

# Stafford County Sheriff's Office

# WEEKLY CRIME REPORT



**JUNE 10TH - JUNE 16TH, 2024** 

## **ALPHA ZONE**

#### DUI

Hartwood Road, deputies responded to a hit and run when a vehicle struck a mailbox. A citizen observed the driver flee from the scene and get picked up by another driver. Deputies made contact with the suspect, who had signs of intoxication and admitted to consuming four (4) beers prior to driving. He was charged with driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content between .15 and .2, as well as, hit and run. He was held at Rappahannock Regional Jail on a secured bond

#### **LARCENY**

Comfort Suites, 541 Warrenton Road, deputy responded to a larceny. The victim advised that he woke up in the morning to discover a hammock stolen from his trailer.

Walmart, 11 Village Parkway, deputy responded to a larceny. Staff advised that a male suspect was leaving with nearly \$270 worth of items. He was located outside a nearby business. Due to the suspect being on probation, he was charged with shoplifting and held at Rappahannock Regional Jail without bond.

Days Inn, 14 Simpson Road, deputy responded to a larceny. The victim advised that a known individual to him was in his room when he went to sleep. When he woke up, this person was gone along with the victim's wallet and watch, valued at \$22,000.

Target, 25 South Gateway Drive, deputy responded to a larceny. Staff advised they observed a female suspect skip-scanning items. It would not be the suspect's first time as staff recognized her from two (2) other shoplifting incidents. The suspect was charged with three (3) counts of shoplifting and released by the magistrate on personal recognizance.

#### **PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

Anvil Road, deputy responded to an unknown problem. The caller advised that she heard someone request an ambulance. When the deputy arrived in the area he located a male in an intoxicated state. The suspect advised that he drank "too much." The suspect was charged with public intoxication and held at Rappahannock Regional Jail until sober.

Wawa, 9 South Gateway Drive, deputy responded to an unknown problem. The caller advised that there was a female suspect, that had been in the bathroom for a long time. When the deputy arrived, she made contact with the suspect who was attempting to wash her hands without running water. The suspect had signs of intoxication and was charged with public intoxication. She was held at Rappahannock Regional Jail until sober.

Long Point Drive, deputy responded to a public intoxication call. It was advised that a female suspect was intoxicated having a heated agreement with a male. When deputies arrived, they located the suspect in an intoxicated state standing in the middle of the street. It was discovered she was wanted out of Fairfax County for a failure to appear charge. She was charged with public intoxication and served on her outstanding charge. She was held at Rappahannock Regional Jail without bond.

#### **VANDALISM:**

Trail Ridge Lane, deputy responded to a vandalism report. The victim had a window of his Jeep shattered.

### **BRAVO ZONE**

#### **LARCENY**

CVS, 450 Chatham Heights Road, deputy responded to a larceny. Staff advised that three (3) female suspects stole nearly \$4,000 worth of beauty products before fleeing in a black SUV.

Belle Plains Road, deputy responded to a suspicious person call. The caller advised that they observed a male suspect drive off in a neighbor's truck. Later on, that neighbor would report his vehicle stolen. While reporting the stolen vehicle, the suspect returned with the vehicle. The suspect was unknown to the victim and advised he needed the truck to go to the store. He was charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle and was held at Rappahannock Regional Jail without bond

#### **VANDALISM**

Children of America, 2 South Pointe Lane, deputy responded to a hit and run. A vehicle struck a fence and the driver fled on foot. Contact was made with the suspect, and the investigation is ongoing.

#### DUI

Intersection of Richmond Highway and American Legion Road, deputy was on Richmond Highway when she observed a Jeep traveling dangerously under the speed limit and failing to maintain the lane of travel. A traffic stop was conducted and contact was made with the driver. The driver had signs of intoxication, opened cans of beer within the vehicle, and admitted to consuming four (4) Bud Lights. He was charged with driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content above .2, drinking while driving, the traffic lane violation, and having an expired inspection. He was held at Rappahannock Regional Jail on a \$5,000 secured bond.

