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POLICE INCIDENTS REPORT

PURCELLVILLE, VA. October 8, 2021 -

10/02/21 11:03 p.m. Hirst Road and Hatcher Ave Hit & Run

The victim was traveling west bound on Hirst Road and was proceeding through the intersection at Hatcher Road, when he saw headlights for a vehicle traveling south bound on Purcellville Road towards the intersection. The victim stated that the vehicle entered the intersection and grazed the back passenger side of his vehicle. The suspect vehicle continued south bound on Hatcher Avenue, without stopping. The victim turned around, but was unable to locate the suspect vehicle. The investigation is on-going. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call Officer Alex Burkett at 540-338-7422 x 125

10/03/21 2:41 p.m. 300 Block of Main Street Swatting Call

The Emergency Communications Center (ECC) received a call reporting a violent domestic dispute in which children were in hiding and a parent was tied to a bed and being threatened with a knife. Officers arrived to what appeared to be a residence with no one home. In speaking with neighbors, the officers learned that the residents had no children. Eventually contact was made with the residents and it was determined that this was a "Swatting call", in which false calls reporting violent or dangerous actions are routed using phony numbers, to the ECC, to elicit a large police response.

10/03/21 5:07 p.m. 600 Block of Dominion Terrace Suspicious Activity

The complainant reported that she has been observing shadows in her bedroom window, since April and that she believes is someone looking in. The complainant keeps her blinds closed and the windows are covered with thick blackout curtains. The officer checked the area adjacent to the complainant's window and found no indication on the ground or disturbances to the landscaping that anyone had been in the area. Additionally he noted that the reflection from nearby streetlights would preclude seeing in the window at night.

10/03/21 10:03 p.m. Patrick Henry College Mental Health Crisis

Students at the College called police in reference to the report that a fellow student sent a text to his roommate indicating that he was going to take his own life. He indicated that he had ingested a large quantity of over the counter pain medicine. A ping of the phone signal yielded only a general area covering parts of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia. Eventually, he contacted a friend and provided a location in West Virginia. West Virginia State Police located the subject and transported him to a hospital in Jefferson County, WV for treatment. A Purcellville officer responded to the hospital and spoke to staff and the subject. Due to lax mental health laws, the subject was slated to be released upon receiving medical clearance. Police had been in touch with the young man's parents, who were in route to be with their son.

10/04/21 5:33 p.m. 121 N. Maple Avenue Assault

The reporting party told police that he was at McDonald's sitting at a table when his ex-girlfriend hit him in the back of his head. Wanting to avoid further conflict, he called his mother, who responded to the restaurant. She told police that this is a spillover from an incident that happened previously at school. The store security camera did not capture the incident. The investigation is on-going.

10/4/21 6:35 p.m. 100 Block of N. 16th Street Civil Matter

Police responded to a residence that had been the scene of prior domestic issues. On today's date, police were called because the two parties, who were separating, were arguing over the distribution of furniture and property. Additionally, the estranged boyfriend alleged that his estranged girlfriend took property that was his, including a security camera, router, TV and computer. Sensing that the latter was untrue, police questioned the man about the validity of his accusations and low and behold, the items in question were located in the apartment. Ultimately, an acrimonious, but successful distribution of property took place. No additional police intervention was needed.

10/5//21 2:29 a.m. 100 Block of Nursery Avenue Police Information

The complainant called police to report that someone broke into his apartment and stole, cash, a ring and checks. The investigating officer noted that an outside window was covered in black plastic, with a note reading, "Covered Window, broken glass on floor in bedroom, be careful, sorry". The investigation revealed that a handyman, at the request of the landlord was fixing the window from the outside and dropped the glass on the inside, but was unable to enter, as the resident was not home, hence the note and the plastic on the window. The complainant gave conflicting stories as the origin of the missing ring and checks. The investigation is on-going.

10/5//21 8:30 a.m. 100 Block of W. Main Street Runaway

A mother reported that her 13 year old daughter had been missing since Friday, October 1st. She left home after arguing with her mother and it was believed that she was with friends in Leesburg. PPD and Leesburg Police worked jointly to find the child and ultimately located her in Leesburg. She was returned home. Child Protective Services was notified and will be conducting a follow-up investigation.

10/05/21 8:28 a.m. 100 Block of S. Maple Ave Drunk in Public

Police responded with rescue units for a passed out subject. Upon arrival, the presence of multiple empty cans of alcoholic beverage surrounding a prone subject who had the odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from him was noted. As medics were trying to rouse him, the subject attempted to open a can of beer. His speech was slurred and his eyes glassy. As no medical issue was discovered, his presumed level of intoxication made it unsafe to leave him where he lay. He was transported to the Adult Detention Center where he will be held until sober.

10/06/21 3:11 p.m. On-Line Fraud-Attempted

The complainant received a letter from the Virginia Employment Commission informing her that a claim filed in her name had been denied. She contacted them as she had not filed a claim. The VEC directed her to file a police report. The complainant had already notified her bank and the credit bureaus. No other fraudulent activity had been discovered.

It is important to review your credit reports periodically. For information on how to receive a free credit report, please see, <https://www.ftc.gov/faq/consumer-protection/get-my-free-credit-report>

10/06//21 6:24 p.m. 125 Hirst Road

Mental Health Issue

A woman was in the police station parking lot, standing outside of her vehicle, as her child locked the door when she exited and refused to unlock it. The responding officers were able to engage the youth and eventually convince him to unlock the door. The family already had resources in place to address the issue on a long term basis and no additional police resources were needed.

Officers also responded to the following calls for service:

911 Calls	8
Alarm	5
Assist Fire/Rescue/Other LE	5
Attempt to Locate	1
Check on the Welfare	5
Citizen Assist	1
Civil Complaint	3
Crash	2
Community Policing	3
Disabled Vehicle	1
Disorderly Conduct	3
DUI Lookout	1
Drunk in Public	1
Follow-Up Investigations	12
Funeral Escort	1
Hit and Run	1
Information Only	2
Keep the Peace	1
Noise Complaint	2
Other Police Complaint	5
Parking Violation	2
Suspicious Incident/Person/Package	7
Traffic Complaint	4
Trespassing	1

In addition, officers also conducted the following:

Building Check	38
Directed Patrol	148
Foot Patrol	19
Traffic Stops	22

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For Northern Virginia specific information please click on <https://www.novaregiondashboard.com/coronavirus>

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 13th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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