



## Pedestrian Safety.....A Quiz

Last month we started a discussion on pedestrian traffic safety. Soon you will be hearing of opportunities to become involved in conducting traffic compliance counts downtown to evaluate motorist compliance in pedestrian zones. Police will then use this information for increased enforcement and education of drivers. Of course other ideas are also welcome on strategies to get voluntary compliance from motorists.

While this will help build understanding of the laws related to pedestrians, I thought it would be good to have you take a quick quiz. The quiz was written by PO Grant Humerickhouse, who will be the lead on the pedestrian traffic safety project.

- In a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection without a traffic light. The operator of a vehicle must yield the right-of-way to:
  - A pedestrian,.
  - A person riding a bicycle.
  - A person using an electric personal assistive mobility device
  - Who cares; pedestrians should go to a crosswalk with a walk sign!
  - Both A and B.
  - A,B and C.
- The operator of a vehicle must do the following before entering the roadway and before crossing a sidewalk:
  - Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians using the sidewalk.
  - Yield the right-of-way to vehicles driving on the roadway.
  - Pedestrians must yield to vehicles in this situation.
  - Both A and B.
- Yielding the right-of-way to pedestrian is defined as:
  - Changing lanes to avoid colliding into the pedestrian.
  - Changing route of travel.
  - Accelerating to get past the crosswalk ahead of the pedestrian.
  - The operator of a vehicle is required to reduce speed, or stop, to avoid interfering in any way with pedestrian travel.
  - The operator of a vehicle is required to reduce speed, or stop, to avoid colliding with a pedestrian.
  - Both D and E above.
- True or False: A pedestrian who does not cross at a marked or unmarked crosswalk must yield to traffic on the roadway.
- True or False: Bikes and pedestrians cannot suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety if vehicles on the roadway would have difficulty yielding to the bike or pedestrian.
- A person riding a bicycle on the sidewalk where such riding is allowed, must:
  - Yield to pedestrians.
  - Yield to vehicles on the roadway if they move to enter the roadway.
  - Signal audibly those they pass going the same direction.
  - Both A and B above.
  - All of the above.
- State law states that a vehicle operator must stop \_\_\_\_\_ feet from any blind person carrying a white cane or walking stick while crossing a roadway.
  - 10 feet
  - 20 feet
  - 30 feet
  - It depends on the size of the roadway.
  - State Law does not define a particular distance.

### Good Driver Behavior Starts with Courtesy:

- Stop and let people cross the street.**
- Drive within the speed limit.**
- Watch for other road users, and use caution when passing bicycles.**

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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: Robbery

| Date | Time     | Location              | Details  |
|------|----------|-----------------------|--|
| 7/1  | 11:16 pm | 500 Blk W Dayton      | Victim was walking home with bag of takeout food. Suspect came up from behind, grabbed victim by the shoulder, and started to reach around victim with a knife in hand. When the victim saw the knife, he swung the bag trying to strike the suspect. Victim was cut across the upper arm, then went to get treatment for a minor cut, police were contacted. Vague suspect description. |
| 7/13 | 10:35 pm | 400 Blk Rogers        | Female victim walking with another when she was held up at knife point. Victim gave suspect money; no injuries. Suspect: M/W, late teens to early 20s, 6'1", thin build, goatee and thin moustache, dark clothing, dark cap.   |
| 7/20 | 2:00 am  | 300 Blk W Gorham      | Intoxicated victim contacted by two individuals, struck on the head and punched. Victim fell and wallet was taken. Suspects: M/W, 20s, blonde hair, jeans, gray hooded jacket; M/B, 20s, jeans, blue shirt.  |
| 7/21 | 12:00 am | 500 Blk State St      | Victim reports he was punched by a male, fell to the ground, woke up to cash missing from his wallet. Suspect: M/B, 5'10", 175.  |
| 7/27 | 2:00 am  | University at Bassett | Victim found by citizens after 6 to 10 suspects ran from him. Victim recalls being hit several times by suspects, falling, and being kicked. Wallet and cell phone missing. Only description is M/B and F/B.   |
| 7/31 | 11:50 am | 1100 Blk Spring St    | Suspect entered bank threatened that he had a bomb, demanded cash, fled. Witness followed suspect who was arrested and charged with Robbery and Parole Hold.   |

