

**JANUARY 1**

## **Swearing-in for New Police Chief**

**January 1, 2018**

On Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 7:00 pm, Antonio "Tony" DeVaul will be sworn in as Takoma Park's Police Chief. The location of the swearing is in the Council auditorium on the [2nd floor, 7500 Maple Avenue](#). There will be refreshments afterwards just outside of the auditorium. Please come and show your support for our new Police Chief!

## **Attempt Commercial Burglary**

**January 1, 2018**

On December 31, 2017, Takoma Park Police responded to the 6900 block of Carroll Avenue (Republic Restaurant) for a report of an attempt commercial burglary. Some time at 4:45 am, unknown suspects attempted entry into the business by breaking the rear glass door. Video surveillance showed two suspects walking up to the door with an unknown object and break the glass door. Upon hearing the alarm, both suspects fled on foot in an unknown direction.

The suspects are described as (1) unknown race, approximately 5'8-6'0, medium build, last seen wearing a dark face mask, dark heavy winter jacket with a hood, dark gloves and carrying a light-colored backpack and (2) unknown race, approximately 5'8-6'0, heavy build, last seen wearing all black clothing, dark shoes with white soles, and carrying a light backpack or bag.

Investigation continues under case #170551423. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Thefts from Autos of Handicap Placards**

**January 1, 2018**

On December 30, 2017, at approximately 6:10 am, Takoma Park Police responded to the 7000 block of Carroll Avenue for a report of two stolen handicap placards. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victims' vehicles by smashing the passenger side windows and stole the handicap placards.

On the same date, at approximately 9:08 pm in the area of Holly Avenue and Eastern Avenue, another victim's vehicle was broken into by smashing the passenger side window and property was stolen.

The outstanding MVA issued handicap placards have been entered into the National Crime

#170551305 and #170551397. Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## Theft from Auto

January 1, 2018

On December 31, 2017, at approximately 2:15 am, Takoma Park Police responded to the 7100 block of Sycamore Avenue for the report of a theft from auto. An unknown suspect entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole property.

Investigation continues under case #170551477. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## Theft from Auto; Attempt to Identify

January 1, 2018



On January 1, 2018, at approximately 1:30 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 6400 block of New Hampshire Avenue for the report of a theft from auto. While walking out of a store, the victim saw an unknown male suspect enter her vehicle and steal property. The suspect fled with another male in a gold Honda. The victim received phone calls from credit card companies indicating her cards were being used to purchase high-priced items at various locations. Takoma Park Police were able to secure video surveillance of the

Investigation continues under case #180000072. Anyone with information about this crime or who can identify the pictured suspect, is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Theft from Auto**

**January 1, 2018**

On December 31, 2017, at approximately 9:33 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 500 block of Margaret Drive for the report of a theft from auto. Some time between 5:30 pm and 9:10 pm, unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's by smashing the front passenger window and stole property.

Investigation continues under case #170551510. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Theft from Auto**

**January 1, 2018**

On January 1, 2018, at approximately 1:30 am, Takoma Park Police responded to the 7000 block of Poplar Avenue for the report of a theft from auto. Some time between December 31 at 10:00 pm and January 1 at 1:00 am, unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's vehicle by smashing out the rear passenger side window and stole property.

Investigation continues under case #180000013. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

**JANUARY 2**

## **Attempt Abduction of 8-Year Old Female**

**January 2, 2018**

Attempt abduction of 8 yo female Elm/Pine Ave. Suspect driving gray minivan w/damage to rear. Suspect described as possible light brown male w/hazel eyes, black knit hat & black sweatshirt. Last seen on Elm Ave driving towards JNA School. Any info pls call [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Seeking Assistance from Community with Attempt Child Abduction**

**January 2, 2018**

Takoma Park Residents: If you live on Elm Ave or Pine Ave and have security cameras outside your home, please contact us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100) to assist with an attempt child abduction this morning.

## **UPDATES on Lookouts for Attempt Child Abduction**

**January 2, 2018**

UPDATE lookouts on Attempt Child Abduction: Passenger in the vehicle was wearing light-faded black sweatpants with holes in them and had a "hoop" nose ring. Vehicle may be a Chrysler Pacifica style van w/possible DC tags.

