

December 13, 2013

**Unlocked Car Entered
Two Pair of Sunglasses Stolen**

Quincy Street: Between Monday, December 9, and Wednesday, December 11, an unlocked car parked in the driveway was entered. Two pair of expensive sunglasses were taken.

December 6, 2013

Packages Stolen

Unit Block of Primrose Street: A resident purchased items that were delivered on November 26 while the resident was on a trip. The resident returned to the home on December 5 and discovered that the packages were missing.

Daytime Theft from Unlocked Contractor's Truck

Unit block of Grafton Street: A supervisor for WSSC's contractor left his truck unlocked while he worked 150' away. From that distance, he observed a black male reach into the truck, remove something, then make good his escape in a red pickup truck. The victim returned to the truck right away and quickly determined that his iPad had been stolen. The victim initially searched for the subject, then called Village police. Responding officers were unable to locate the truck or the suspect.

October 11, 2013

Attempt Nighttime Burglary Early Wednesday Morning

At 2:35 a.m. on Wednesday, October 9, a resident in the 6000 block of Western Avenue was awakened by his home's burglar alarm. The resident investigated and noticed that the gate to the back yard was open, so he requested the police to respond. Village officers arrived very quickly, and their investigation revealed that unknown person(s) propped a garage window sash open in an apparent attempt to enter the garage. There was no sign of actual entry, and nothing was taken. Officers secured the area looking for suspects without success. The sound of the alarm apparently scared the would-be intruder(s).

2 Unlocked Cars Entered Overnight Friday, 10/4 - Saturday, 10/5

100 block of East Melrose Street: \$15 in bills and coins was taken from an unlocked car parked in the driveway.

Summerfield Road: Car entered, rifled, nothing taken.

September 26, 2013

Thieves Enter Two Unlocked Cars Early Thursday Morning

Village Officer Chung Spots 2 Suspects, Chases Them from Village

At about 4:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, Village Officer Joseph Chung was on patrol when he spotted two suspicious males, each wearing a backpack and dark clothing walking west on Montgomery Street toward the buffer zone walking path. Officer Chung radioed for assistance as the suspects turned north on the path walking toward Belmont Street. Village and County officers, along with a K9 team responded as Officer Chung ran after the fleeing suspects.

At about 7:30 a.m., two residents of W. Lenox Street noticed that their unlocked cars had been entered. One resident reported that her wallet containing cash and credit cards was taken. Nothing was taken from the other car. Police believe that the suspects spotted by Officer Chung were responsible for the thefts. Although the suspects were not captured, Officer Chung's actions undoubtedly interrupted their crime spree.

August 26, 2013

Numerous Thefts from Unlocked Autos Overnight (Sun-Mon)

Residents are reminded to lock their cars and remove valuables every time they park.

After a recent lull in nighttime criminal activity, today several residents reported that their unlocked cars were entered overnight last night (Sunday, August 25-Monday, August 26). As of this writing, the streets where the cars were entered include West Melrose, Hesketh, West Irving, Grafton, and East Kirke. At least 7 cars were entered, but the calls continue to come in.

Residents are urged to remove valuables and lock their cars every time they park. Theft is a crime of opportunity, and the Village Police Department requests your help in eliminating the opportunity.

August 23, 2013

Theft of coins from unlocked vehicle

Unit block of Oxford Street: A resident left her unlocked car parked on the street in front of her house for a week (8/11-8/17). Upon returning to the car, she discovered that the car had been entered and ransacked. Two dollars in coins were taken.

August 16, 2013

Attempted Daytime Burglary on Oliver Street

On Saturday, August 10 shortly after 12:00 noon, witnesses observed a dark blue Chrysler minivan occupied by two black males pull to a stop on Belmont Street at Oliver Street. The passenger got out and chatted briefly with construction workers at a nearby job site, then he approached an unoccupied home a short distance away and began prying the front door with a crow bar. One of the construction workers ran to a nearby home and alerted the resident there who then called the Village Police Department. Officers responded immediately, but the suspects had fled in the van before officers arrived.

The front door and a side door were both damaged by the would-be burglar's attempts to enter. Investigation revealed that the suspect was successful at opening either door, and entry was not gained into the residence.

The Village Police Department commends the alert eyewitnesses for taking action to disrupt a crime in progress. Residents are urged to call the police whenever they see or hear anything that seems suspicious to them, Our courteous and professional officers will respond right away and investigate.

May 30, 2013

Informational Notice About Activity at All Saints Church

This notice is regarding activity taking place this afternoon in and around the All Saints Church property (located between Grafton Street, Oliver Street, Western Avenue and Chevy Chase Circle). Village and County officers are investigating an incident that occurred on Grafton Street involving a church employee. The victim, although semi-conscious, was unable to provide information about how he was injured, which has complicated the investigation as officers seek to determine exactly what took place. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Montgomery County Police will be conducting the follow-up investigation to determine the circumstances of the death. The identity of the victim is not being released at this time.

