

October 28, 2010

CRIME ALERT

BURGLARY

Today, between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m., a home in the second unit block of W. Lenox Street was burglarized. The residents were home and were not awakened during the burglary. The suspect(s) made entry through the front door that was unlocked. the suspect(s) took a laptop, television and cash.

The suspect(s) obtained keys to the resident's Mini Cooper. The suspect(s) stole the Mini Cooper that was parked on the street, in front of the house. At this time there is no susoect information.

Please remember to activate your alarm system and double check your doors before going to bed. Contact the Village Communications Center (301) 654-7300 to report anything suspicious.

October 19, 2010

ROBBERY VICTIM'S CAR FOUND

Metropolitan Police and Montgomery County Police have informed me that yesterday's robbery victim's car has been located in Washington, DC in the area of the 6800 block of Georgia Avenue. the five occupants of the vehicle are being interviewed by detectives to determine if they were involved in the robbery.

This is an excellent job by all police agencies involved who quickly shared information, got the public involved, and hopefully will lead to the identity of those individuals who are responsible for committing the crime. Special thanks to the Metropolitan Dc Police 4th District who located the vehicle and the occupants.

Chief Roy Gordon

Chevy Chase Village Police

October 18, 2010

CRIME ALERT

STRONG ARMED ROBBERY

Today, October 18, 2010, at approximately 10:45 a.m., a female walking back to her vehicle after conducting business at the Post Office, (5910 Connecticut Avenue) was approached by 4 black males in a gold colored sedan. Thinking that the individuals were seeking directions, the female stopped and one black male exited the vehicle and demanded the victim's purse and keys. The victim hesitated and the suspect snatched the purse and car keys out of the victim's hands. A second suspect exited the gold colored sedan and jumped into the victim's Volvo sedan followed by the gold sedan. The vehicles were last seen southbound Connecticut Avenue toward Washington, D.C. The victim was not injured and provided police with the suspects' vehicle tag number. The Village Police placed a lookout for both vehicles. The suspect's vehicle was reported stolen from Prince Georges County on 10/16/10.

Suspects are described as four black males: the driver of the gold sedan, Dodge Intrepid, is about 40 years old; the other 3 suspects were described as young males. The victim's purse contained a small amount of cash, miscellaneous credit cards, and personal identification.

If you were in the area of the Post Office (5910 Connecticut Avenue) this morning and witnessed this event, please contact the Village Police at 301-654-7300.

Chief Roy Gordon

September 14, 2010

CRIME ALERT

VEHICLE BREAK-INS

Today, September 14, 2010, between 12:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., five (5) vehicles on the West side of the Village were entered and property removed. Four of the vehicles were parked in driveways and one was parked on the street in front of the residence. All the vehicles were left unlocked. In one case, a garage was entered and a bicycle was taken. Eye glasses and a tool bag were removed from another vehicle. Most vehicles were ransacked but nothing was removed. These events occurred at the following locations: 3900 block of Oliver Street, 5500 block of Grove Street, 5600 block of Montgomery Street, and the 5600 block of Kirkside Drive. There are no suspects at this time. The following property was recovered by Village Police: a girl's bike, a backpack containing tennis style clothing.

NOTE: Montgomery County Police responded to vehicle break-ins in the Town of Somerset and Metropolitan D.C. Police responded to vehicle break-ins across Western Avenue in DC Northwest. It is not known at this time if the same individuals are responsible for the crimes.

Village residents are reminded to lock their vehicles and activate any vehicle alarm systems. We also ask that you contact the Village Communications Center (301) 654-7300 to report any suspicious activity.

July 20, 2010

CRIME ALERT

BURGLARY

On 7/19/2010, between 10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., a home in the 5400 block of Grove Street was burglarized. The suspect(s) entered the home by breaking out a large plate glass window in the enclosed porch in the rear yard. Once inside the suspect(s) removed a laptop computer and some currency. Montgomery County Police also responded to the residence and processed the scene for prints. A neighborhood canvass was conducted with negative results. There is no description of the suspect(s) and no reports of suspicious person(s) in the area during or after the times the burglary was reported. The home has an alarm but the system was not activated by the homeowner.

