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Current Crimes

Thefts: 14900 block of Sugarland Road, 19200 block of Jerusalem Road, 19700 block of Bucklodge Road.

Burglary: 23000 block of White’s Ferry Road.

Complaints of disorderly conduct: 19300 and 19500 block of Fisher Avenue, 19600 block of Wootton Avenue.

Past Crime

October 22, 1904 Undertaker Pumphrey of Rockville called at Garfield Hospital in Washington for the body of Earnest Peabody. The young man had died from gunshot wounds suffered earlier in the week on Selden Island near Seneca. State’s Attorney Peters announced that he was taking charge of the investigation to determine who shot Peabody and what the motive might be. It was reported that Peabody had been working on the island with a man named Poole when the shots were fired.

October 22, 1906 The lifeless body of a young man was found lying on a pile of rocks in the Monocacy River near the B&O railroad bridge at Frederick Junction. When the body was recovered, the station agent recognized him as someone who had been intoxicated and causing trouble at the station the previous night.

October 23, 1906 Montgomery County authorities were searching for Howard Downs, a resident of the Darnestown district. Downs was wanted for attacking Alexander Broome, one of the most well-known residents of Darnestown. It was said that Downs had given Broome a terrible beating that left him senseless.

October 23, 1971 Two men robbed the Poolesville branch of the First National Bank of Maryland. Police said that the men entered the bank at about 12:40 p.m. and ordered four women employees to lie on the floor while they looted the cash drawers. The men then escaped in an automobile.

October 24, 1923 Thomas Robinson fired a .22 caliber revolver into a crowd attending the Frederick Fair. Bullets struck Mrs. Stauffer of Philadelphia and J. W. Ganley of Boyds. When Robinson was arrested, he said that he was shooting at a man who had attempted to “do him” out of some money. Robinson was reported to be a worker traveling with the circus.