## **UPDATE on Lookouts for Attempt Child Abduction**

**January 2, 2018**

UPDATE lookouts on Attempt Child Abduction: Passenger of vehicle has flower tattoo on his left hand and pimple near his left eye. Wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with a white stripe. VEHICLE: Damage is NOT to rear, but dents on the side of the vehicle. Driver of vehicle is only known to be a male. All other suspect description information is for the passenger who attempted the abduction.

**JANUARY 4**

## **City Offices Opening at 10:00 AM**

**January 4, 2018**

Due to winter weather conditions, City facilities will open at 10:30 a.m.

Due to Montgomery County Public schools being closed, all Recreation Department childcare programs are closed.

## **CORRECTION for time of City Offices Opening Today**

**January 4, 2018**

The CORRECT time is 10:30 AM.

## **Thursday's Waste Collection**

**January 4, 2018**

Thursday's waste collection will begin at 9 a.m. due to weather and road conditions. All routes are expected to be serviced, but collection will take place later than usual

## **Dogs Found Wandering on Woodland Avenue**

**January 4, 2018**

Two dogs were found wandering this morning on Woodland Avenue. One dog is described as a brown female lab with a blue collar and the other a black, thin "wiry" dog with a collar with tags but the tags cannot be seen due to the dog jumping around.

If you are missing your dog or dogs, or know a family who is, please contact Cathy Plevy at [301-891-7142](tel:301-891-7142) or [cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:cathyp@takomaparkmd.gov) so we can get you in touch with the neighbor who has graciously placed the two dogs in their yard.

Let's get these two dogs home safe!

**Towel & Blanket Drive for Montgomery County Animal  
Shelter**

January 4, 2018



From Friday, January 5 through Friday, January 12, Takoma Park Police will be collecting towels and blankets in an effort to help the Montgomery County Animal Shelter. Please bring your unwanted new or gently used bath towels, beach towels, bathroom rugs, sheets, hand towels, wash cloths and blankets to the Takoma Park Police Department lobby, [7500 Maple Ave, Takoma Park, MD](#) and we will get them to the animal shelter.

**\*\*NOTE: For the safety of the animals, NO fitted sheets, items with zippers or snaps, and/or other fabrics with rips or frayed edges.\*\***

## Montgomery County Public Schools to Open Two Hours Late on Friday, Jan 5

January 4, 2018

[Montgomery County Public Schools](#) will open two hours late tomorrow (Jan 5, 2018) due to emergency weather conditions. Bus service will be provided on a two-hour-delayed schedule.

## Theft from Auto

January 4, 2018

On January 3, 2018, at approximately 10:00 am, Takoma Park Police responded to the station for the report of a theft from auto that occurred earlier on January 2 in the 7500 block of Wildwood Drive. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole property.

Investigation continues under case #180000377. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Residential Burglary**

**January 4, 2018**

On January 3, 2018, at approximately 10:15 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 400 block of Ethan Allen Avenue for the report of a residential burglary. Unknown suspect(s) made entry into the residence by breaking through the front door and stole property.

Investigation continues under case #180000525. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).



**JANUARY 5**

## **Takoma Park Police Department to Host Community Meeting on Monday, January 8**

**January 5, 2018**

The Takoma Park Police Department will be hosting a community meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the City Building, [7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD](#), in the Council Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

There will be a discussion about the recent attempted abduction and education on how to keep our children safe. Chief DeVaul will be in attendance, along with members of the Takoma Park Police Department and staff from [www.defendyourself.org](http://www.defendyourself.org) to discuss the ways to talk to children about safety.

Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## **Theft from Auto; Destruction of Property**

**January 5, 2018**

On January 5, 2018, at approximately 10:04 am, Takoma Park Police responded to the 100 block of Ritchie Avenue for the report of a theft from auto and destruction of property. Some time between January 4 at 7:30 pm and January 5 at 10:00 am, unknown suspect(s) smashed out the rear passenger side window of the victim's vehicle and stole property.

Investigation continues under case #180000694. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **UPDATE to Attempted Abduction that Occurred on January 2, 2018**

**January 5, 2018**

The Police Department's investigation discovered no abduction attempt occurred. While we are relieved that the event did not happen, we want to make this a teachable moment for the entire community. Please join us on Monday, January 8, 2018, for a Community Meeting to discuss strategies to keep children safe. Details are below.

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There will be a discussion about how to keep our children safe. Chief DeVaul will be in attendance, along with members of the Takoma Park Police Department and staff from [www.defendyourself.org](http://www.defendyourself.org) to discuss the ways to talk to children about safety.

Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

**JANUARY 7**

## **Capital Bikeshare Station on Maple Avenue Out of Service**

January 7, 2018



Due to a single vehicle collision this morning in the 7600 block of Maple Avenue, the Capital Bikeshare station at that location will be out of service for an undetermined amount of time. No injuries.

## **WSSC is Working on Two Water Main Breaks**

January 7, 2018

WSSC is working two separate water main breaks. (1) [7500 blk](#) of Maple Ave southbound traffic is being diverted thru the Piney Branch Elementary School parking lot; northbound lanes are open; (2) 900 block of East West Hwy will be shut down; where is TBD after WSSC assessment.

## **UPDATE: WSSC is Working on Two Water Main Breaks**

**January 7, 2018**

UPDATE: East-West Hwy is closed in both directions between 10th Ave and NH Ave. Water flow in the street has been stopped; WSSC attempting to fix. At this time, there is no interruption to water service to the residents or businesses.

## **TWO NEW Water Main Breaks**

**January 7, 2018**

TWO NEW water main breaks (1) 7300 blk of Piney Branch Road and (2) Glaiewood Ave. WSSC has been notified. No ETA of arrival yet.

## **Takoma Park Police to Host Community Meeting on Monday, January 8**

**January 7, 2018**

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There will be a discussion about how to keep our children safe. Chief DeVaul will be in attendance, along with members of the Takoma Park Police Department and staff from [www.defendyourself.org](http://www.defendyourself.org) to discuss the ways to talk to children about safety.

Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## **UPDATE: Water Main Break on Maple Avenue**

**January 7, 2018**

Maple Avenue is now open in both directions.

**JANUARY 8**

## **Community Meeting Tonight CANCELED**

**January 8, 2018**

The community meeting scheduled for this evening is **CANCELED** due to inclement weather. We will reschedule at a later date. Thank you.

## **Water Main Break - Glaizewood Avenue**

**January 8, 2018**

WSSC crew members are currently working on the Glaizewood Ave water main break.

## **Roads are Icy and Dangerous; Please Use Caution**

**January 8, 2018**

The roads are extremely icy, especially on hills. Public Works is en route to treat the roads. Takoma Park Police have blocked off various roads due to their potential dangerous driving conditions. We will update with a list of those roads as soon as we can.

**JANUARY 10**

## **Strong Arm Robbery**

**January 10, 2018**

On January 9, 2018, at approximately 8:41 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 8100 block of Hammond Avenue for the report of a strong arm robbery. While walking, the victim was approached by three unknown subjects. One of the subjects called out "hey" to him and then struck him in the face. The victim fled on foot but the three subjects caught up to him, assaulted him and then stole property from him. The three subjects fled on foot towards Anne Street and turned towards University Blvd. East. The subjects were described as three males, unknown race, young in age and all wearing black clothing with black masks on.

Investigation continues under case #180001374. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Pedestrian Struck; Non-Life Threatening Injuries**

**January 10, 2018**

At approx. 5:40 pm, a 12 year old female pedestrian was struck at the intersection of Philadelphia Ave & Maple Ave, Takoma Park. Driver remained on scene. Non-life threatening injuries. Investigation on-going.

## **CORRECTION: Pedestrian Struck; Non-Life Threatening Injuries**

**January 10, 2018**

The pedestrian struck was a male. All other information is the same.

**JANUARY 11**

## **Theft from Auto**

**January 11, 2018**

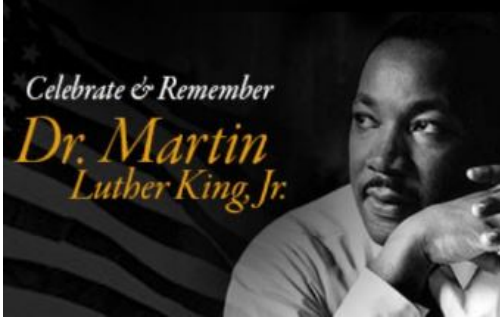
On January 10, 2018, at approximately 9:57 am, Takoma Park Police responded to the station for the report of a theft from auto that occurred earlier in the 7600 block of Maple Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's vehicle by prying open the driver's door and stole property.

Investigation continues under case #180001462. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [\*\*301-270-1100\*\*](tel:301-270-1100).

