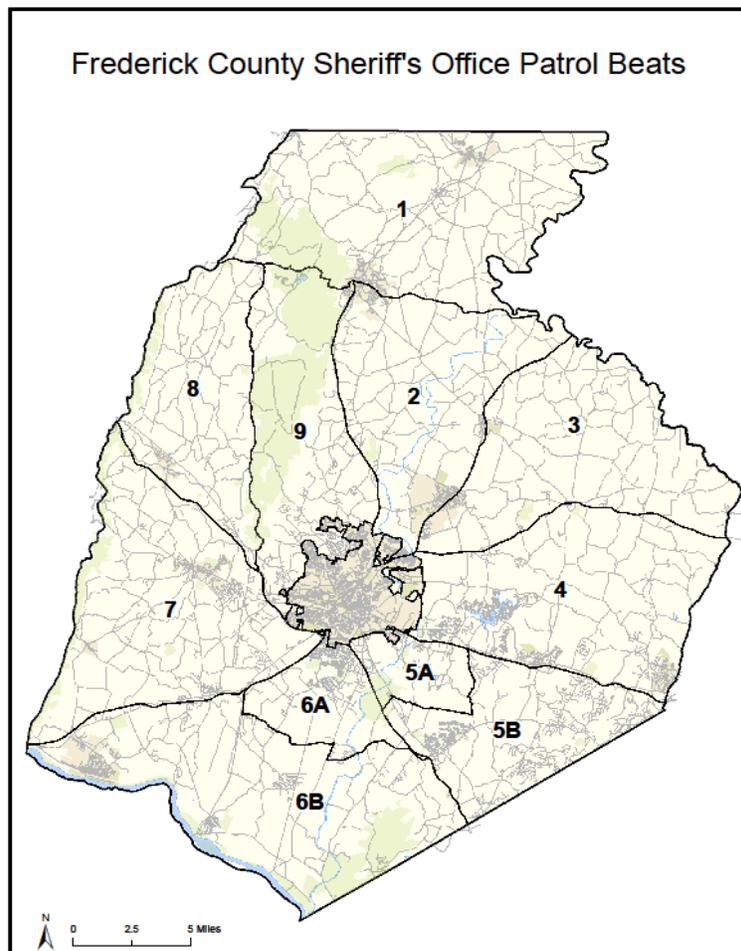


Frederick County Neighborhood Watch Report

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** Please use the above key to identify the location of the following documented incidents.**

*FCSO - Frederick County Sheriff's Office / FPD - Frederick City Police / MSP - Maryland State Police

CURRENT AND OPEN INVESTIGATIONS

Beat 2: Phone Sale Theft Scheme

Two black males have tentatively been identified as suspects in two similar incidents of theft that occurred in during the sale of used iPhones in Waterside. In both cases, the female victims made arrangements to purchase iPhones via the classified app, "Letgo". After meeting the victims and receiving their money, the suspects quickly fled the area on foot while maintaining possession of the phone that had been advertised for sale. FCSO 18-88602 and 18-97123.

Beat 5A: Thefts of Tools from Vehicles, Constructions Sites and Industrial Centers

On 9-19-18 (WE), at approximately 0200 hours, several tools were stolen from commercial vehicles at Frederick Industrial Center on Industry Lane. The suspect vehicle in this case was identified as **gray Toyota Tundra Crewmax, 2007 - 2013, being driven by a white male**. FCSO 18-100625. A related theft occurred outside Gutter Maid on North Market Street in Frederick on 9-23-18 (SU), at approximately 2140 hours. In that case, several tools were stolen from two company vehicles. The suspect was reported as a white male driving a dark Toyota pickup truck. FPD 18-81396. These incidents may also be related to recent thefts of tools from construction sites on Spectrum Drive (FCSO 18-102184) and East Patrick Street (FPD 18-80686) in Frederick as well as a theft of tools from a business at an industrial center on Doctor Perry Road in Ijamsville FCSO 18-100122. WMIC Bulletin 2018-125. FPD Bulletin 18-86.

Beat 5A: Shooting Range Related Firearms Thefts from Vehicles

On 8-3-18 (FR) and 8-11-18 (SA), similar thefts occurred after the targeted victims left the Machine Gun Nest on Reich's Ford Road in Frederick. In the first case, a handgun was stolen from an occupied vehicle parked outside of Target on Urbana Pike. FCSO 18-83549. In the second case, a handgun was stolen from a vehicle parked outside of TGI Fridays on Buckeystown Pike. FCSO 18-86180. These cases may be related to a similar theft that occurred in District Heights on 9-7-18 (FR). In that case, several guns were stolen from vehicle parked outside TGI Fridays on Silver Hill Road. The victim, an off-duty police officer had just been to a nearby shooting range. FCSO Bulletin 2018-25B and WMIC Bulletin 2018-110.

