided below is a link to the FDA that provides more information on safely navigating online pharmacy sales.

<https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/how-buy-medicines-safely-online-pharmacy>

What to do if you Fall Victim to a Counterfeit Product

If you fall victim to a counterfeit product or currency, you can report it to the Rockville City Police Department and/or the correct authority listed at the link provided below.

<https://www.ncpc.org/resources/ip-theft/where-to-report-intellectual-property-theft/>

Additional Resources

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.

ARRESTS

On 10/22/19, a male, age 28, was arrested for two counts of second-degree assault, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, failure to obey a lawful command, and resisting arrest following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Rockville Pike and East Middle Lane.

On 10/23/19, a male, age 32, was arrested for failure to identify to a Law Enforcement Officer following an incident that occurred in the 400 block of Hungerford Drive.

On 10/24/19, a male, age 31, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol following an incident that occurred in the 700 block of Rockville Pike.

On 10/24/19, a male, age 40, was arrested for disorderly conduct following an incident that occurred in the 1700 block of Rockville Pike.

On 10/24/19, two males, age 26 and 24, were arrested for two counts of theft under \$1500 and one count of failure to identify to law enforcement following an incident that occurred in the 1700 block of Rockville Pike.

On 10/24/19, a request was submitted to the Montgomery County Police Department’s Special Victims Investigations Division for a juvenile to be charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance – cocaine following an incident that occurred in the 100 block of Congressional Lane.

10/24/19, a female, age 56, was arrested for disorderly intoxication, trespassing, and shoplifting under \$100 following an incident that occurred in the 200 block of North Washington Street.

10/24/19, a male, age 30, was arrested for malicious destruction of property and fourth degree burglary following an incident that occurred in the Unit block of Mannakee Street.

10/26/19, a female, age 28, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Scott Drive and Wooton Parkway.

10/26/19, a female, age 35, was arrested for an active warrant and possession of CDS paraphernalia following an incident that occurred in the 700 block of Hungerford Drive.

On 10/26/19, a male, age 54, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of East Gude Drive and Taft Street.

On 10/26/19, a male, age 30, was arrested for theft of a motor vehicle and theft \$1,500-\$25,000 following an incident that occurred in the 1400 block of Rockville Pike.

On 10/26/19, a female, age 53, was arrested for shoplifting following an incident that occurred in the 700 block of Hungerford Drive.

INCIDENTS

1100 block Bettstrail Way, the complainant reports that an unknown subject entered an unsecured garage and assaulted the complainant at 7:50 p.m. on 10/21/19.

1000 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports an unknown suspect used a counterfeit \$100 US cash note to steal cash notes and items from a business at 4:53 p.m. on 10/17/19. Report Received 10/22/19. **The suspect is described as:**

B/M – approx. 170 pounds, 6 feet tall, thin build – short black hair, brown eyes

1800 block of Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed items from the business without paying for them at 8:48 a.m. on 10/22/19.

Intersection of Rollins Avenue and Lorraine Drive, the complainant reports an unknown subject removed a purse from a motor vehicle containing an iPhone, wallet, and miscellaneous cards between 8:00 p.m. on 10/24/19 and 10:00 a.m. on 10/25/19.

1800 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed items from the business without paying for them at 8:13 a.m. on 10/24/19.

200 block Garden View Way, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a package from an unsecured motor vehicle between 10:00 p.m. on 10/24/19 and 6:00 a.m. on 10/25/19.

1001 Gaither Road, the complainant reports that an unknown subject stole a motor vehicle between 6:00 p.m. on 10/24/19 and 9:00 a.m. on 10/25/19.

14000 block Shady Grove Road, the complainant reports an unknown subject removed a lock box from the business between 10:00 p.m. on 10/26/19 and 9:00 a.m. on 10/27/19.

400 block Trotter Farm Road, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed bicycles, and personal items from a secured garage and unsecured vehicle between 1:00 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. on 10/27/19.

Unit block of Lakeside Overlook, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a phone and a wallet from an unsecured motor vehicle between 10:45 p.m. on 10/26/19 and 7:15 a.m. on 10/27/19.

400 block North Horners Lane, the complainant reports that an unknown subject slashed their car tires between 6:00 p.m. on 10/26/19 and 6:00 a.m. on 10/27/19.

800 block Rockville pike, the complainant reports an unknown subject committed aggravated assault with a firearm at 6:54 p.m. on 10/26/19. The suspect is described as:

W/M – Long Brown Hair, thin build – Last seen wearing: blue jeans and a white shirt



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