



## **POLICE CRIME REPORT**

January 18, 2021 to January 24, 2021

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### **Winter Weather and Auto Thefts and Burglaries**

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).***

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.

### **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.

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### **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)  
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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**

01/18/21, a request was submitted to the Montgomery County Police Department’s Special Victim’s Investigations Division for a female, age 16, to be charged with larceny following an incident that occurred in the 1800 block of Rockville Pike.

01/20/21, a male, age 50, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Park Road and South Stonestreet.

01/23/21, a male, age 21, was arrested for Fourth Degree Burglary following an incident that occurred in the 1900 block of Lancashire Drive.

01/23/21, a male, age 30, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred in the 100 block of North Stonestreet Avenue.

### **INCIDENTS**

1600 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that three unknown subjects removed cosmetic items from a business without paying for the items between 3:47 p.m. and 3:48 p.m. on 01/17/21.

1000 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed cell phones from a business without paying for the items between 4:48 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on 01/18/21.

1000 block Seven Locks Road, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a purse, credit cards, identification cards, gift cards, and US currency from a motor vehicle between 6:42 p.m. and 6:42 p.m. on 01/18/21.

1600 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that three unknown subjects removed cosmetic items from a business without paying for the items between 5:50 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on 01/12/21. **Report Received 01/19/21. The suspects are described as:**

**#1 – B/F – Approx. 5 feet 7 inches, 160 pounds, medium build, brown eyes, blonde hair.**

**#2 – B/F – Approx. 5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds, medium build, brown eyes, brown hair.**

**#3 – B/F – Approx. 5 feet 7 inches, 170 pounds, heavy build, brown eyes, black hair.**

600 block Loftstrand Lane, the complainant reports that an unknown subject assaulted the complainant between 2:26 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on 01/22/21. **The suspect is described as:**

**B/M – thin build, black hair - Last seen wearing: black hat, black jacket, and black jeans**

1300 block Broadwood Drive, the complainant reports that an unknown subject displayed a knife and threatened the complainant between 4:45 p.m. and 5:25 p.m. on 01/22/21. **The suspect is described as:**

**U/M – Approx. 5 feet 8 inches, 165 pounds, medium build, black hair, brown eyes - Last seen wearing: blue soccer jersey**



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