Residents are reminded to report anything suspicious to the Village Communications Center at 301-654-7300 and to always use their alarm systems.

April 2, 2010

CRIME ALERT

VEHICLE BREAK-INS

During the early morning hours on April 1, 2010 several vehicles were broken into on Hesketh Street and West Irving Street on the blocks between Magnolia Parkway and Cedar Parkway. A total of 11 vehicles were entered; 9 were parked on the street, 2 were parked in driveways. All the vehicles were unlocked. The suspect(s) entered the unlocked vehicles and went through the glove box, consoles, etc. looking for items to steal.

Village Police discovered two of the break-ins at approximately 1:30 a.m. while on routine patrol. Fingerprints were taken and submitted for analysis. During a neighborhood canvass a resident thought they heard a car alarm going off around 2:00 a.m.

Please contact the Village Communications Center (301) 654-7300 if you see or hear anything suspicious.

POSSIBLE SCAM

BE AWARE OF PEOPLE SEEKING DONATIONS BY PHONE AND IN PERSON

The Chevy Chase Village Police wants to remind residents to ensure they verify phone and door-to-door solicitors of donations purporting to be collecting for charitable organizations. Recently, the Chevy Chase Village Police have received complaints from residents concerning solicitors who implied they have an association with the Village Police or other police agencies. Residents are receiving calls from the Police Protective Fund seeking donations.

The Chevy Chase Village Police offers these tips related to phone and in-person solicitations for charitable donations:

- Whether in-person or by phone be aware of solicitors using high pressure tactics or solicitors who prey upon your sympathies to get an immediate donation
- Never make arrangements to have someone pick up money from your home
- Be aware that while your caller ID may show a local number many phone solicitors are actually calling from across the state or even out-of-state
- Be suspicious when asked for "cash" only donations

Always verify the name of the organization to include their address, phone number and the identity of the caller or the person at your door step

At your convenience research the charity online before you make a decision to donate

Never assume the friendly voice belongs to a trustworthy caller

[Please click here to view a Montgomery County Press release from 2006 concerning the solicitation activities of the Police Protective Fund.](#)

March 2, 2010

CRIME ALERT

The Montgomery County Code Enforcement Personnel, Montgomery County Police and the DEA (Drug Enforcement Admin) have the following alert for residents of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Area to be on the look out for three groups of men claiming to be tree workers and home repair workers—they are scammers who are heavily targeting our IMMEDIATE area (and I do mean immediate!). They also claim to do extermination work. They are going door to door and are targeting our area because of our general wealth.

They have hit several homeowners for very large sums of money-cash- they begin the work and then disappear. Homeowners of all ages, not just the elderly, have been the subject of this rip-off.

The authorities believe the groups are out of Culpepper, Va. They drive Ford and Chevy Pick-up Trucks with racks on the back made of wood. They believe one of the trucks has a sign on the door that says Meadow Tree and Lawn Service. The DEA believe that a drug making lab is somehow associated with these individuals.

The police are asking that if you see a group meeting this description to please call them 301-279-8000 (non-emergency) or 911 if the situation lends itself to immediate police response. Get a license number if you can.

Thank you for your attention. Remember to only employ reputable and recommended workers and do not give them cash up front. Continue to contact the Chevy Chase Village Communications Center 301-654-7300 to report anything suspicious.

January 6, 2010

VEHICLE BREAK-INS STOLEN VEHICLE

Early this morning Village Police took 8 vehicle break-in reports. All the vehicles were unlocked; 3 were parked in driveways and 5 were parked on the street. Six vehicles were ransacked but nothing taken and the remaining two vehicles had petty cash removed from inside the vehicles. The vehicle break-ins occurred on the 1st unit block of East Irving Street. And the 1st unit block thru the 100 block of East Kirke Street.

The stolen vehicle was taken from the 6000 block of Western Avenue. The vehicle was parked in the driveway unlocked, with the keys in the center console.

The above incidents occurred between 10 PM on January 5th and 7 AM on January 6th.

Village Police ask that you lock your vehicles and remove anything of value from them. Contact the Village Communications Center (301) 654-7300 to report anything suspicious.