This is the extent of the information that we have at this time. Anyone with information is asked to call the Montgomery County Police at (301) 279-8000.

May 22, 2013

Update to Residents about Kirkside Drive Incident

Dear residents:

At around 1:20 this morning (Wednesday) an Urgent News Blast was sent alerting the community of a search by local police agencies for an armed suspect in the neighborhood. Please be advised that the guidance to residents to remain in their homes has been lifted. Although the suspect was not apprehended, the weapon has been located.

Metropolitan Police have concluded their on-scene investigation, and the curb lane along westbound Western Avenue has been reopened to traffic.

Regards,

Chevy Chase Village Management

May 22, 2013

Update: DC Police were involved in a confrontation with an armed suspect on Western Avenue near Kirkside Drive; shots fired by DC police; no injuries

Due to some recent crimes in nearby DC neighborhoods, officers of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) were patrolling the streets of upper northwest watching for signs of criminal activity. At approximately 12:30 a.m. today (Wednesday, May 22), MPD officers approached two suspicious men on Western Avenue near Kirkside Drive. During the interaction, officers discovered that one of the suspects was armed with a handgun. That suspect suddenly ran from the police in a northerly direction toward the Village; the other individual remained with the police. As the suspect continued to run, he reportedly turned back toward the pursuing officer with the gun in his hand; in response, the pursuing MPD officer fired his sidearm at the suspect (the earlier Urgent Blast stated that the suspect shot at the police; that erroneous information was based on early radio transmissions that were later clarified). The suspect was last seen jumping a backyard fence behind a home on Western Avenue.

Montgomery County and Chevy Chase Village Police responded to assist DC police with an intensive search for the suspect. In spite of the efforts of a helicopter, several tracking dogs and dozens of police officers, the suspect was not located. The suspect was described as a black male in his 20s, with short hair, weighing approximately 200 pounds, with facial hair and a

tattoo on his right arm. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and a black head wrap.

An on-scene investigation revealed that the initial confrontation and the gunshots occurred in the District of Columbia. MPD is handling the investigation and the collection of evidence. As of this writing, Western Avenue is closed in both directions between Cedar Parkway and Livingston Street (just west of Kirkside Drive). No police officers were injured in this incident.

May 22, 2013

Police Currently Searching for 2 Suspicious Persons

DC police approached 2 suspicious persons in the area of Western Avenue and Kirkside Drive. One of the suspects fired shots at the DC police and ran into the Village. Police officers from DC, Montgomery County and Chevy Chase Village are searching for the suspect with helicopters and dogs.

Residents are urged to stay inside their locked houses and to immediately call 911 if they see or hear anything suspicious

February 20, 2013

Suspicious Hispanic Male in the 5500 Block of Kirkside Drive

On Tuesday evening (Feb. 19) at 7:00 p.m., a young woman who works in the Village reported to police that, as she walked south on Kirkside Drive near the intersection with Grove Street, she noticed that a light blue or grey minivan was driving very slowly behind her. The minivan was also southbound on Kirkside, but the van crept slowly as it kept pace with her. At one point, the driver shone a flashlight at the woman. As the woman pulled out her cell phone to take a photo of the vehicle, the driver got out of the minivan and walked briskly directly toward the woman. Instinctively, she ran to a nearby friend's house and went inside. The friend also saw the man, and he soon returned to the van and drove off. Village police were on the scene very quickly, but the van had already driven off. The vehicle is possibly a light blue or gray older Honda minivan described as beat up.

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- Hispanic male, 25-30 years old
- Short buzzed haircut, no facial hair
- Wearing blue jeans and a T-shirt (unknown color shirt)

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"Run, Hide, Fight"

A professionally produced video released by the City of Houston, Texas gives sound advice to citizens faced with an active shooter. The Chevy Chase Village Police Department recommends that you take 6 minutes to watch this short film; it may prove to be valuable to you or your loved ones.

The link to Run, Hide, Fight is below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0>

Crime Activity for the Week of February 18, 2013

1 auto-related attempt theft

PLEASE REMOVE ALL VALUABLES FROM SIGHT WHEN YOU PARK

Grafton Street between the Circle and Cedar Parkway: An unlocked car parked in the driveway was entered and rifled through; nothing taken.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL VALUABLES FROM SIGHT WHEN YOU PARK, and

PLEASE LOCK YOUR CAR EVERY TIME YOU PARK!!

Village Officers Continue Door-to-Door Crime Prevention Campaign

Officers will be knocking on doors on Saturdays and Sundays to give Village-specific crime prevention advice

On weekends between 11am and 430pm, Village police officers are knocking on doors to greet you with a 1-page flyer which contains a very straightforward recipe for preventing crime in our community. Please give our finest two minutes of your valuable time but most importantly, please follow the advice that they will provide!

