

December 12, 2016

DC Police Investigate Two Nearby Violent Crimes

First an armed carjacking, then a homicide

Armed Carjacking:

Metropolitan Police (MPDC) report that at approximately 6:20 p.m. yesterday (Sunday, December 11, 2016), a woman was unloading the groceries from her car in the 5600 block of Western Avenue when she was approached by five individuals wearing ski masks. One of the suspects was armed with a handgun.

The group drove off in the victim's 2014 blue Hyundai Santa Fe bearing DC tags. MPDC reports that the unoccupied Santa Fe was found about 45 minutes later in DC's 4th police district. The investigation is continuing.

Homicide:

Below is a press release from the Metropolitan Police (MPDC) about a fatal shooting that occurred yesterday (Sunday, December 11, 2016) evening. MPDC officials feel confident that this was not a random crime. Investigation is in its early stages and is continuing.

Homicide: 6900 Block 32nd Street, Northwest

(Washington, DC)--Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department's Homicide Branch are investigating a fatal shooting that occurred in the 6900 block of 32nd Street, Northwest on Sunday, December 11, 2016.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., members of the Second District responded to the listed location for a Destruction of Property call. Upon arrival, members located an adult male inside a vehicle suffering from multiple gun shot wounds. DC Fire and EMS personnel responded to the scene and found no signs consistent with life. The decedent remained on the scene until he was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

The decedent has been identified as 21-year-old Grant Copeland Dosunmu of Northwest, DC.

As part of the preliminary investigation, it appears that the suspect was inside the vehicle with the victim[when the shooting occurred].

November 28, 2016

Burglary Reported on Primrose Street Next-door neighbor noticed an open side door

At about 1 p.m. today, Village officers responded to a suspicious situation in the unit block of Primrose Street. The caller reported that his next-door neighbor was away, but the side door to his neighbor's home had been wide open since yesterday. Officers found that the door had been forced open and investigation revealed that someone had obviously been inside the home. The homeowners had not requested a house check.

It is unknown at this time whether anything was taken or what time of day that the break-in occurred. The investigation is continuing.

November 18, 2016

Defendant in October 5 Bait Car Arrest is Convicted at Trial, Gets 90 days

Village residents testified and did a great job!

At 4:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 5, our bait car silent alarm was triggered and Village dispatcher Regina Cortez immediately sent our officers to the 5500 block of Center Street. Ms. Cortez then sent an image of the thief directly to the officers' smart phones.

Officers Willie Hearn and Drew Fones arrived about a minute later and spotted the thief carrying a package which had been stolen from the front porch of a home in the 3900 block of Oliver Street. Further investigation revealed that a second car had been entered on Oliver Street. The suspect, 39-year old Ramon A. LLOYD of Washington, DC (pictured below) was arrested on the scene.



Yesterday, the case went to trial in District Court in Rockville. Two of our residents along with two Village officers spent the day in court and testified at trial. Mr. Lloyd was convicted on 3 charges related to the bait car entry and the theft of the package. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

The Village Police Department is grateful to our residents for doing their civic duty and testifying alongside our officers to hold the defendant accountable. Thank you!

October 18, 2016

Another Bait Car Activation Nets 2 More Arrests

Second Activation this month

Early this morning (about 12:20 a.m.), our bait car was activated and it automatically sent a streaming video of the thief to our Communications Center.

Dispatcher Regina Cortez immediately alerted Officers Hearn and Fones and she sent an image of the thief directly to their smart phones. The officers responded to the area of Kirkside Drive and Montgomery Street right away while simultaneously notifying County Police. Officer Hearn spotted two males in front of a home in the 5600 block of Kirkside Drive and they fled on foot when they saw Officer Hearn.

Village and County officers--including a K9 team--worked together to arrest Tyler S. KIETT, 21 years old (pictured below), of Washington, DC in the back yard of a home in the 5600 block of Montgomery Street. A

juvenile male was located and hiding underneath a car in the driveway of a home in the 5600 block of Montgomery Street; he was also arrested.

Investigation revealed that, in addition to the bait car, a second car (unlocked) belonging to a resident had been entered on Kirkside Drive. Tyler KIETT was taken to the Central Processing Unit in Rockville and charged with entering both cars.

