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POLICE INCIDENTS REPORT

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2/10/23 8:23 p.m. 200 Block of W. Main Street Wanted Person

After stopping a car for a red light violation, the investigating officer discovered that the driver was wanted on five outstanding warrants obtained previously by the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. During the encounter a combination pick hammer/knife was located at a concealed location in the vehicle. The subject was transported to the Adult Detention Center, where he was released on his promise to appear in court.

After further research, it was determined that the hammer/knife constituted a concealed weapon and a warrant was obtained. As of this report, the wanted subject, who may now be homeless, had not been located.

2/11/23 3:11 a.m. 400 Block of Falls Chapel Court Underage Drinking

A woman who was out of town learned that her 17 year old son was hosting a party at his residence in the absence of his mother. Police were called and arrived, observing a large number of beer cans and bottles strewn around the premises. Officers knocked but received no response, in spite of hearing voices inside. At the request of the desperate homeowner, entry was made to clear the home and remove the parties. Inside, police located a passed out 18 year old, who required medical treatment, and four juveniles, none who lived in the residence. Eventually the host arrived home and demanded that police leave. This request was denied, but not before another juvenile, displaying beer muscles, excoriated the police for their presence. Ultimately, parents were called and responded to claim their intoxicated off-spring. One parent, mortified over how her son spoke to the officers, made him apologize several times until he achieved the appropriate level on sincerity. The host was turned over to an adult relative to house until his mother arrived home to administer parental justice.

02/11/23 12:16 p.m. 1000 E. Main Street Found Property

An employee found a woman's clutch purse and gave it to police. Inside they found a library card and a dental appointment reminder. The dentist's office was closed so off to the library, where police were able to find a name and phone number associated with the card. A call was placed and he recipient denied losing the items in question. Follow-up will be made later with the dentist in an effort to reunite the property with its rightful owner.

**02/11/23 6:08 p.m. 200 Block of W. Main Street Other Police
Complaint**

A resident of a group home was upset because he thought the staff had blocked his access to the internet. Officers met with the man and discovered that his devices needed to be updated and assisted him in completing the required updates. They remained with him until he aired all of his grievances and was no longer unhappy. No additional police intervention was required.

02/11/23 1:07 p.m. 100 Block of N. 16th Street Mental Health Crisis

Police responded to a dispute between a mother, who is a mental health consumer and her 13 year old daughter. Police quickly discovered that the mother had stopped taking needed medicines and was having a manic episode. Police interviewed all parties and also found the woman's estranged husband, who is the step father of the 13 year old, and lives in the next building. After a lengthy interview, it was determined that while the woman needed to take her medications, she did not constitute a threat to herself or her daughter. In the event of escalation, a safety plan was developed and mental health and child protective services were notified.

02/12/23 5:50 p.m. 700 Block of East Street Larceny

A subject entered the 7-11 and purchased a pack of cigarettes, but instead of leaving, went further into the store and eventually walked out without paying for a can of beer that he removed from the beer cooler. A photo was captured from the store's camera system. Officers canvassing the area learned that the subject had earlier been in the Walgreen's and had been pan handling near the Dollar Tree. Officers searched the area but did not locate the suspect. The store staffs' indicated that they would call police if the suspect returned.

**02/12/23 10:22 p.m. 200 Block of Upper Brook Terrace Assist Fire
Department**

Police responded for a house fire and discovered that guests of a Super Bowl party were relegated to the garage to smoke cigars, which were banned from the house. The cigar stubs were thrown into a trash can. Apparently one or more of the cigars and not been fully extinguished and the contents of the can caught on fire. The homeowner used an extinguisher to put out the fire enough to move the can to the street, where the embers reignited. A responding officer used an extinguisher, proved by another homeowner, to put out the fire. The Loudoun County Fire Marshall responded and declared the event to be accidental.

02/14/23 9:42 p.m. On-Line Fraud

The complaint was contacted by his credit monitoring service in reference to a card opened in his name, issued by Capital One bank. He called the bank and cancelled the card, learning that his name and social security number were used to open the account. Officers directed the victim to contact his bank and consider placing a fraud alert with the credit bureaus. For information on placing a fraud alert or credit freeze, see: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-know-about-credit-freezes-fraud-alerts#:~:text=Cost%3A%20Free-How%20to%20place%3A%20Contact%20any%20one%20of%20the%20three%20credit,alert%20on%20your%20credit%20report>

02/15/23 1:21 p.m. 1020 E. Main Street Drunk in Public

Officers responded to the ABC store for a reported intoxicated person. Upon arrival, they observed a man in a reclined position, in his car, in the parking lot, with his feet sticking out an open door. The vehicle was not running and no keys were in the ignition. In a slurred voice, the man told the officers that he drove to the ABC store only to discover that he was early and it had yet to open. He decided to nap in his car until the store was open for business. He was arrested and transported to the Adult Detention Center, where he was held until sober.

02/15/23 6:05 p.m. 100 block of Upper Heyford Place Juvenile Altercation

Two 9 year old boys were having a mock sword fight, when one got angry and a physical fight took place. The juveniles were separated by a parent, until the other boys parents arrived. Upon returning home, the complainant noticed scratches and marks on her son and called the police to document the injuries. Officers spoke to both sets of parents about the incident and notified the school SRO in the event that hostilities should continue. No additional police action was required.

02/16/23 10:21 a.m. Cyberspace Identity Theft

The complainant discovered that in November 2022, someone utilized an on-line USPS feature to report a change of address to a location in Chino, CA. As a result, all of the mail, including credit card statements were sent to this location. The criminals then changed all of the credit card accounts to this location and attempted to open new accounts. When contacted to confirm, the complaint discovered the address change. All appropriate authorities were notified and a fraud alert was placed with the credit bureaus.

02/16/23 10:59 a.m. Cyberspace Civil Dispute

An angry tenant of a nearby apartment confronted an employee at Catoctin Creek Distillery about parking. The tenant incorrectly believed that the spots utilized by the business actually belonged to the apartment. The real estate plat was checked and confirmed that the spots were part of the businesses property. The angry tenant was served with a trespassing notice and was directed to contact his landlord.

Officers also responded to the following calls for service:

911 Calls	6
Alarm	2
Animal Complaint	1
Assist Other Agency/Fire/Rescue	1
Check the Welfare	2
Citizen Assist	1
Community Policing	3
Crash	4
Disabled Vehicle	1
Disorderly	1
Drunk in Public	1
Follow-Up Investigations	4
Funeral Escort	1
Harassment	1
Impounded Vehicle	1
Juvenile Complaint	3
Nuisance	1
Other Police Complaint	1
Parking Violation	1
Peddler	1
Reckless Driver Lookout	3
Suspicious Incident	5
Traffic Complaint/Hazard	3
Unsecured Building	1

In addition, officers also conducted the following:

Building Check	20
Directed Patrol	168
Foot Patrol	17
Traffic Stops	42

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 14th 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.

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