**JANUARY 12**

## **Takoma Park Police Department Offices Closed Monday, January 15; Police Emergency Services Open 24/7**

January 12, 2018



The Takoma Park Police Department offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. Please remember that the police department is open 24/7 for emergency services.

## **Missing Person**

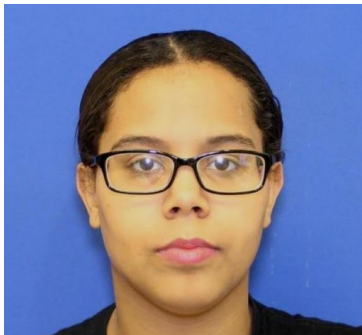
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January 12, 2018

Breanna was dropped off at the bus stop on University Blvd. E, a few blocks from E. Franklin Avenue, on January 11 at approximately 11:30 am. She has not been seen or heard from since that time.

Breanna is described as a fair-skinned female, 19 years old, approximately 5'3, 214 lbs., with long black hair. She was last seen wearing pink colored prescription glasses, earrings, a gray-hooded "PINK" jacket under a light blue denim jacket, gray "PINK" sweatpants and gray/white sneakers.

Anyone who has information about Breanna's whereabouts is asked to contact the Takoma Park Police Department at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100) and refer to case #180001759.



## **Theft of Packages**

January 12, 2018



On January 11, 2018, at approximately 5:00 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 7300 block of New Hampshire Avenue for the report of a theft of packages from a workout room. Video surveillance was provided which showed an adult female, adult male and female child taking various packages out of the workout room.

The subjects are described as:

- 1) Black male, approximately 5'9, 180 lbs, dark-skinned, last seen wearing a black jacket, camouflage pants and carrying a black/gray backpack;
- 2) Black female, approximately 5'6, 200 lbs., last seen wearing a black jacket, blue shirt, blue sweatshirt, blue jeans and gray boots; and
- 3) Black female, approximately 4'0, 50 lbs., last seen wearing pajama pants, pink slippers, blue jacket, knit cap and carrying a pink backpack.

Investigation continues under case #180001673. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

***\*Surveillance video is not available at this time; however, photo of adult female subject is attached\****



**JANUARY 13**

**Water to be Shut Off at 6 PM to Repair Water Main Break**

**January 13, 2018**

WSSC is shutting off the water at 6 pm to repair a water main break in the 7500 blk of Maple Ave; will take several hours. It will affect the community center, police department, apartments, Piney Branch ES & some stores. All activities that occur after 6 pm at the community center are canceled.

**JANUARY 16**

## **Cancel Missing Person**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**January 16, 2018**

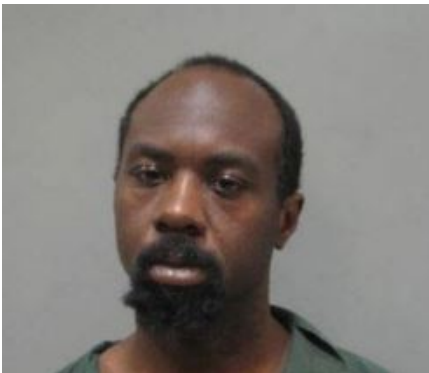


Breanna Smith has been located; she is safe and unharmed. Thank you for sharing!

## **Arrest Made for Attempt 1st Degree Burglary; Other Offenses**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**January 16, 2018**



*Darius Clark*

Chief Antonio DeVaul from the Takoma Park Police Department announces the arrest of Darius Clark, 36, of Silver Spring, Maryland, for Attempt 1st and 4th Degree Burglary and Trespassing that occurred in Takoma Park, Maryland, on January 15, 2018.

On January 15, 2018, at approximately 11:54 am, Takoma Park Police responded to the unit block of Philadelphia Avenue for a call for a suspicious subject attempting to break a rear window of a residence. A detailed description of the subject was given to police; police arrived and observed the described subject

attempting to enter the residence through forced entry. Officers identified the subject as Darius Clark, who did not reside at the residence.

Clark was arrested, charged accordingly and transported to the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit.

### **January 16, 2018**



*Steven Duvelcin*

Chief Antonio DeVaul from the Takoma Park Police Department announces the arrest of Steven Duvelcin, 23, of District Heights, Maryland, for Auto Theft.

