

LOUDOUN COUNTY



SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Sheriff's Office is currently investigating an attempted Sexual Assault on the Washington & Old Dominion Trail, which occurred on August 17, 2016 in Sterling. In addition, a similar incident happened earlier this morning, August 25, 2016 in the Town of Leesburg. As a result, the Sheriff's Department will increase their presence along the trail, which includes areas of Ashburn.

The LCSO is advising users of the trail to take the following steps to protect themselves when using paths and trails:

- Always stay alert and be aware of your surroundings (Don't wear earphones).
- Walk, run or bike with a partner or group.
- Let someone know when you are on the trail, your route and when you expect to return.
- Walk, run or bike when the path or trail is likely to have a higher volume of foot traffic.
- Avoid using paths or trails when it is dark outside (Please note the W & OD trail is closed after dark for safety. Anyone on the trail after dark is considered to be trespassing).
- Carry a cell phone.

Residents are further encouraged to report any suspicious activity by calling 703-777-1021.