



# CENTRAL POLICE DISTRICT

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## Safety: A Shared Responsibility

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**Last Call !!**

### COMMUNITY SURVEY

If you have not yet taken a couple of minutes to complete the community survey, please give this opportunity some consideration. You can access the survey by going to the following website:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/PreviewSurvey.asp?SID=3427008&T=0.4513803>.

If you need a paper copy of the survey please contact the Central District office at 266-4945, or send an email to [lcroxford@cityofmadison.com](mailto:lcroxford@cityofmadison.com)

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information about incidents, criminal activities, and special events occurring in the Central District. If there is information that you would like to see in future editions of the newsletter, please contact Capt. Mary Schauf at [mschauf@cityofmadison.com](mailto:mschauf@cityofmadison.com). Further information available at: <http://www.madisonpolice.com/central.html>.

As we close out the month of March and move into April, I am reminded that April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. In our continuing efforts to monitor downtown safety, we are reviewing all reported sexual assault cases for patterns and trends that would give indications on prevention strategies. The common prevalent theme is the use and/or abuse of alcohol by suspects and victims.

There are several examples that I would like to share with you, and then invite you to do what you can to prevent victimization of women. The predominant victims of sexual assaults in Madison are women; however, we have had reports of men being sexually assaulted. Women who either have been victimized or are serious potential victims have come from both legal liquor licensed establishments and unlawful taverns or house parties.

**Case 1:** An underage woman is at a downtown tavern. She becomes incapacitated by her alcohol consumption and leaves the tavern after a dispute with a male friend. She is found passed out on a downtown city sidewalk and taken to detoxification by police. She has no recollection of what happened to her.

**Case 2:** Officers go into a different downtown tavern for an unrelated matter. They find an underage woman passed out in a booth. Her responsiveness is so diminished that she needs ambulance conveyance to a hospital before being cleared for the detoxification center.

**Case 3:** An underage woman goes with friends to a house party. She wakes the next day partially clothed in a strange place with no recollection of how she got there or what happened.

These are three recent examples, I could just

as easily fill these pages with more cases from this year.

As police, we will hear people express concern over “date rape drugs.” While these substances exist and have been used, the primary date rape drug we see is alcohol that is voluntarily over-consumed. This is nothing new to those who investigate these incidents, which is the reason for continued enforcement with alcohol-related violations at both licensed and unlicensed locations. There is a prevention role for all, not just women.

What are some strategies for prevention.....

For women, plan for your own safety. Where are you going, are you familiar and comfortable with the location? Who will you be with, friends that you trust? How much alcohol do you intend to consume? How will you get home safely? Do you have a back-up plan in case of a change?

For men: Be respectful! Alcohol consumption is not an excuse or defense to criminal behavior. A relatively recent law change strictly prohibits sexual contact with persons who cannot lawfully give consent, based on their level of intoxication.

**Excerpt Wis. State Stats., Second Degree Sexual Assault, §940.225 (2) (cm)**

*“Has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a person who is under the influence of an intoxicant to a degree which renders that person incapable of giving consent if the defendant has actual knowledge that the person is incapable of giving consent and the defendant has the purpose to have sexual contact or sexual intercourse with the*

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## CRIME OVERVIEW

The following represents an overview of police activity in the Central District. It does not include all cases.

### Person Crimes: *Reckless Injury*

Date	Time	Location	Details
3/26	9:30 pm	600 Blk E Johnson	A group of juveniles and adults engaged in a dispute pull into a private lot. One suspect uses a vehicle to strike the other car and one of the occupants. Suspects in custody with on-going investigation.

### Person Crimes: *Sexual Assaults*

Date	Time	Location	Details
3/2	2:47 pm	500 Blk S Thornton	Teenage boy grabs teenage girl through clothing.
3/3	2:00 am	1000 Blk Spring St	Victim knocked down while on way home. Investigation continuing.
3/10	4:00 am	Unknown	Victim accepts ride with two men who drive to an unknown location. Victim is assaulted by one of the men.