Beat 5A: Organized Retail Theft at Designer Shoe Warehouse (DSW)

On 8-31-18 (FR), at approximately 2020 hours, **four identified black females** stole over \$1,000 worth of footwear for DSW at the FSK Mall. Responding deputies located and stopped the suspects' **white Chevrolet Cruze rental vehicle** as it was traveling eastbound on I-70. All four suspects were black females from Baltimore with a history of similar thefts from clothing stores throughout the regional area. FCSO 18-92878. WMIC Bulletin 2018-122.

Beat 5B: Gas Station Distraction Theft Scheme

On the morning of 9-30-18 (SU), \$3,500 was stolen from a back office at the Shell service station on Urbana Pike in Urbana / Ijamsville. Surveillance video indicates one suspect distracted an employee while a second entered the office and stole a deposit bag containing the store's earnings from the previous evening. SUSPECT 1: Black male, 45 - 55 YOA / goatee / mustache / black and white plaid shirt / dark baseball style cap with California Republic logo; SUSPECT 2: Black Male, 35 - 45 YOA / goatee / mustache / red t-shirt / black, red and white baseball style cap. SUSPECT VEHICLE: Late model white

sedan, possibly rental vehicle. FCSO 18-104470. This incident appears to be related to a similar theft that occurred the same day at a gas station on Ridgeville Boulevard in Mt Airy. MAPD 18-00540. WMIC bulletin pending.

Beat 5B: Suspects in Regional Vehicle-Related Thefts

On 8-16-18 (WE), at approximately 0145 hours, a witness reported three subjects entering vehicles on Broadstone Street in the Villages of Urbana. Responding deputies located and arrested a black male and a Hispanic male. A third black male suspect was also later identified. All three suspect were from Adelphi, MD. Further investigation indicated the previous day, the same suspects were involved in two vehicle thefts and several thefts from vehicles in Alexandria, VA. One of the stolen vehicles, a **silver Toyota Matrix**, was recovered nearby in the Villages of Urbana. FCSO 18-87843. FFCPD 18-2270067 and 18-2330171.

Beats 5B & 6A: Felony Lane Scheme Theft Activity

Between 8-4-18 (SA) and 8-8-18 (WE), several related thefts from vehicles occurred at parks and fitness centers between Middletown, DE and Stephens City, VA. Two of these thefts occurred the same day (8-5-18) in Frederick County, MD; at **Ballenger Creek Park** (FCSO 18-84063) and **Urbana District Park** (FCSO 18-84132). The suspect vehicle in these cases was identified as a **2017 black Nissan Altima (DC R35505)** rented through Alamo by a black female of Boca Raton, FL. Investigators are attempting to identify the occupants of the vehicle during the date range of the aforementioned thefts. FCSO Bulletin 2018-27A.

Beat 6A: Check Fraud Group - Suspects Identified

On 9-12-18 (WE) and 9-13-18 (TH), several incidents of check fraud occurred at Frederick County Bank branches on Crestwood Boulevard, Monocacy Boulevard and Thomas Johnson Drive in Frederick. Shortly after an attempt was made to cash a fraudulent check at the Monocacy Boulevard branch on 9-13-18, responding FPD officers located and stopped the suspect vehicle, a **2018 Black Nissan Altima (GA CGF9622)** Enterprise rental. Two black males both from GA, were identified as the primary suspects who were using several homeless subjects from Baltimore to cash counterfeit checks. Check cashers involved in this group were identified. FCSO 18-97940, FPD 18-77166, FPD 77485 and FPD 18-77521. FPD Bulletin 18-83.

Beat 6A: Thefts from Vehicles in Farmbrook and Westview

Between 9-8-18 (SA) and 9-12-18 (WE), several thefts from and tampering with vehicles occurred during early morning hours in Farmbrook (FCSO 18-99409 and 18-97704), Westview (FCSO 18-97002 and 18-96996) and Ballenger Creek Center (FPD 18-76984). Stolen items included currency, GPS units, sunglasses, a knife and an iPod. As reported by witnesses and observed in surveillance video, the suspect in these cases was a thin black male, 18 - 25 YOA, wearing a hooded jacket and carrying a satchel. The suspect description / appearance resembles that of a known individual to law enforcement who has an extensive history of committing similar thefts in and around those areas as well as the throughout the Villages of Urbana. FCSO Bulletins 2018-07 and 2018-30.