Friday, February 22, 2013

Update to February 20, 2013 Urgent Alert:

The Montgomery County Police Department conducts follow-up investigations for the Chevy Chase Village Police Department, and they are following a solid lead regarding the identity of the driver of a light blue or gray minivan who approached a young woman on Kirkside Drive on Tuesday evening (Feb. 19). More information will be disseminated when it becomes available. For those who did not receive Wednesday's Urgent Alert, the story is repeated, below:

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Crime Activity for the Week of February 4, 2013

3 auto-related thefts - 2 of them involved broken windows

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* 100 block of East Lenox: A large rock was used to break a hole in a side window of a SUV parked on the street in front of the residence. GPS, a wallet, and \$40 was taken. The ignition switch was destroyed.

* West Kirke between Magnolia and Cedar: Unknown object used to break a side window on a SUV parked on the street in front of the residence. Charger cord for an iPhone taken.

* Grafton Street between Cedar and Kirkside: Thieves stole part of the front grille from a sedan parked on the street.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL VALUABLES FROM SIGHT WHEN YOU PARK, and PLEASE LOCK YOUR CAR EVERY TIME YOU PARK!!!

Crime Activity for the Week of January 28, 2013

First 2 Unlocked Cars Entered in 2013; Nothing Taken
PLEASE LOCK YOUR CAR EVERYTIME YOU PARK!!

Two locations: 4100 block of Oliver and 5500 block of Park

Overnight Wednesday/Thursday, two unlocked cars, both parked in their respective driveways, were entered and thieves rifled through the cars' contents. Two dollars worth of quarters were removed from a car on the 4100 block of Oliver Street, and nothing was taken from a car in the 5500 block of Park Street.

PLEASE LOCK YOUR CARS EVERYTIME YOU PARK

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January 30, 2013

2 Morning Residential Burglaries in Nearby Areas

On Friday, 1/18/13 and again on Monday, 1/28/13, homes in nearby neighborhoods were broken into during the morning hours between 7:45 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

- The first event occurred in the 4600 block of Hunt Avenue in Chevy Chase (off of Wisconsin Avenue west of Chevy Chase Country Club) on January 18 at 8:30 a.m. when the victim homeowner left the residence for a jog leaving her teenage son asleep upstairs. The son awoke to a black male in his room, and the suspect fled. The son ran to a window and observed two black males flee to a gray Nissan Quest minivan. The suspects obtained electronic items and money before fleeing. The first suspect is described as a black male, 18-25 years old, 6'0 -6'3" , 200-220 pounds. The second suspect was also tall but was wearing black gloves, a black hoodie and a black beanie-style cap.
- The second burglary occurred in the 5200 block of Hampden Lane in Bethesda on Monday, January 28 at 7:45 a.m. The below-pictured vehicle it appears to be a Dodge Intrepid or Stratus was seen leaving the scene of the crime. The car was believed to be occupied by the burglar described as a black male believed to be in his 20's. In this event, the homeowners were out of town and the suspect made entry via a side window and then ransacked the home once inside. The burglar found a safe on the second floor, and he shoved it down the stairs; the safe's door did not open. The safe was left behind, and it is unknown at this time what might have been stolen.

Residents are urged to be vigilant during their morning routines, and to call the police immediately if they see any unusual activity in their neighborhood.



Crime Activity for the Week of January 7, 2013

Packages taken from front porch

100 block of E. Lenox: Resident checked on the status of 2 packages that she was expecting; tracking software reported that the 2 packages were delivered, but the resident did not receive them.

Video of thief entering an unlocked car

Click on the below YouTube video link of a thief entering an unlocked car on December 31 in the 8600 block of Village Park Terrace near the intersection of Jones Bridge Road & Connecticut Avenue

Please, please lock your car doors every time you park your car!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=6JZigtR3jPE

January 11, 2013

2013 Crime Prevention Campaign Kickoff

Crime in the Village continues to be very low in all categories save one: thefts from unlocked cars at night. We recorded 67 thefts in 2011 and 97 in 2012—a 40% increase in a single year. We have arrested and successfully prosecuted several thieves this year, and while the pace of thefts has slowed since the arrests, they continue. The common denominator to these thefts is the **unlocked car** parked overnight. I urge each of you to help us eliminate these thefts by doing a few simple things:

1. Lock your car every time you park.
2. Remove all valuables from your car.
3. Leave your front porch light on all night long.
4. Call the police whenever you see or hear anything suspicious.

Your police department will continue to do its part to deter and detect these criminals, but our job is much harder without your assistance. If you follow the above rules, I am confident that we will dramatically reduce our theft numbers.

Beginning on Saturday, January 12, Village police officers will be going door to door on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to deliver a brief crime prevention message with a 1-page flyer. Please expect to see their smiling faces at your front door in the near future!

Hereâ€™s wishing all of our residents a happy and safe New Year!