Falmouth Beach, deputy was in the area when he observed a vehicle at the park despite it being closed. The vehicle attempted to leave the parking lot by driving down the designated walking path and through the grass; however, he stopped after noticing the deputy's presence. The driver had signs of intoxication and admitted to consuming Corona beer prior to driving. The driver was charged with driving under the influence and held at Rappahannock Regional Jail until sober and an unsecured bond.

Area of Kings Highway and Federal Drive, deputy was on a traffic stop when another vehicle came by at a high rate of speed and nearly struck the deputy's cruiser. After nearly being hit, the deputy caught up to the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The driver had extreme signs of intoxication and admitted to consuming "1 beer"; however, later changed his answer to four(4). Multiple open containers of beer were located within the vehicle. The driver was charged with driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content between .15 and .2, drinking while driving, and failure to move over. He was held at Rappahannock Regional Jail without bond.

# **CHARLIE ZONE**

#### **BURGLARY**

Pro Auto Expo, 3321 Richmond Highway, deputy responded to a burglary. It was discovered that the business was broken into and numerous vehicle keys were stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

Geeks Motor, 3343 Richmond Highway, deputy responded to a burglary. It was discovered that the business was broken into and a Ford F150 was stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

#### **PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

Government Island, 191 Coal Landing Road, deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle call. Despite the park being closed, there were vehicles in the area. Deputies discovered two (2) males, one was in an intoxicated state while the other was carrying a concealed firearm. Suspect "1" was charged with public intoxication and held at Rappahannock Regional Jail until sober. Suspect "2" was issued a summons for carrying a concealed firearm without a concealed carry permit.

#### **WARRANT SERVED**

7-Eleven, 1947 Richmond Highway, deputy was on a traffic stop when he discovered the driver was wanted out of Texas for aggravated assault with a weapon. He also did not possess a driver's license. He was charged with fugitive from justice and driving without a license. He was held at Rappahannock Regional Jail without bond.

MCBQ Visitor Control Center, 27031 Telegraph Road, deputy responded to a warrant service. The gate guard advised that there was a male suspect on scene who was wanted. It was discovered that the suspect was wanted out of Indiana for felony counterfeiting and fraud, as well as, Illinois for identity theft. He was charged with fugitive from justice and was held at Rappahannock Regional Jail without bond.

#### DUI

Divergent Diamond on Courthouse Road, deputy responded to a drunk driver complaint. Multiple callers advised that a Toyota Corolla was swerving all over the roadway. The deputy would locate the suspect vehicle parked in a grass median. The driver had obvious signs of intoxication and admitted to consuming three (3) beers before driving. The suspect was charged with driving under the influence, refusal, and reckless driving. He was held at Rappahannock Regional Jail until sober.

## **DELTA ZONE**

#### DUI

Intersection of Garrisonville Road and Salisbury Drive, deputy observed a black SUV conduct a U-turn despite the clearly marked No U-turn sign. The deputy initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver. The driver had clear signs of intoxication and admitted to consuming approximately "three fingers full of bourbon". Within the vehicle were two (2) open bottles of alcohol, but what was not present was his driver's license. He was charged with driving under the influence, drinking while driving, refusal, failure to obey a traffic sign, and operating a vehicle without a driver's license. He was held at Rappahannock Regional Jail on a \$2,500 secured bond.

Intersection of Garrisonville Road and Salisbury Drive, deputy was in the area when he observed a Dodge Durango stopped at a green light. It was discovered the driver fell asleep behind the wheel while attempting to turn. After the driver woke up, the deputy observed signs of intoxication. The deputy would also observe a red solo cup filled with Hennessy. The driver was charged with driving under the influence, drinking while driving, refusal, and failure to obey a traffic light. He was held at Rappahannock Regional Jail on a \$2,500 secured bond.

