



# CENTRAL POLICE DISTRICT

Building Trust Through Community Partnerships

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## Sharing Responsibility for Safety

Since early this year I have been attending a colleague training on problem-solving policing with district commanders from Milwaukee police. The discussion includes material related to specific crime and disorder problems in addition to more philosophical criminology discussions and police responses. It has been refreshing to step back and reassess why we, the police, do the things we do, kind of a spring cleaning of the mind.

A recent discussion was related to the sharing of responsibility as it relates to crime, safety and disorder problems. I realized during this discussion that I really needed to say *thank you* to many of you

## Entry into Locked Vehicles

We have seen a rash of entry into locked vehicle crimes, both on the streets downtown and on the lower levels of parking structures near the exits and entrances. Items that are targeted are easily pawned or resold and can be carried away without drawing much attention.

Items inside your car that are easily seen by those passing by and looking into the windows make very tempting targets. It is best to take these highly transportable items with you if at all possible. It is also important to conceal or remove the paraphernalia that is used with the device if at all possible. A power cord that is plugged in and then terminates in the center console gives the impression that the device is still attached but just placed in the convenient cubby in the car.

I highly recommend that you note the serial numbers of the devices that you have and keep them in a place you will remember back at home. If the item is

who are stakeholders in the downtown community for stepping up and taking on the needed tasks to improve downtown safety. You have worked jointly with community officers who serve the neighborhoods, liaisons officers for more targeted areas, patrol officers dealing with shift-related problems, and command-level staff on larger, more complex problems. There are so many of

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### Commonly Targeted Items:

- **Laptops**
- **Music players such as iPods.**
- **Navigation devices.**
- **Phones**
- **US Currency**
- **Bags or Purses**

taken and the only description is a black 80 GB iPod, the chances of ever getting it back are negligible.

Numerous small items are resold with no way to prove who owns them; the person who possesses the item for sale appears to be the rightful owner.



## CRIME OVERVIEW

### Person Crimes: Batteries

Date	Time	Address	Details
4/10	12:40 am	600 Blk E Washington	Suspect was arrested for Battery and Domestic DC as a result of a fight and disturbance at the Salvation Army
4/12	1:35 am	700 Blk University	Suspect arrested for battery and disorderly conduct for disturbance at Brothers. Suspect transported to Detox.
4/15	2:10 am	500 Blk State St	Two suspects were charged with Battery and two with Disorderly Conduct for a disturbance at Qdoba.
4/19	2:05 am	100 Blk E Doty	Two suspects were charged with Substantial Battery after attacking victim in the Government East ramp.
4/19	1:00 am	700 Blk E Johnson	Suspect charged with Physical Abuse of a Child for battering his girlfriend.
4/23	6:15 pm	N. Butler	Suspect was charged with Domestic Battery for an incident in a vehicle where victim was struck.
4/25	1:25 am	100 Blk King St	Suspect charged with two counts of Battery for an incident at Madison's.
4/25	12:00 am	1800 Blk Fordem	Officers were dispatched to a fight where several suspects had battered a couple of victims. One victim transports to hospital for significant injuries.
4/26	8:55 pm	400 Blk State St	Unidentified suspect battered victim after an incident at Badger Liquors.
4/27	2:50 am	400 Blk W Mifflin	Victim was attacked by unidentified suspect at a party.

### Disturbances, Other

Date	Time	Location	Details
4/1		200 Blk E Mifflin	Suspect became jealous during night out, forced victim to the ground and held her against her will, put his hand over her mouth to prevent her from screaming. Confrontation was interrupted by suspect's roommate, who gave victim ride back to her apartment. Suspect followed, let himself in, and again grabbed her and took her cell phone when she tried to call 911. Suspect charged with Domestic False Imprisonment, Domestic Intimidation of a Witness, Domestic DC X2, and Domestic Trespass.

### Sexual Assaults

Date	Time	Location	Details
3/31	3:21 pm	2000 Blk Winnebago	Victim was poked in the buttocks with a pen by suspect who received a misdemeanor citation for Fourth Degree Sexual Assault.
4/25	2:00 am	400 Blk N Frances	Suspect was charged with 4th Degree Sexual Assault for an incident in the University Inn parking lot.

### Person Crimes: Robbery

Date	Time	Address	Details
4/19	2:30 am	200 Blk N Brooks	Victim was approached by suspect as she was walking home; suspect attempted to grab victim's purse but didn't succeed.

## CRIME OVERVIEW CONTINUED

### Property Crimes: Burglaries

Date	Location	Type	Entry	Targeted/Stolen
3/30	1000 Blk N Sherman	Residential	Unlocked door	Swiss Army knife and cash
3/30	1400 Blk Williamson	Residential	Door kicked in	Sony camera
4/5	1100 Blk Williamson	Non-Residential	Rooftop	Cash
4/9	900 Blk Williamson	Non-Residential	Window broken	Glassware, laptop, electronics
4/16	10 Blk E Gilman	Residential	Unknown	Cash
4/16	400 Blk W Gorham	Residential	Unknown	Cash and iPod
4/17	1000 Blk College Ct	Residential	Open door/victim present	Unknown
4/17	900 Blk Spring St	Residential	Unknown/victim present	Suspect woke victim up by turning on his light; X-Box, numerous games.
4/25	1000 Blk Fahrenbrook	Residential	Unknown	Suspect confronted by resident as he was attempting steal frozen food.
4/27	1100 Blk Sherman	Residential	Window broken	Bicycle

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you, I will not try to name all of you, for fear of missing someone. The issues addressed have been everything from a problem neighborhood house or apartment, panhandling in business districts, nighttime alcohol-related violence, and special events such as Halloween.

When I talk about sharing the responsibility for safety in the community it is about each of us doing the their part to make the entire community safer. Police are not abdicating their role or responsibility to the community, only trying to be efficient with the resources we are entrusted with. There is a role for everyone, including a manufacturer who makes a product that is an easy target, and easy to steal and resell. Often products can be 'hardened', making the resale of the device more difficult, or decrease the value for the unauthorized user. Have you ever noted through insurance sources that specific vehicles, makes and model years are stolen more often than others. These same concepts extend to those making property improvements or designing new space. Much is known about prevention through design.

Opportunities do not need to be this complex.. It can be a merchant who uses practices to reduce

the chances of retail theft, residents of large complexes not propping open the main door to the building allowing anyone in, neighbors reclaiming a once neglected garden space by careful maintenance, neighborhood watch initiatives to address specific problems, property owners holding tenants to the agreements in the lease to reduce noise and disorder complaints, and taverns that provide a safe environment for patrons and neighbors. As you can see from the small sample listed here, there are numerous opportunities, and chances for creative solutions to nuisance and crime problems. Not all are effectively done with law enforcement alone.

So to those of you we have partnered up to resolve community safety issues, thank you. You know who you are, and the contributions you have made to a safer community. If you are one of the individuals who are still on the sidelines wondering, how you can be involved you can contact me with an expression of interest, and I will connect you with the most appropriate contact staff person.

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