### Person Crimes: Sexual Assault

| Date | Location             | Details   |
|------|----------------------|---|
| 7/10 | 1100 Blk Williamson  | Victim reports that suspect forced entry into her apartment and grabbed her in the buttocks. Victim told suspect to leave; initially he refused but eventually left, at which time victim noticed her wallet and other personal effects missing. Suspect: M/B, 40s, 5'9", thin build, no glasses, clean shaven, short hair with a tint of gray. |
| 7/12 | Unknown              | Victim showed up at Meriter Hospital wearing just t-shirt. Cannot recall details of incident; missing wallet, cell phone, and rest of her clothes.  |
| 7/13 | 400 Blk W Gilman     | Victim reported being assaulted by acquaintance. Suspect identified.  |
| 7/15 | 400 Blk N Frances    | Victim in line to get a drink was slapped on the buttocks. Boyfriend then batters suspect. Suspect charged with 4th Degree Sexual Assault.  |
| 7/21 | 300 Blk W Washington | Victim reported she was sexually assaulted by acquaintance. Suspect identified.   |

### Person Crimes: Disturbances, Others

| Date        | Time                 | Location                      | Details   |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 7/19        | 2:40 am              | 400 Blk State St              | Witness reported seeing suspect with no shirt, shoes, bleeding from the face, and holding a handgun. Suspect located with BB gun that looked like a Beretta. Suspect charged with 5 counts of DC while armed.   |
| 7/29 & 7/30 | 1:50 pm & 12:00 noon | 10 Blk E Main & 10 Blk W Main | On 7/29, report of suspicious backpack duct taped to a tree and on fire. Device rendered safe. On 7/30, witness waiting to meet with detective reported suspect on W. Main. Suspect, who has box cutter in hand, contacted by officer and detective. Suspect charged with Bomb Threat and DC While Armed. |

## CRIME OVERVIEW CONTINUED

### Person Crimes: Batteries

| Date | Time     | Location              | Details   |
|------|----------|-----------------------|---|
| 7/4  | 5:37 am  | 20 blk E Gorham       | Victim with numerous facial injuries filed a battery complaint from Meriter Hospital. Victim and suspect were having a conversation at a friend's residence when suspect starting hitting her. Suspect charged with DC and Battery.   |
| 7/12 | 2:00 pm  | 1100 Blk E Washington | Victim went to meet suspect on E. Washington Ave. Once in vehicle, suspect battered victim by striking her in facial area, grabbed her by the throat, and wouldn't let her exit the vehicle. Victim was eventually able to flee, and suspect took vehicle. Suspect charged with Domestic Reckless Endangering and Strangulation.  |
| 7/13 | 11:20 pm | 800 Blk Jenifer       | Large disturbance between victim and suspect witness by victims female acquaintance. Victim battered several times and numerous property items destroyed. Suspect charged with Criminal Damage to Property, two counts Battery, and DC.   |
| 7/15 | 4:00 am  | 700 Blk State St      | Intoxicated victim mouthed off to two unknown suspects while walking through Library Mall; one suspect punched him, knocked him down, and punched him again. Suspects both M/W, 5'10", 150.   |
| 7/16 | 7:00 pm  | 400 Blk State         | Victim states he was struck by two suspects who had stabbed him in incident three weeks ago. Suspects: M/B, 25 to 30, 5'9", 4-inch dreadlocks, heavy build; M/B 28, heavy build, light skinned.   |
| 7/16 | 10:20 pm | 300 Blk W Dayton      | Domestic between victim, who resides at the apartment, and NPA boyfriend. Suspect took victim's phone, detained her, battered several times about the face, and strangled. Suspect charged with Substantial Battery, Strangulation, and Criminal Damage to Property.  |
| 7/19 | 3:00 am  | 600 Blk Mendota Ct    | Intoxicated victim approached by two females who state they know him. He continued walking with them, and at one point one woman pushed him into the other, who forced him to the ground, and kicked him in the face. Suspects: F/B, 22-23, 5'6", 140, dark complexion, skinny build, dreadlocks; F/B, 22-23, 5'10", 160, long hair in dreadlocks with blonde highlights. |
| 7/21 | 5:30 pm  | 400 Blk W Gilman      | Officers called reference a battery in progress. Suspect had forced his way in and battered resident. Suspect charged with Battery and Possession of Cocaine.   |
| 7/22 | 1:30 am  | 1400 Blk Williamson   | Husband argued with wife, hit her, strangled her. Suspect very intoxicated. Suspect charged with Battery, Strangulation, and False Imprisonment.  |
| 7/22 | 1:45 am  | 400 Blk State St      | Suspect struck victim for no reason, victim's friend intercedes and is struck several times. Suspect charged with Battery and DC.   |