#### **LARCENY**

Target, 1090 Stafford Market Place, deputy responded to a larceny. Staff advised they observed two (2) female suspects stealing approximately \$170 worth of items. The suspects advised they decided to "risk it" and came to the store with intent to steal. Both were issued summonses for shoplifting.

Walmart, 217 Garrisonville Road, deputy responded to a larceny. Staff advised they observed a male suspect concealing various items. The deputy identified the suspect who admitted to the theft. A warrant for shoplifting was obtained.

#### **PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

Snowbird Lane, deputy responded to a disturbance. The caller accused a family member of stealing his phone. The deputy made contact with the caller, who was in an intoxicated state. Other family members confirmed there was no theft of a phone. The suspect was charged with public intoxication and held at Rappahannock Regional Jail until sober.

#### **VANDALISM**

Garrison Woods, deputy responded to a vandalism. It was reported that three (3) mailboxes were broken off their stand. Using nearby cameras, it was discovered a blue sleeper cab with a full-size trailer committed the hit and run.

#### **ASSAULT**

Courthouse Road, deputy responded to an assault. The victim advised she was with a group of friends when one of the friend's ex-girlfriend showed up. The suspect would confront the victim and assault her. Since the suspect is a juvenile, a criminal complaint for assault and battery was filed.

#### **TRESPASS**

Target, 1090 Stafford Market Place, deputy responded to a trespassing complaint. Staff advised a male suspect they were very familiar with was back at the business despite being trespassed. The deputy located the suspect and arrested him for trespassing. He was released by the magistrate on personal recognizance.

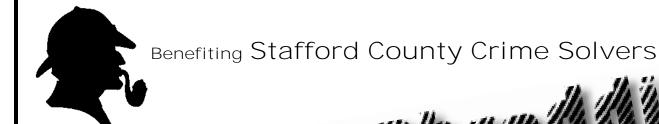
# SCAM-AWARE

Victim noticed purchases on her Apple account that she did not recognize. She went online and selected the first link she saw which said it was for Apple support. The website was Apples-help-centercare.b-cdn.net and the phone number she eventually called was 833-211-0525. She said she spoke with someone who told her there was fraudulent activity coming from New Mexico and Louisiana. Apple support representative also told the victim that there were multiple apps on her phone that were not secure and she needed to give them access to her phone which she did. Apple support representative then told her the fraudulent purchases were happening again and they were trying to take \$2,400 from her account and in order to block this transaction she needed to go to a website called LibertyX and put in some information that would give her a 6 digit code. The victim followed their directions and then the Apple support representative directed her to an ATM at the Chatham Heights CVS. Once there the victim was instructed to put her card into the ATM and access the LibertyX portal. She said the ATM had access to the bitcoin transfer from the LibertyX website. She said she was apprehensive about putting her card in the ATM and the Apple support representative told her it was not going to take money from her. She then put her card in the ATM with the LibertyX and the 6 digit code. She said the Apple support representative told her he needed to put her on hold to get some information for her and then the call disconnected. She said the money was in fact taken from her account and when she tried to call the Apple support service back they answered but when she asked for her money back they hung up on her.

**Victim** advised he was looking for an after-retirement job online. He set up a job search account on May 7, 2024. The victim was contacted by the subject identifying himself as "James Podwell" who contacted the victim by text message. "Podwell" advised him he would pay the victim a years-worth of wages all in advance. The victim was not aware of what the job entailed, but advised he would work for "Podwell". The victim received payment by check for the amount of \$34,567.00, and the check had a business name of Trans Payment LLC on it. The victim was suspicious that there was something wrong with the check and asked his bank to look into the validity of the check. The bank held the check and a couple of days later, the bank contacted the victim advising him that the check was fraudulent.

This report does not encompass all of the reported crimes that may have occurred in the county, but only those noted for media interest. Anyone with information regarding the incidents listed in this report is asked to contact the Stafford County Sheriff's Office at (540) 658-4450. For ongoing updates, follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.





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