The juvenile was taken to the 2nd District Station of the Montgomery County Police where he was processed and turned over to his father.

Another great catch by the team of Cortez, Hearn and Fones in partnership with MCPD!



October 5, 2016 at 5:39 p.m.

Police Request Vigilance for 2 Nearby Incidents

1. Serial burglars in upper northwest DC

The Metropolitan Police (DC) is seeking to locate and identify a group of 3-5 black males that have been breaking into homes in upper NWDC very close to Chevy Chase Village. Witnesses in at least 4 of the crimes have seen the same car used by the criminals: it is a ***black Mercedes Benz sedan with dark tinted windows and a paper temporary license plate***. Keep a sharp eye out for this car, if you see the car within the Village, call the Village police immediately. If you see the car elsewhere, dial 9-1-1.

2. Man exposes himself to a student walking home from school in DC on Western Avenue near Broad Branch Road.

Today, Village police learned that a white male in an older car pulled alongside a student who was walking home on Western Avenue near Broad Branch Road. The man whistled to the girl to get her attention and then he exposed himself to her. The girl immediately ran away and was unharmed but very distressed.

Village police also learned that another citizen saw a suspicious white male in his 60's or early 70's near the Brookville Market. The man was driving a black older sedan and was described as slim with leathery skin and wearing an unbuttoned Hawaiian shirt and shorts. The man appeared to be preparing to unbuckle his belt. There were some children nearby, so the adult witness lingered in the area until the man left, she may have prevented another incident.

None of the above events occurred within the Village, but they occurred within close proximity to the Village. Village police request that you keep your eyes open and call the police right away if you see the vehicles or the suspicious person described in the message.

October 5, 2016 at 6:57 p.m.

UPDATE: Indecent exposure lookout from DC

The Metropolitan Police (DC) just provided further details about the indecent exposure incident that occurred on Western Avenue near Broad Branch Road. The suspect was described as a black male with a full beard and his car is described as a beige 4-door sedan.

It is now clear that the other event which occurred near the Brookville Market is unrelated.

October 5, 2016 at 5:26 p.m.

Bait Car Technology and Rapid Police Response Result in Thief's Arrest

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Officers Willie Hearn and Drew Fones arrived about a minute later. Officer Hearn spotted the their carrying a package which had been stolen from the front porch of a home in the 3900 block of Oliver Street. Further investigation revealed that a second car had been entered on Oliver Street. The suspect was arrested on the scene.

The suspect was identified as 39-year old Ramon A. LLYOD of Washington, DC (pictured below). Village officers charged him with 1 count of theft, 2 counts of entering a vehicle with the intent to steal, and 2 counts of attempted theft.

Residents are reminded to lock their cars EVERY time they park.

September 19, 2016

2 Home Break-Ins Reported Within 24 Hours

Kirkside Drive:

On Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 7:25 p.m., Village and County police officers responded to a home on Kirkside Drive between Center Street and Oliver Street for a forcible burglary that was just discovered. Investigation revealed that the homeowners had gone away for the weekend on Friday morning, and upon returning to their home on Sunday evening, they discovered that a rear door had been forcibly kicked in, and that the home had been ransacked. Several items of jewelry and electronics were taken by the burglar(s). The homeowners had not requested a house check. The home also had an alarm system, but it had not been turned on.

A Montgomery County police crime scene technician responded and processed the scene for latent evidence. Montgomery County detectives will be conducting the follow-up investigation.

Hesketh Street:

Today (Monday, September 19, 2016) at 10:52 a.m., Village officers responded to an alarm call on Hesketh Street between Magnolia Parkway and Cedar Parkway. Upon arrival one minute later, an officer spotted someone through a basement window. The suspect disappeared deeper into the basement and a moment

later, he emerged from a door on the opposite side of the house. From the front of the house, the arriving backup officer caught a glimpse of the suspect as he ran toward the rear corner of the back yard. The suspect jumped over a fence in the back yard and quickly disappeared.

As the initial two Village officers secured the house (it was unknown if additional suspects might still be inside the home), additional Village and County officers arrived quickly and established a perimeter in an attempt to locate the suspect. DC police were also notified to assist on their side of the border. Two K-9 teams—one from the Sheriff's Office and the other from the County Police—and multiple patrol officers searched for the suspect unsuccessfully.