### Person Crimes: *Batteries*

Date	Time	Location	Details
3/4	4:00 am	400 Blk W Main St	Victim beaten by acquaintance.
3/4	3:00 am	Hawthorne Court	Victim attacked by several Asian males after being accuse of being racist.
3/9	1:00 am	300 Blk W Johnson	Female victim struck and knocked down by one of four Hispanic females;.
3/11	1:30 am	200 Blk W Gorham	Fight eruupts over female being dragged to car.
3/15	11:55 pm	100 Blk W Main St	Victim battered by suspect, Jeffrey Holman (male Black), in bus stop while sleeping. Holman arrested 3/16 and charged with substantial battery.

### Property Crimes: *Burglaries*

Date	Location	Type	Entry	Targeted/Stolen
3/2	1800 Blk Fordem Ave	Non-Residential		2 cars broken into in underground parking; windows smashes and stereos stolen
3/11	500 Blk University	Residential	Unlocked door	Purse
3/12	200 Blk W Gilman	Non-Residential	Unknown	Construction tools
3/31	900 Blk E Johnson	Non-Residential	Rear door forced	Register and cash
3/14	4:00 pm	500 Blk State St		William E. Schreier, male White, arrested for stealing DVDs and CDs from family and selling them.

### Property Crimes: *Damage to Property, Others*

Date	Location	Type	Damage
2/25	200 Blk N Henry	Damage to Auto	Windows smashed out
2/27	900 Blk E Main St	Damage to Auto	Rear window smashed with a rock
3/10	1700 Blk Fordem	Damage to Auto	Window and trunk damaged
3/12	1100 Blk E Washington	Damage to Auto	Scratch on side of vehicle; possibly keyed.
3/22	Dane County Ramp	Damage to Auto	Cement block thrown through window. Seats, shifter, and ignition damaged. Purse stolen
3/25	100 Blk N Brooks	Damage to Auto	Broken right front passenger window.
3/29	N Carroll St	Damage to Auto	Broken out driver's window

### Traffic Citations

Against Traffic	10	Improper Turns	17	Red Signal	33	Racing	2
Arterial Stop	2	Inattentive	9	Unsafe Backing	4	Speeding	33
Deviate from Lane	5	Injury OMVWI	1	OMVWI	16	Yellow Signal	8
Failure to Yield	21	Intox. In Vehicle	1	Follow Too Close	16	Non-Hazardous	51

**CRIME OVERVIEW CONTINUED****Person Crimes: Disturbances, Others**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Details</i>
3/7	5:30 pm	2600 Blk Pheasant Ridge	Leasee returns rental car with 15 bullet holes claiming she was down-town after a party and someone started shooting at the vehicle.
3/9	8:30 am	200 Blk Langdon	Two intoxicated males involved in altercation. Guy Christian Newton, male white, charged with DC. Bryan Daniel, M/W, charged with resisting and parole hold.
3/9	11:36 pm	Kollege Klub	Bouncer battered by suspect after being denied entrance based on dress code policy. Suspect: Male Black, 5'9", 160 pounds.
3/10	2:00 am	State Street Brats	Officer observes fight in front of business. Adam Martin, male White, cited for DC.
3/11	5:30 am	10 Blk N Randall	Female roommates wakeup to unknown intoxicated male in their living room who claims to be looking for friends. Sean Martin, male white, charged with DC and CCW (has steak knife in pocket which he carries for protection).
3/16	9:03 pm	Overture	Shawn Degeest arrested for DC and probation violation after creating verbal disturbance.
3/17	4:22 pm	1600 Blk W Washington	Angelo Merritt, male Black, arrested for DC, CCW, Resist/Obstruct, and Felony Warrant after creating disturbance; threatened to have a gun. Search located 3" kitchen knife.
3/23	11:00 am	500 Blk State St	Suspect was upset by a look, confronted man with a knife in hand. James P. Jesse, male White, charged with DC While Armed.
3/23	7:30 pm	500 Blk State St	Disturbance between two transient men. Joseph Larue, male White, charged with DC while armed.
3/28	7:30 pm	1100 Blk Spaight St	Juvenile arrested for DC while armed during argument with parent.
3/14	5:27 pm	500 Blk W Johnson	Erik T Christopherson, male White, arrested for Criminal Trespass and Criminal Damage to Property . Attempted entry to apartment stating he lived there; kicked in door and entered.

