

Daily Report 12/04/13

In the last 24 hours Annapolis Police officers responded to 90 calls for service and arrested 7 people.

Theft from Vehicle – 201300005895 – Green St near Main St – 12/02 from 1:30pm to 2pm: The vehicle's door was forced open and a brown leather jacket and money were stolen from the passenger seat of the vehicle.

Armed Robbery – 201300005925 – 1500 block of Forest Dr – 12/04 at 2:50am: Officers responded to a business for an alarm and discovered that it had just been robbed at gunpoint. A man entered the business and pointed a gun at one of the employees while demanding money. The man fled on foot before officers arrived. The man was wearing a black mask, navy blue hooded sweatshirt, and navy blue sweatpants.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11 from 6:30pm to 8pm at Annapolis Police Headquarters, 199 Taylor Avenue. This meeting's topic will be "The Year in Review". We will be highlighting the good, the bad, and the stupid crime highlights from 2013. Everything from homicides to bake sales, we'll cover it all. Food will be served so please RSVP to Sgt. Jessica Kirchner at 410-268-9000 ext. 7233 or jkirchner@annapolis.gov.

Toy Drive

The Annapolis Police Department is hosting a toy drive December 9 through 13 at the Department's Headquarters at 199 Taylor Avenue. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the parking lot without getting out of your car during the hours of 7am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm daily. The toys will be given to the Annapolis Santa Run. For more information about the Annapolis Santa Run visit www.annapolissantarun.com.

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

When you think of the holiday season, "car thefts" aren't exactly the first words that come to mind.

But it turns out that Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, are among the top-ranked holidays for car theft in the United States. Don't let thieves spoil your holiday season! Follow these tips to keep your car secure.

Prevent Car Theft and Break-Ins

Whether you're shopping at the mall or on Main Street, keep these tips in mind to prevent thieves from stealing or breaking into your car.

Park smart: Park in well-lit areas, away from dumpsters or large vehicles that can serve as hiding places for thieves or carjackers. If you're going to do more shopping after putting purchases in your car, change parking locations, so thieves don't see you leaving your car full of gifts.

Stow your stuff: Keep your purchases hidden in the trunk, and consider using blankets, garbage bags or boxes to camouflage gifts.

Use common sense: When parking your car, lock it, close the windows, and always take your keys with you. Never hide a second set of keys in your car, or leave it running unattended.

Don't get towed: To thwart thieves who use tow trucks to steal cars, use your emergency brake when parking, or turn your wheels toward the curb when parking on a street.

The Annapolis Police Department offers a *Watch Your Car Program* to help prevent vehicle theft. A small sticker is placed on the vehicle's rear window and alerts officers nationwide that your vehicle is not normally driven between the hours of 1:00am-5:00am. The vehicle may be stopped to verify ownership. For more information about the *Watch Your Car Program*, contact Kim Hartlove, A.L.E.R.T. Grant Coordinator at the police department at 410-268-9000 x7322 or krhartlove@annapolis.gov.

If Your Tip to the Hotline Leads to an Arrest and Indictment of the Individuals that Committed the Above Crimes, You may be Eligible for a Cash Reward of Up to \$2,000!!!

If you have information on the above crime contact:

Metro Crime Stoppers Hotline Toll Free 1-866-7LOCKUP.

You can also provide information confidentially online through

<http://www.metrocrimestoppers.net/> or

by texting "MCS plus your message" to CRIMES (274637)

Calls are NOT Recorded AND Callers Remain Anonymous