Investigation revealed that electronics were stolen. County detectives and crime scene techs responded to this event, as well. County detectives will conduct the follow-up.

Residents are urged to:

- Request a house check upon leaving for longer than 24 hours;
- Activate alarm systems (and consider upgrading your system to include cameras);
- Request the Village Police to conduct a security survey to determine the strengths and weaknesses of your home's security;
- Record serial numbers of your valuable electronics and other items;
- Photograph your jewelry and any other non-serialized valuables;
- Call the Village police immediately if you see anyone or anything that makes you suspicious—we will respond right away and investigate.



Monday, August 1, 2016

Daytime Theft Suspect Arrested

Village officers track him to DC, watch him commit a theft

Over the past 2 weeks, the Chevy Chase Village Police Department has seen a pattern of petty thefts occurring during the daytime on weekdays. Today, a juvenile from DC was arrested by Metropolitan (DC) Police after a Village officer watched the suspect steal a backpack on Livingston Street, NW.

At about 11:30 a.m. today, Village officers responded to reports of thefts from two construction vehicles on Hesketh Street between Kirkside Drive and Wisconsin Avenue. Upon arrival, Village Officer Chung was given a good description of the culprit (young black male, tall, slender, white tank top, dark pants, earbuds with white wires) which is identical to that of one of the suspects in some of the recent daytime thefts in the Village. Village and County officers immediately began searching for the suspect.

A Village officer spotted a young man matching the description walking south on 41st Street, NW near Morrison Street (just south of Western Avenue). The Village officer kept an eye on the suspect and called for DC police. Before DC police arrived, the suspect reached into a construction worker's van in the 3900 block of Livingston Street and stole a backpack from inside the vehicle. As the suspect walked briskly away from the van carrying the backpack, he walked right toward the Village officer who told the suspect to stop and await

arrival of Metropolitan Police. The suspect dropped the backpack, complied with the verbal directions, and was soon taken into custody by DC police.

The suspect is a juvenile, and as such, his identity will not be published. Detectives from DC and Montgomery County are working together on the follow-up investigation.

Friday, June 17, 2016

Key Used to Steal Car on East Irving Street House and car keys were left in the front door overnight

On Saturday morning, June 11, 2016, a resident called to report that her sedan was stolen overnight from in front of her home on East Irving Street. A significant amount of golf equipment was inside the car at the time, and all of it was stolen, as well.

The victim stated that she believes that she left her house and car keys hanging in the lock in the front door after she went inside. Apparently, the thief took the keys from the lock and drove away in the car sometime during the night.

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Unusual Phone Calls Received By 2 Village Residents

The first resident received a strange call on Friday, June 3; the second resident received a similar call on Friday, June 10. Both calls came in between 5pm and 6pm, and in each case, the caller expressed his dislike for the appearance of the residents' properties. One of the call recipients lives on Cedar Parkway on the west side of the Village, and the other lives on Western Avenue on the east side.

On each call, the male caller claimed to be a Village resident. The caller's voice was described variously as 'somewhat high-pitched' or 'effeminate.' On the June 3 call, the caller complained about the style of the bricks on the resident's home. On the June 10 call, the caller complained about the appearance of the homeowner's shrubbery, as well as the brickwork on the home.

The caller did not make any threats, but he wanted the homeowners to make changes to their properties. He told one of the two homeowners that the poor appearance of the homeowner's property adversely impacted the caller's property value. The caller provided sufficient information during the calls such that the call recipients believed that the caller was very familiar with the Village and with their properties. The caller refused to provide his name or address, and his phone number did not display on the caller ID system of the recipients. Understandably, the calls were disturbing to each of the homeowners.

The Village Police Department recommends that you ignore calls from unfamiliar numbers or from any caller who has withheld their phone number in order to prevent their number from displaying on your caller ID system. If you do receive a call like the ones described in this announcement (or any unwanted call):

- Tell the caller that you deem the call to be harassment,
- that you do not want any further calls,
- hang up the phone, and
- call the Village Police Department so that we can document the occurrence.