Beat 6A: Suspects in Vehicle-Related Thefts

On 8-28-18 (TU), at approximately 0300 hours, four suspects removed property from several unlocked vehicles in **Ballenger Creek Meadows**. Surveillance video indicated three of the suspects were male and one was female. Later that morning, a stolen vehicle pursuit and bailout incident occurred in Gaithersburg. The suspect vehicle, a **silver Honda Accord** was found to have been stolen from a residential parking area in Amber Meadows, approximately two weeks earlier. MCPD officers located

and identified the suspects as three black males and one black female. FCSO 18-92278, FPD 18-68271 and MCPD 18-42820.

Brunswick: Cloned Credit Cards - Suspects Identified

A Hispanic male and a white female were recently identified as suspects in the use of cloned credit cards in Hagerstown (18-MSP-039180) and Brunswick (BPD 18-008534). In both of these cases, the credit card information belonging to victims in WV was used to purchase groceries, beverages fuel and gift cards. During these incidents the suspects were operating a **dark blue 2003 BMW 325i**. Both suspects were charged and issued criminal summonses through MSP and additional charges are pending through BPD. WMIC Bulletin 2018-126 (update pending).

Beats 6B & 7: Regional Nighttime Burglary Series

Between 4-23-18 and 8-20-18, five related overnight burglaries occurred between Williamsport and Urbana, MD. The suspect, who has been captured multiple times on surveillance video dressed in black tactical gear, has made entry to homes and churches during early morning hours. Investigators recently learned that Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is investigating two related church burglaries that occurred in Shepherdstown, WV. In those cases, the suspect used a ceiling-mounted pinhole camera to obtain security system codes as well as a USB keystroke device to hack into the network of a church and obtain financial account information. FCSO detectives are currently working with WCSO, MSP and JCSO to identify the suspect.

Beat 7: Bank Fraud Suspect Identified

On 7/23/18, over \$16,500 was fraudulently obtained from a Bank of America (BOA) account belonging to victim on Stoney Creek Drive in Frederick, MD. In this case, the suspect, recently identified, used the victim's information to create a counterfeit MD driver's license and request a replacement debit card. He then withdrew money from several bank branches and ATMs in Atlantic County, NJ. Further investigation indicates that the suspect was recently involved in several similar incidents of bank fraud throughout NJ and PA. FCSO 18-79804.

Beat 9: Residential Burglary - Suspect Identified

On 9-26-18 (WE), at approximately 0330 hours, a burglary occurred at an occupied residence on Yellow Springs Road. A book bag containing an iPhone, wallet and speaker were stolen while multiple residents were sleeping. Responding deputies located two white males nearby. One of the suspects admitted to using a spare key to enter the residence. The victim's property was recovered from a **red 2006 Mercedes C230** that the suspects had driven to the scene. FCSO 18-102879.

**** It is noted that this is only a small portion of the FCSO calls for service. The above reported incidents should not be considered a transcription of incident(s) as the entire case / investigation may still be open and on-going. The listed incidents are documented for future and further reference.**

If anyone has information on the above incidents, please contact the Sheriff's Office Non- Emergency number 301-600-2071 or Contact DFC Michael Davies 301-600-1168

**** As we know, the Heroin and Opioid epidemic is still on the rise.

2018 YTD (1/1/2018 - 9/30/2018)

- 213 **NON-FATAL** OPIOID RELATED OVERDOSES
- 42 **FATAL** OPIOID RELATED OVERDOSES
- 255 OPIOID RELATED OVERDOSES

RETURN

X Unwanted prescription drugs at
the following locations:

Brunswick Police Department
20 East "A" Street
Brunswick, MD 21716

Emmitsburg Community Center
300 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

**Frederick County
Law Enforcement Center**
110 Airport Drive East
Frederick, MD 21701

Frederick Police Department
(Temporarily Unavailable)

Middletown Municipal Center
31 West Main Street
Middletown, MD 21769

Thurmont Police Department
800 East Main Street
Thurmont, MD 21788



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SAVE A LIFE!

As always;

Remember to lock your doors, please look out for our neighbors.

As a safety reminder:

- *Lock all doors and windows to your home and vehicles*
- *Do not keep valuable items in your vehicles*
- *Keep lights on outside your home to deter suspicious activity*
- *Put important outgoing mail in secure mail boxes*

As a fraud/scam reminder:

- *Anytime anyone is asking you to send money, via wire transfer or buying gift cards, take time to verify who you're sending money to, and why. Taking the time to verify information with family members can save you hundreds, or thousands of dollars.*