

**Manassas City Police Department**  
**Crime Report**  
**July 15, 2016**

**Aggravated Assault**

At approximately 9:10 p.m. on July 14, 2016, Manassas City Police responded to the 9400 block of Taney Rd for a report of an aggravated assault. Upon arrival, officers observed an adult female with lacerations to her arm. The reporting party told officers that prior to their arrival, the victim was walking with a second victim, another adult female, in the area of Wellington Rd and Grant Ave when they observed a group of individuals. As the two passed, some subjects from the group allegedly approached and struck the two victims, assaulting one with a knife. The victims were transported to an area hospital and sustained non-life-threatening injuries. This is an ongoing investigation.

**Attempted Phone Scam**

On July 12, 2016, Manassas City Police met with a resident on the 8600 block of Nagle St for a report of a suspicious phone call. The reporting party told officers that she received a phone call from an unknown male who claimed to be collecting money on behalf Manassas City Police Department, and that her donation would be retrieved in person by a uniformed officer of the Department. The citizen, a 72-year-old female, recognized the call as a scam and did not provide any personal or financial information before contacting Police.



***Crime Prevention Tip:***

*Manassas City Police does not solicit citizens for funding. To avoid becoming a victim of fraud and identify theft, never give out personal or financial information to anyone online, over the phone, by mail, or in person unless you are the one that initiated the transaction. It is recommended that you research any charity before donating, and that you do so directly rather than in response to a request. For those wishing to financially support law enforcement, the [Fraternal Order of Police Battlefield Lodge 43](#) and [Manassas City Police Charitable Foundation](#) are just two organizations in the Manassas area that are committed to supporting members of law enforcement and their families. Both are independent and separate from Manassas City Police Department, a government entity.*

**Attempted Phone Scam**

On July 13, 2016, Manassas City Police met with a resident on the 8600 block of Mahogany Ct for a report of a suspicious phone call. The reporting party told officers that she had received a phone call from an unknown male who claimed to represent the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The caller told the citizen, a 36-year-old female, that she owed a large amount of money to the IRS. The caller offered the citizen an opportunity to settle her alleged debt for an undisclosed amount of money and said if she did not within the next few days, she would be arrested. The citizen recognized the call as a scam and contacted Police.

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**\*Crime Prevention Tip from the [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#):**

Despite public perception, scam artists don't discriminate based on age. Children, adolescents, adults, and seniors are ALL at risk for becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft. Spring is tax season, which is the perfect time for scam artists to target residents. Don't believe callers, emails or texts that say they are from the [Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\)](#), even if they threaten to have you arrested for noncompliance. Tax identity thieves may send phony "phishing" emails that appear to be from the IRS and ask you to click on a link. They may also directly ask you to provide or confirm your personal information online or over the phone. Don't do it! The IRS does not email, call, or text people to get personal information. If the IRS needs to contact you, they will do so by mail. Another red flag is if the caller asks for payment in the form of prepaid cards or wire transfer. If you have any doubt whether a message is legitimate, call the IRS directly or consult Police or a trusted family member. For more information on IRS scams, click [here](#).

**Stolen Auto**

On July 11, 2016, Manassas City Police responded to Miller Toyota (8566 Sudley Rd) for a report of a stolen automobile. The reporting party told officers that someone stole a 2016 Toyota Rav4 XLE from the dealership's lot sometime between 12:35 p.m. on June 29 and 3:30 p.m. on July 11. The vehicle was valued at over \$28,000.



[Stock Photo; Not Actual Stolen Vehicle]

**Crime Prevention Tip:**

The **HEAT** (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) program from Virginia State Police provides an online tip submission form for citizens to report information concerning the theft of vehicles, vehicle parts or chop shop operations. Information remains confidential throughout the process, and tips leading to arrests are eligible for rewards of up to \$25,000. Submit an anonymous tip or call 800-947-HEAT (800-947-4328). [www.heatreward.com](http://www.heatreward.com) HEAT also offers free VIN etching services for motorists. Manassas City Police will host its next free VIN etching event with Prince William County Police on Saturday, October 15, 2016. [more info](#)

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Anyone with information about these events is encouraged to call the Manassas City Police Department Investigative Services Division at [\(703\) 257-8092](tel:7032578092) or Crime Solvers. The [Manassas City/Manassas Park Crime Solvers](#) will pay a cash reward up to \$1000.00 for information that leads to an arrest in these cases. The confidential 24-hour tip line is [\(703\) 330-0330](tel:7033300330).

Si usted tiene información sobre estos eventos, favor de llamar al departamento de policía de la ciudad de Manassas a [\(703\) 257-8092](tel:7032578092), o a la solucionista de crimen ([Crime Solvers](#)). Crime Solvers pagará un premio de hasta \$1,000.00 en efectivo por información que ayude en arrestar los sospechosos en estos casos. Llame las 24 horas al [\(703\) 330-0330](tel:7033300330). Nunca tiene que dar su nombre; solamente la información.

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