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## **POLICE INCIDENTS REPORT**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. May 20, 2022**

**05/13/22      12:13 p.m.      300 Block of E. Main St.      Vehicle Tampering**

The complainant parked his vehicle at 2:00 p.m. on May 11, 2022. At approximately 10:30 p.m., he got into his car and noticed that his rear window was damaged and that his driver door handle was stuck and would not open. It did not appear that entry was made into the car.

**05/13/22      1:49 p.m.      110 N 16<sup>th</sup> Street      Full Trash Dumpsters**

The complainant reported that the dumpsters at the Purcellville East Apartments were overflowing with trash and that there were two refrigerators next to the dumpsters. The responding officer found no staff in the management office or anywhere else on the property. He placed the refrigerators face down, preventing easy opening. Photos were taken and shared with the Zoning Department.

Update: Officers responded back the following day and made contact with an employee and obtained the contact information for the owner. The dumpsters were too full to be emptied, so another dumpster was off-loaded so that the trash can be redistributed and eventually emptied.

**05/13/22      7:54 p.m.      Telephone      Fraud**

The complainant reported that he received a text alert that he believed was from his bank, inquiring if he had just attempted to transfer \$2000 via the Zell app. He responded "No" and shortly thereafter received a phone call from a person reporting to be an employee from the bank's fraud department. He complied with a request to send \$2000 to a subject named "Dylan Sprouse" to confirm that he did not attempt the original transfer and was the lawful account holder. After making the transfer, he received an e-mail from his actual bank, confirming that money was sent to "Sanaa Pierre." Noting the different name, he called his bank and discovered that he was the victim of a fraud. The bank froze his accounts and he placed a fraud alert with the three credit bureaus.

For information on how to recognize this type of scam, please see: <https://www.cnet.com/personal-finance/banking/zelle-scams-how-they-work-and-how-to-keep-your-money-safe/>

**05/14/22      6:41 a.m.      860 E. Main Street      Commercial Burglary**

An officer on patrol noticed that the front door at the Tobacco Flex shop had been smashed in. Video evidence revealed that the subjects broke the front door, and entered and exited in less than one minute.

Assorted vaping products were taken. Detectives from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office were contacted and the investigation is on-going.

**05/14/22      3:03 p.m.      17000 Block of Pickwick Drive      Police Information**

A subject who was moving asked police to collect and destroy a rifle that he no longer wanted. An officer collected the firearm, confirmed that it was neither stolen part of another police investigation and submitted it for destruction.

**05/14/22      4:07 p.m.      609 E. Main Street      Disorderly Conduct**

The complainant reported that multiple juveniles entered the Dollar Tree, picked up balls that were for sale and started throwing them at and to each other. These actions interfered with the shopping of customers, many who were elderly. When the manager and a customer asked them to stop, the juveniles became "mouthy" and disrespectful. They eventually left, taking a shopping cart and went to McDonalds, where officers located them. After an initial denial, they admitted to the aforementioned activity. Parents were called and responded to pick up their children. Parental not criminal justice was to follow.

**05/14/22      10:15 p.m.      Town of Purcellville      Runaway Juvenile**

A juvenile, who is also a mental health consumer, left home without the permission of his mother. While police were present, a concerned citizen in Hamilton called ECC in reference to a self-reported runaway who arrived at her residence. Police responded and took the juvenile home.

On 5-15-22, police responded to the residence for an assault in which the juvenile, holding a pair of garden shears, threatened to do harm to his mother. This behavior was consistent with the juveniles on-going mental health struggles. Officers spoke to the juvenile and his parents, who desired that he remain in the residence as his threats have always been idle. Juvenile intake and mental health authorities were consulted. Officers cleared the scene.

Later that evening officers responded back as the juvenile had eloped once again. He was quickly located and a plan was developed in which the parents would seek voluntarily commitment to a mental health facility. An officer transported the juvenile, who wanted to go to a structured program, to the hospital and remained until his parents arrived. The juvenile was admitted and officers left the hospital.

**05/15/22      7:56 a.m.      900 Block of E. Main Street      Lost Property**

The complainant reported that on May 14<sup>th</sup>, she placed her clutch purse on the roof of her car while loading a child into a car seat. She drove off, forgetting about her purse. Another driver observed the purse fly off of the roof of the car, and watched as some passerby picked it up. As of this report, no charges were placed on the reporting party's credit card.

**05/15/22      9:15 p.m.      Town of Purcellville      Runaway Juvenile**

A preteen juvenile who had been acting out towards his mother and siblings was sent to his room. It was later discovered that he left the house without permission. His mother checked around town for 45 minutes without success in locating him and then called police. Purcellville officers and LCSO deputies searched the area. An off-duty dispatcher reported seeing a subject matching the juvenile's description near the rear of the complex. Officers converged on the area and located the subject, who may have been returning to his residence. He was taken home where he remained as of this report.

**05/16/22          6:00 a.m.          1001 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street          Police Information**

A subject followed a town vehicle through the gate into the town maintenance facility. The employee directed the subject to leave, but he stopped inside the gate near the exit. He was disoriented so police and medics were called. The subject was transported to the hospital, where he found to have had a panic attack and anxiety. A dog that was in the back seat of the subject's car was turned over to the subject's ex-wife.

**05/16/22          3:16 p.m.          100 Block of N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street          Domestic Assault**

The complaint reported to her school counselor and the school SRO that she was the victim of domestic violence at the hands of her mother, not only on this date but also on prior occasions. She reported that she and her mother came to an agreement in which she will stay with her friend, until a longer term plan for a more permanent relocation with her grandparents can be arranged. Representatives from Child Protective Services responded and are developing a formal safety plan. They along with the investigating officer responded to the residence, but were unable to locate the mother. Another attempt will be made the following day.

Update:

Police were called to the residence, as the daughter did not go to her friend's home as planned and instead went home. She fled from the residence at 11:23 p.m. Officers located here at LVHS and after some back and forth with her mother, the daughter went to her friend's home to spend the night.

**05/16/22          7:33 p.m.          100 Block of S. Maple Avenue          Vandalism**

The reporting party discovered that someone threw an egg and struck a window on the south side of the residence. There was no permanent damage and no suspects at this time.

**05/18/22          3:52 p.m.          125 Hirst Road          Police information**

The complaint reported to police that on 5/17/22, she was struck by a bicyclist on the W and OD trail. Both suffered injuries and exchanged information. She reported this incident to police because the cyclist has not returned her phone calls.

**05/19/22          3:16 p.m.          Hirst Road@21<sup>st</sup> Street          DUI**

Officers investigating a single car crash noted signs of intoxication from the driver. He took and failed a battery of test and was arrested. He refused to take a breathalyzer test and was charged with DUI and unlawful refusal.

Officers also responded to the following calls for service:

911 Calls	5
Alarm	6
Animal Complaint	1
Assist Fire/Rescue/Other LE	4
Check the Welfare	3
Community Policing	2

Crash	5
Disabled Vehicle	4
Follow-Up Investigations	21
Juvenile Complaint	2
Other Police Complaint	4
Parking Violation	2
Reckless Driver Lookout	2
Suspicious Activity	5
Traffic Hazard	5
Unsecured Building	1
Vehicle Lockout	1

In addition, officers also conducted the following:

Building Check	19
Directed Patrol	205
Foot Patrol	16
Traffic Stops	32

**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of approximately 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the 2021 Virginia Municipal League Innovation Award for Environmental Sustainability and in years past, the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for innovation and green initiatives. The Town most recently received the Tree City USA Award for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and was 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](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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