Monday, May 16, 2016

5 Unlocked Cars Entered Saturday Night

Overnight Saturday, May 14 into Sunday, May 15, 2016, a total of five unlocked cars were entered as follows:

- 3 were parked on Grafton Street between Kirkside Drive and Wisconsin Avenue;
- 1 was parked on W. Melrose Street, and
- 1 was parked on Primrose Street between Connecticut Avenue and Brookville Road.

With the exception of the incident on Primrose in which nothing was taken, loose change and an electronic device were stolen from the cars.

It takes very little time for someone to open an unlocked car door and take small items. *Please help us prevent these crimes of opportunity by simply locking your car every time you park your car.*

Saturday, February 26, 2016

County Police: Middle-Aged Man Approaches Two Children Playing in Their Front Yard on Friday Morning.

The incident occurred on Colston Drive near Rock Creek Forest Elementary School off of Grubb Road

At about 6:30 a.m. on Friday, March 11, 2016, the Montgomery County Police responded to the 2600 block of Colston Drive for the report of a strange man in a car approaching children. The investigation revealed that two children were playing in their front yard prior to school when a man driving a bluish-green hatchback stopped on the street with the driver's window open and began to speak to the children.

The man, described as a male in his 50's or 60's, with gray hair, a beard and wearing a red and blue baseball cap, asked the children if he could give them a ride to school. One of the children said 'no' to the man. When the man again asked the children to get in his car, the kids ran into the house and told their mother who in turn called the police. The man drove away and was not seen by the mother or the police.

Since the news of this incident has begun to spread, there have been two unconfirmed sightings of a man similar in description to the suspect. One of those sightings was near the intersection of Western Avenue and Oliver Street near the bus stop on the DC side, and the second was in Rock Creek Park.

Residents are urged to remain alert to any suspicious persons or vehicles and to call the police immediately.

Week ending Friday, February 26, 2016

12 Unlocked Cars Entered in the past 30 days

We need your help: PLEASE lock your car every time you park!

Since January 26, we have received 12 reports of thefts from autos. Every single car entered by thieves had one thing in common: they were unlocked! C'mon, folks, the Village Police Department needs your help here.

We know that thieves merely pull on car door handles at night to see if a car is locked or not. If it is locked, they keep walking. If it is unlocked, they go inside and root around looking for something to steal. If you would simply lock your vehicle when you park—that's right, just push the button on the remote—you will deny the opportunity to these petty thieves and you will reduce our crime rate. It's a civic duty.

The locations of the 12 incidents are below:

- 5600 block of Kirkside (2)
- Grafton between Cedar and Kirkside
- Grafton between Kirkside and Wisconsin
- Unit block of Hesketh
- Hesketh between Kirkside and Wisconsin
- W. Irving between Magnolia and Cedar (2)
- W. Lenox west of Cedar
- 5600 block of Western
- 100 block of E. Lenox
- 100 block of Oxford

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Montgomery County Sheriff Warns of 'Deputy Phone Scam'

The below is an excerpt from a press release dated today (February 10, 2016) from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

SCAM Phone Calls AGAIN Demand Money to Prevent Arrest

Telephone scammers are again using the guise of a sheriff's deputy to extort people into immediately sending money to avoid arrest. According to Montgomery County, Maryland Sheriff Darren M. Popkin, a nationwide phone scam is again targeting Montgomery County, Maryland residents. In the last week, over 50 residents reported receiving a scam call requesting money or credit card information.

The caller, falsely claiming to be from the sheriff's office, says that a warrant issued for your arrest will be served unless, of course, you pay up. The caller may also be leaving voice mail messages with a call-back number that is answered by a realistic law enforcement sounding recorded announcement.

"Montgomery County Deputy Sheriffs will never call and threaten to arrest you unless you immediately send money or an electronic payment," said Sheriff Popkin, reissuing a fraud alert previously released in April, 2014 and May, 2015. "Deputies will never ask you to place funds for payment on a pre-paid credit card to cancel an arrest warrant." Do not provide any unsolicited caller demanding money any personal, credit card or bank information. If called, hang up immediately.

People can protect themselves from becoming victims of identity theft by never giving out any personal information when getting an unsolicited phone call. Giving out sensitive information over the phone — both personal and financial — can put people at risk for fraud