Residential burglary

Columbia, 21044: 5900 block of Watch Chain Way, Sept. 16 1:42 p.m.
A suspect gained entry to the apartment by prying the front door and stole various items. Officers located the suspect nearby and arrested him.
ARRESTED: Kevin Richard Smith, 47, of NW 14th Street in Washington, DC, charged with first-, third- and fourth-degree burglary and theft.

Smith is also charged in a previously-reported residential burglary that occurred in the 8300 block of Tamar Drive on Sept. 8 where police responded to a report that a suspect had gained entry to the residence by kicking in the front door and stole electronics.

Clarksville, 21029: 6500 block of Kells Court, Sept. 17 12:38 a.m.
Suspects entered the residence through an unlocked rear door. Nothing was reported stolen, but trash was left behind.

Woodstock, 21163: 2200 block of Austen Way, Sept. 16-17 overnight
A resident reported that a known suspect entered the home through an unlocked rear door and stole beer.

Ellicott City, 21043: 5800 block of Duncan Drive, Sept. 18 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Unknown suspect(s) entered the open garage and stole a bike.

Laurel, 20723: 9300 block of Rock Ripple Lane, Sept. 18 2:45-3:00 p.m.
Unknown suspect(s) entered the unsecured garage and stole a bike.

Vehicle theft

Columbia, 21045: 8800 block of Flowerstock Row, Sept. 16 8:10 a.m.
07 Black Yamaha R6 DC MR1659

Columbia, 21044: 11500 block of Little Patuxent Parkway, Sept. 18 8:20 a.m.
Green Toyota Corolla MD 6EKH15 (left unlocked with spare key inside), recovered in Baltimore County

Police are reminding residents to NEVER leave keys (including spare, valet or garage door opener) inside an unlocked vehicle, and to always lock their homes, garages and vehicles.

Destruction of property

Columbia, 21045: 6400 block of Dobbin Center Way, Sept. 16 11:57 a.m.
An employee reported that unknown suspect(s) cut the phone and internet lines to the store during the early morning hours. It does not appear that entry to the business was attempted; nothing was stolen.

Pedestrian collision, with injuries

Mt. Airy, 21771: W. Watersville Road at Old Frederick Road, Sept. 17 11:10 a.m.
Officers responded to a collision involving a tandem bicycle that was traveling northbound on W. Watersville Road. The cyclists made a left onto Old Frederick Road and collided with the passenger side of a 2006 Mercedes E-350.

The front passenger of the tandem bicycle, Jack William McWatters, 74, of Columbia, was transported to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center and has since been discharged. The rear passenger of the bicycle, Sharon Lee McWatters, 73, of Columbia, was also transported to Shock Trauma and is currently listed in critical condition.

The driver of the Mercedes, Nancy Stowe Pugh, 75, of West Friendship, was not injured. Preliminary investigation revealed the bicycle did not stop at the stop sign before proceeding. No charges have been filed at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

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