



POLICE CRIME REPORT

February 15, 2021 to February 21, 2021

Weekly Crime Prevention Information

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) is raising awareness about social engineering scams in a new public education campaign with the call to action – *Don't Take The Bait – Validate!* The campaign aims to help empower consumers to outsmart fraudsters by protecting their PINs, passwords and personal information from incoming callers who may be trying to trick them.

As a customer, you may be busy and quick to trust someone who sounds like a customer service representative from a major company or service provider. You may even feel that it's rude or too time consuming to hang up and verify that the information request is legitimate. That's why it's important to remember that fraudsters often use social engineering tactics to create a sense of urgency and fear (for example: "someone has stolen your account information") which can inhibit critical thinking and make you forget what you know about scams. We want all consumers to know the signs of scams and how to outsmart fraudster.

A scammer over phone or text may:

- Be impatient, abrasive, pushy, or even rude
- Be over-complimentary
- Claim to be a representative of the government, community, business, law enforcement, charity, or a service provider
- Evade your questions
- Try to relate to you on an issue so that you drop your guard
- Gain your trust by having you verify some personal information, then ask you for more
- Try to rush you into a decision before the conversation is over
- Offer a deal that seems "too good to be true"
- Trigger a one-time PIN for you and ask you to read it back

Additional Resources

For more information regarding national crime prevention month, visit these websites:

National Crime Prevention Council

<https://www.ncpc.org/fraud/>

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 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

02/14/21, a male, age 39, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Twinbrook Parkway and Rockville Pike.

02/16/21, a male, age 34, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Vandegrift Avenue and Ardennes Avenue.

02/17/21, a male, age 23, was arrested for fourth degree burglary and rouge and vagabond activity following an incident that occurred in the 12700 block of Atlantic Avenue.

02/18/21, 2 females, age 21 and 27, were arrested for shoplifting following an incident that occurred in the 1500 block of Rockville Pike.

02/18/21, a male, age 34, was arrested for malicious destruction of property following an incident that occurred in the 300 block of Hungerford Drive.

02/18/21, a male, age 26, was arrested for vandalism following an incident that occurred in the 1000 block of Maple Avenue.

02/19/21, a female, age 43, was arrested for second degree assault following an incident that occurred in the 1700 block of Rockville Pike.

INCIDENTS

1800 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed grocery items from a business without paying for the items between 3:26 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. on

02/16/21. The suspect is described as:

W/M – Medium build – Last seen wearing: maroon hat, blue jeans, and black jacket



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