On January 12, 2018, members of the Special Investigations Section (SIS) of Takoma Park Police located a stolen vehicle in the 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Investigators established surveillance on the vehicle and observed a subject getting into the driver's seat of the vehicle, later identified as Duvelcin. Duvelcin met up with a second subject and both subjects entered a second vehicle. A vehicle stop was initiated. Duvelcin was found to be in possession of the keys to the stolen vehicle and property belonging to the victim of the auto theft.

A search of the hotel room being occupied by Duvelcin uncovered additional items of evidentiary value related to the auto theft.

Duvelcin was arrested, charged accordingly and transported to the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit.

**JANUARY 17**

## **Trash & Recycling Services Wednesday and Thursday**

**January 17, 2018**

Wednesday trash & recycling collection services have started later than usual today due to road conditions. Wednesday food waste collection is cancelled today, but will be collected on Thursday. Thursday collection services will begin at 8 am; all routes are expected to be completed.

## **Arrest Made for Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) Cocaine and CDS Paraphernalia**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**January 17, 2018**



*Robert Russell Pike*

Chief Antonio DeVaul from the Takoma Park Police Department announces the arrest of Robert Russell Pike, 27, of Germantown, Maryland, for Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) Cocaine and CDS Paraphernalia.

On January 16, 2018, at approximately 2:19 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 7400 block of Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, for the report of two suspicious male subjects who did not live in the neighborhood and were standing next to a neighbor's vehicle. Officers arrived and made contact with the one described subject, later identified as Pike. After investigation, and a search incident to arrest, Pike was found to be in possession of CDS Cocaine and paraphernalia.

Pike was transported to the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit and charged accordingly.

## **Residential Burglary**

**January 17, 2018**

On January 16, 2018, at approximately 3:55 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 600 block of Elm Avenue for the report of a residential burglary. Sometime between 7:30 am and 3:55 pm, unknown suspect(s) made entry into the residence by smashing a back door glass window pane. Property was stolen.

Investigation continues under case #180002529. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

**JANUARY 18**

## **Critical Missing Juvenile**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**January 18, 2018**



Jasmine Lopez-Bautista  
*(best available photo)*

Detectives from the Takoma Park Police Department are investigating the disappearance of a missing Takoma Park juvenile, Jasmine Lopez-Bautista, 15 years old. Lopez-Bautista was last seen by her mother just prior to midnight on January 17 and noticed her missing on January 18 at 3:30 am. Lopez-Bautista is described as a Hispanic female, 5'3, 130 lbs., light complexion, last seen wearing a red sweater, black shirt and brown pants.

Anyone who has information about Lopez-Bautista's whereabouts is asked to contact the Takoma Park Police Department at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100) and refer to case #180002807.

## **Theft from Auto**

**January 18, 2018**

On January 17, 2018, at approximately 9:53 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the station for the report of a theft from auto that occurred earlier on Westmoreland Avenue. Some time between 6:45 pm and 9:30 pm, unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole property.

Investigation continues under case #180002781. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Guilty Plea Entered for Unauthorized Removal of Property; Violation of Probation Charges Pending**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**January 18, 2018**



*Tajuan Lee*

On January 8, 2018, in the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Tajuan Lee, 23, of Washington, D.C., entered into a guilty plea for unauthorized removal of property. Lee was sentenced to 365 days in jail, all but 25 days suspended. Charges are pending for a violation of probation.

On July 12, 2017, a vehicle was stolen from the 300 block of Ethan Allen Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. During a joint investigation with the Takoma Park Police Department, FBI Task Force, Metropolitan Police Department and Howard County Police Department, the stolen vehicle was located unoccupied in the District of Columbia. Detectives set up surveillance on the vehicle and observed Lee get into the vehicle. Lee drove the vehicle around until he abandoned it. After the vehicle was abandoned, detectives took custody of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed multiple items of property stolen in thefts from autos in Takoma Park, Maryland. Through investigation, Lee was identified as the person who was in possession of the stolen vehicle. An arrest warrant was obtained and Lee was arrested on September 7, 2017 in the District of Columbia.

Some of the stolen property recovered has since been returned to the owners.

## **Cancel Critical Missing Juvenile**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**January 18, 2018**



CANCEL Critical Missing Juvenile: Jasmine Lopez-Bautista has been located; she is safe and unharmed. Thank you for sharing!





**JANUARY 22**

## **Missing Runaway Juveniles**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 22, 2018



*Dominique Hill*

Detectives from the Takoma Park Police Department are investigating the disappearance of two missing Takoma Park juvenile runaways. Janeya Brown, 15, and Dominique Hill, 15, were last seen in the 700 block of Hudson Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, heading towards the bus stop on Flower Avenue. The juveniles were seen getting on the bus and leaving.