**Property Crimes: Thefts**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Entry</i>	<i>Targeted/Stolen</i>
2/27	100 Blk E Gorham	Theft From Auto	Unknown	Purse
3/2	1800 Blk Fordem Ave	Theft From Auto	Window smashed	Stereos
3/3	900 Blk E Dayton	Theft From Auto	Unknown	Stereo face
3/4	100 Blk N Blount	Theft of Auto	Unknown	Vehicle stolen from UW lot. Arrested: Taurus Bowdry, male black, Sun Prairie.
3/16	400 Blk W Gorham	Theft From Auto	Window broken	Backpack, laptop
3/17	10 Blk Langdon St	Theft From Auto	Unknown	Laptop
3/21	Lake St Ramp	Theft From Auto	Unknown	Ipod and CDs

**Property Crimes: Graffiti**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Details</i>
3/5	2000 Blk Winnebago	Three males tagged building
3/10	900 Blk E Johnson	Etched windows.
3/10	500 Blk E Main	Graffiti in black paint on side of building
3/10	10 Blk S Franklin	Graffiti in black paint on side of building
3/10	700 Blk E Washington	Door and window etched; trailer spray painted; building painted black.
3/12	100 Blk S Hancock	White stylized script on various surfaces.
3/15	800 Blk E Johnson	Etched windows, spray paint on several places around building.
3/22	800 Blk E Johnson	Light blue and black paint used on building.
3/27	1100 Blk Williamson	Undistinguishable letters on retaining wall
3/28	400 Blk W Wilson	Several instances of graffiti on building

## SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION CONT.

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For tavern owners, staff, and party hosts: Alcohol service is regulated by state statutes and local ordinances—safety starts with compliance to the established rules. Monitor your patrons and guests, and if they become intoxicated, stop providing alcoholic beverages. You have a responsibility to provide a safe, comfortable environment for your patrons or guests.

Any time alcoholic beverages are served, there is a potential for bad behavior. It is well established that alcohol reduces inhibitions and people will engage in behavior they may otherwise be apprehensive to participate in. In the event that problems erupt that are beyond the ability of the staff or host to safely intercede, police should be called to assist.

I believe that the best preventative measure to crimes of sexual violence would be for all of us to accept some

measure of responsibility in reducing the problem. MPD will continue with the enforcement tasks that are delegated to us. This includes routine tavern checks at licensed establishments and attempts to identify and take enforcement action with parties operating as illegal taverns.

When it comes to illegal taverns we focus on the parties that get our attention through bad behavior. The primary focus of our staff is to end the party safely, and then take follow-up action with those responsible for the party. This includes enforcement, notification of property owners, and for UW students, notification to the university.

*Safety is everyone's business!*

### MPD Tavern Compliance Checks and Enforcement

**Goal: To encourage owners and managers to voluntarily comply with alcohol-related regulations.**

#### Strategies:

- Tavern Safety Training: Open to the public and advertised to downtown taverns.
- Tavern Safety Training: On demand for those establishments that have identified problems or would like the staff trained together.
- Routine Random Checks: The goal here is to make routine checks of all taverns in the downtown area, evaluating issues related to:
  - Over-serving and intoxicated persons in taverns.
  - Over-crowding and capacity-related issues.
  - An assessment of the staffing levels of the tavern for supervision of patrons.
  - Generalized safety issues such as lighting or blocked exits.
  - How tavern staff treats patrons including overly aggressive bouncers.
  - Underage persons consuming on the premises.
- When a tavern is identified as engaging in unsafe, or unlawful activity, we will make repeated inspections for the above issues. Our focus is to eliminate the nuisance and criminal behavior that these establishments generate. This information may come to light through several sources including a previous inspection, information through investigations of criminal activity, or reports from the community of unlawful activity.
- At the conclusion of your investigations and checks—forward police reports and tavern inspection notices to the City Attorney's office for consideration of prosecution. Notify the owners and managers of the findings of the check with the tavern safety inspection form to provide them an opportunity to remedy any safety concerns noted.
- Chronic nuisance or significant problems should be directed to the Central District commanders.



Officer Scott Favour (left) and Officer Steve Heimsness conduct a routine tavern compliance check.

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