### Pedestrian Safety Quiz Cont.

8. At a pedestrian crossing, what does it mean when the "Don't Walk" sign is illuminated?
  - A) A pedestrian can only walk on the "don't walk" sign if no cars are present.
  - B) A pedestrian can walk only when the sign changes to "walk"
  - C) Nothing because there is nothing defined in Wisconsin State Statutes.
9. True or False: It is legal for a vehicle to go around and pass another vehicle that has stopped to yield to a pedestrian if there are multiple lanes of traffic.
10. True or False. Unmarked crosswalks are defined by state statute.

**Check the answer key on page 4.**

## CRIME OVERVIEW

### Property Crimes: Burglaries

| Date | Location               | Type            | Entry            | Targeted/Stolen  |
|------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| 6/30 | 600 Blk E Washington   | Non-Residential | Rear window      | Mercedes Benz  |
| 6/30 | 1000 Blk E Gorham      | Residential     | Screen cut       | Purse  |
| 6/30 | 1900 Blk Winnebago     | Non-Residential | Key used         | Six computers with flat screen monitors                                  |
| 7/1  | 1500 Blk Williamson    | Non-Residential | Window smashed   | Cash   |
| 7/5  | 400 Blk W Doty         | Residential     | Unknown          | Stereo equipment, computer.  |
| 7/8  | 20 Blk N Baldwin       | Residential     | Roommate         | Laptop, camera, cordless phone hand-sets, checks. Roommate is suspect.   |
| 7/8  | 1000 Blk E Johnson     | Residential     | Unknown          | Laptop, Sony Playstation games, CDs.                                     |
| 7/10 | 1600 Blk Fordem        | Residential     | Unknown          | Laptop.  |
| 7/13 | 200 Blk Langdon        | Residential     | Unknown          | Unknown; suspect witnessed entering apartments through window; arrested. |
| 7/14 | 500 Blk W Washington   | Non-Residential | Forced back door | Cash, laptop.  |
| 7/14 | 10 Blk W Dayton        | Non-Residential | Unknown          | Wallet and wedding ring.   |
| 7/16 | 200 Blk Langdon        | Residential     | Unknown          | X-Box, cable box, cologne, Ipod, coat.                                   |
| 7/19 | 400 blk W Mifflin      | Residential     | Unlocked door    | Ipod, laptop, cell phone, Macbook.                                       |
| 7/19 | 1400 Blk Regent St     | Non-Residential | Unknown          | Cash taken from hotel room   |
| 7/20 | 300 Blk Wilson St      | Residential     | Unlocked door    | Laptops, purse, camera.  |
| 7/21 | 1500 Blk E Dayton      | Non-residential | Work site        | Iron tubing  |
| 7/22 | 400 Blk W Gorham       | Residential     | Unlocked doors   | Furniture items; suspect arrested.                                       |
| 7/22 | 1100 Blk E Dayton      | Residential     | Window pane      | Electronic games, stereo equipment                                       |
| 7/23 | 1400 Blk Williamson St | Residential     | Screens cut      | Cash, Ipod, Macbook  |
| 7/26 | 300 Blk N Brooks       | Residential     | Unknown          | Cash, prescription medications.  |
| 7/26 | 600 Blk N Henry        | Residential     | Unlocked door    | Gateway and Macbook laptops  |
| 7/26 | 600 Blk E Johnson      | Residential     | Unlocked door    | Back, computer, checkbook  |

## Quiz Answers

- F, Vehicles must yield to pedestrians, bikes and mobility devices.
- D, Vehicles entering the roadway must yield to other vehicles already in the roadway and pedestrians on the sidewalk.
- F, Vehicles must not interfere with a crossing pedestrian, and needless to say not collide with them.
- True
- True
- E, Bikes must yield to pedestrians on sidewalks, cars when entering the roadway and audibly signal passing moves.
- A, 10 feet.
- B, You may only start on the walk signal.
- False, Passing a vehicle stopped for a pedestrian, is not only unlawful, it is very dangerous.
- True, See WI § 340.01

Coming Soon: Look for your opportunity to participate in downtown pedestrian safety activities.

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