Brown is described as a black female, 5'6, 240 lbs., brown eyes and black hair. She was last seen wearing green pants, a white shirt, black hooded sweatshirt, black vest and white and red Jordan brand sneakers. She was not wearing any jewelry and has no tattoos or identifying marks. *There is no photograph of Brown available.*

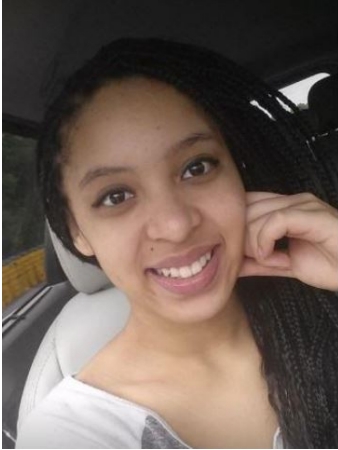
Hill is described as a black female, 5'1, 110 lbs., brown eyes and black hair. She was last seen wearing blue jeans, black and red shirt, black coat with brown fur trim and an American flag scarf. Hill also has a nose ring.

Anyone who has information about Brown and Hill's whereabouts is asked to contact the Takoma Park Police Department at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100) and refer to case #180003200 and #180003199.

## **Critical Missing Juvenile**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 22, 2018



*Tatiana Perla*

Detectives from the Takoma Park Police Department are investigating the disappearance of a critical missing Takoma Park juvenile. Tatiana Perla, 17, was last seen in the 700 block of Hudson Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, walking toward Flower Avenue on October 15, 2017. Perla is a Hispanic female, approximately 5'3, 140 lbs., with a light complexion.

Perla has been seen in and may still be in one of the following areas: Rockville, Gaithersburg, Aspen Hill, Wheaton or Germantown.

Anyone who has information about Perla's whereabouts is asked to contact the Takoma Park Police Department at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100) and refer to case #170536838.

**JANUARY 23**

## **Theft from Auto**

**January 23, 2018**

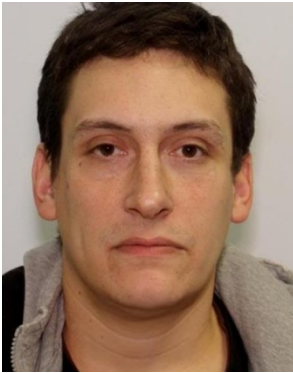
On January 22, 2018, at approximately 7:10 am, Takoma Park Police responded to the 1000 block of Hopewell Avenue for the report of a theft from auto that occurred earlier. Some time between midnight and 7:10 am, unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's vehicle and stole property.

Investigation continues under case #180003564. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Arrest Made for 1st Degree Burglary; Other Offenses**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**January 23, 2018**



*Christian Knight*

Chief Antonio DeVaul from the Takoma Park Police Department announces the arrest of Christian Knight, 36, of Takoma Park, Maryland, for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Burglary; Theft and Resisting Arrest.

On January 23, 2018, at approximately 2:00 am, Takoma Park Police responded to the 500 block of Ethan Allen Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, for the report of a burglary that had just occurred. The victim advised that a subject who was known to her entered her property without permission and stole property. The subject was identified as Christian Knight. Officers made contact with Knight, who was still in possession of property that was stolen from the victim's residence. He physically resisted arrest, but after a brief struggle, was taken into custody.

Knight was arrested, charged accordingly and transported to the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit.

**JANUARY 25**

## **Thefts from Autos**

**January 25, 2018**

On January 24, 2018, at approximately 8:50 am, Takoma Park Police responded to the 900 block of East West Highway for the report of two thefts from autos. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victims' two vehicles by unknown means and stole property.

Investigation continues under case #180004010. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Internal Affairs Complaint Investigations 2017**

**January 25, 2018**

The Takoma Park Police Department's policy directives require investigations of all complaints against the Department or its employees, and that annual statistical summaries of such investigations by the internal affairs function are made available to the public. The following is a summary of complaints filed for the calendar year 2017.

Seventeen formal complaints were recorded in 2017 with eight subjected to internal affairs investigations. Fourteen complaints were submitted by residents, and two complaints were generated internally by an employee. One of the formal complaints was submitted by another law enforcement agency. There was one complaint referred anonymously.

During 2017, the police department initiated an online option to file complaints and compliments to make the process easier and more accessible. The online option was used for submission of three of the formal complaints. There were also three compliments that were filed using the online option.

Subjects of the complaints in 2017 included a total of thirteen sworn officers, some of whom were involved in more than one complaint. One civilian employee was the subject of a complaint. There were three complaints that did not specify an employee.

Six of the 17 complaints were completed with a determination that resulted in sustained findings of improper conduct, and disciplinary measures were warranted and taken. Two complaints are still pending investigations due to case-specific circumstances. Nine complaints were referred to a supervisor for investigation/counseling sessions in lieu of an internal investigation. The disciplinary measures taken during 2017 on sustained findings were handled administratively and resulted in suspensions, loss of leave, written reprimands, and assignments to classes to address specific issues.

The statistical comparison of 2016 to 2017 indicates a decrease of one complaint, with 18 received in 2016, and 17 received in 2017. One less complaint was referred to internal affairs investigations in 2017 as compared to 2016. Sustained findings decreased from seven in 2016 to six in 2017.

Of particular interest in 2017 was the use of body-worn camera footage to assist in the investigations of complaints. Body-worn camera footage was essential in several complaints, to include four that were determined to be false based upon a review of body-worn camera footage and two that were sustained based on their review.

In 2017, officers had a total of 14,200 contacts with the public, which included calls for service, self-initiated

subjects, parking, etc.) and traffic stops. The complaints represent 0.12% of all contacts.

Residents are reminded that the process for making a complaint against a police employee is detailed on the City of Takoma Park web page by selecting the Government and then the Police tab. The information is also available on flyers available to the public in the Police Department lobby. Complaints and compliments can be filed online through the web page.

## **Takoma Park Police Emergency Response Team (ERT) Assists with Arrest of Homicide Suspect**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**January 25, 2018**



*Reginald Alston*

Chief Antonio DeVaul from the Takoma Park Police Department announces the arrest of Reginald Alston, 35, of Laurel, Maryland, for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assault and Reckless Endangerment.

On January 23, 2018, at approximately 6:00 pm, Laurel Police responded to the 300 block of Gorman Avenue, Laurel, Maryland, for reports of a critically injured person. Police found an adult male unconscious, rendered aid and transported him to the hospital. He was later pronounced deceased from numerous stab wounds. Investigation led detectives to develop Alston as a suspect and a warrant for his arrest was acquired.

The victim was later identified as John Budd, 54, of Laurel, Maryland.

On January 24, 2018, at approximately 11:00 pm, the Takoma Park Police and Laurel Police Emergency Response Team (ERT) responded to Alston's residence after he barricaded himself inside. After surrounding the residence, Alston surrendered without further incident.

Alston was taken into custody by Laurel Police.

## **Arrest Made for Outstanding Warrant Through Baltimore County Police**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**January 25, 2018**



*Hector Ortiz*

Chief Antonio DeVaul from the Takoma Park Police Department announces the arrest of Hector Ortiz, 37, of Takoma Park, Maryland, for an outstanding warrant through the Baltimore County Police Department for 2nd Degree Sexual Assault.

On January 24, 2018, the Takoma Park Police Special Assignment Team (SAT) were patrolling in the area of the 7500 block of Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, when they observed Hector Ortiz in the area. SAT was aware of the open warrant for Ortiz and took him into custody.

Ortiz was transported to the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit (CPU) without incident.

## **Commercial Burglary**

**January 25, 2018**

On January 24, 2018, at approximately 5:00 am, Takoma Park police responded to the 6400 block of New Hampshire Avenue (Marathon Gas) for a commercial burglary alarm. When officers arrived, they found the front glass door smashed out. It is unknown what, if any, property was stolen.

Investigation continues under case #180027344. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

**JANUARY 28**

## **Residential Burglary; Detached Garage**

**January 28, 2018**

On January 25, 2018, at approximately 1:40 pm, a resident in the 300 block of Tulip Avenue reported property stolen from a detached garage. Sometime between January 24 at 4:00 pm and January 25 at 1:00 pm, unknown suspect(s) entered the garage by prying open the door. Property was stolen.

Investigation continues under case #180004270. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Residential Burglary**

**January 28, 2018**

On January 24, 2018, at approximately 4:35 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 900 block of Glazewood Avenue for the report of a residential burglary. Sometime between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, unknown suspect(s) made entry into the residence by kicking in a rear door. Property was stolen.

Investigation continues under case #180004115. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Attempt Commercial Robbery**

**January 28, 2018**

On January 25, 2018, at approximately 8:30 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 1300 block of University Blvd. (Check Cashing) for the report of an attempt commercial robbery. A subject walked into the business carrying a bag, made contact with a teller and implied he had a weapon. He demanded cash. Before he could receive any money, the subject fled the business. He was described as a black male, approximately 6'0, 25-30 years old, thin build, last seen wearing a red hat, dark glasses and blue jeans, carrying a red bag.

Investigation continues under case #180004344. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Commercial Burglary**

**January 28, 2018**

On January 27, 2018, at approximately 4:00 am, Takoma Park police responded to the 6400 block of New Hampshire Avenue (Marathon Gas) for a commercial burglary alarm. When officers arrived, they found a side

and blue jacket and red and gray gloves break out the window.

Investigation continues under case #180004600. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Gas Station Theft from Auto**

**January 28, 2018**

On January 27, 2018, at approximately 9:45 am, Takoma Park Police responded for a theft from auto that occurred in the 6300 block of New Hampshire Avenue (Sunoco gas station). Property was stolen from the front passenger seat of the victim's unsecured vehicle. A witness saw the suspect, a black male, flee in a light blue Honda towards the District of Columbia.

Investigation continues under case #180004751. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Armed Robbery; 1st Degree Assault**

**January 28, 2018**

On January 27, 2018, at approximately 8:00 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 900 block of East West Highway (Sheger Market) for the report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. Two suspects entered the establishment while it was open with customers inside. One of the suspects began waving around a handgun pointing it at the store owner and customers. The suspects stole property from the establishment and customers who were in the store. The suspects fled on foot from the establishment traveling east on East West Highway. Lookouts for the suspects were given to surrounding jurisdictions. A K9 track was conducted which led officers to the 6800 block of Red Top Road where it was lost.

The suspects were described as (1) black male, skinny, last seen wearing all black clothing and gray shoes, armed with a gun; (2) unknown race/gender, last seen wearing all black clothing. Both suspects wore gloves and masks.

Investigation continues under case #180004701. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).



**JANUARY 29**

## **Attempt Theft from Auto; Destruction of Property**

**January 29, 2018**

On January 28, 2017, at approximately 3:00 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 6900 block of Carroll Avenue for the report of an attempt theft from auto and destruction of property. Sometime between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, unknown suspect(s) smashed the passenger side window out of the victim's vehicle. It is unknown if property was stolen.

Investigation continues under case #180004789. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at **301-270-1100**.

**JANUARY 31**

## **Attempt Gas Station Theft from Auto**

**January 31, 2018**

On January 30, 2018, at approximately 8:22 am, Takoma Park Police responded for an attempt theft from auto that occurred in the 6300 block of New Hampshire Avenue (Sunoco gas station). While the victim went inside the gas station to pay for gas, she observed a blue SUV with unknown tags park next to her vehicle. She observed a black male get out of his car and open her front passenger car door and start looking through her vehicle. She ran to her vehicle and confronted the suspect who had her property in his possession. He attempted to flee with her property after getting back into his vehicle, but she maintained contact with him by opening his vehicle door. The suspect tried to drive away, dragging the victim with this car. The suspect eventually stopped his car, pushed the victim and her property out and fled.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 20 years old, thin build, last seen wearing all black clothing with a black jacket and a hood covering his head. There was a passenger in the suspect's vehicle in the passenger seat described as a black male, approximately 20 years old, 5'9, thin build, last seen wearing all black clothing and a blue jacket.

The victim sustained minor, non-life threatening physical injuries.

Investigation continues under case #180005075. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to please call us at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100).

## **Vandalism to Auto**

**January 31, 2018**

On January 30, 2018, at approximately 2:15 pm, Takoma Park Police responded to the 900 block of East West Highway for the report of a vandalism to auto. Sometime between January 29 at 10:50 pm and January 30 at 2:00 pm, unknown suspect(s) damaged the inside of the victim's vehicle by breaking the ignition and glove box handle. Property was also thrown about the vehicle. It appeared as though nothing was stolen.

Anyone with information about this incident should contact the Takoma Park Police Department at [301-270-1100](tel:301-270-1100) and refer to case #180005124.