

EAST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Introduction

This newsletter is distributed by e-mail to district personnel, area alders, neighborhood groups and other interested citizens. The purpose of this newsletter is to share information about police incidents, community events and general police operations and will focus mostly on events taking place in the East Police District. The mailing list of recipients has been developed from a variety of sources and I again encourage everyone to send me addresses of anyone else that you may hear of that is interested in receiving the newsletters.

EAST POLICE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The East Police District is one of five geographical areas served by the Madison Police Department. The East District coverage area extends from Lien Road (south of East Towne Mall) on the north to the McFarland Village limits on the south. The west boundary is Lake Monona including the Division St and Olbrich Park area all the way east to the City limits east of Sprecher Road.

Greetings,

Do you ever see a convergence of police in your neighborhood and wonder what happened? Please feel free to call or email me with the time, date and location. I will be happy to let you know why police were in the area. My email is jklubertanz@cityofmadison.com.

If you have any general questions about policing or our policies that you would like to see answered in the newsletter for everyone, please email them to me.

Captain Jill Klubertanz

BURGLARIES, THEFTS REPORTS (Reported in April)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Tarragon Dr., 4/2, 2am, heard someone trying door knob. No one seen.
- N. Thompson Dr., 4/7, 12:30 pm, Resident went in garage and found man inside. Man fled. Garage door had been left open by resident. Suspect described as black male, 20-25, 6' tall.
- Buckingham La, 4/10, resident heard unlocked door open and close. Short time later discovered dog missing.
- Manassas Tr., 4/13, basement window broken out. No entry.
- James St, 4/13, window broken out, storage lockers in basement entered.
- Tormey La., 4/14, door kicked in.
- Parkwood La, 4/21, unlocked door

NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Cottage Grove Rd, 4/2, tire and rim taken off car in underground parking.
- Jupiter Dr., 4/3, bike taken from underground parking
- Junkyard Bar, Seiferth Rd, 4/4
- Kings Mill Ct, 4/9, bike stolen from garage
- Main Appliance, 4/14 and 4/16, front windows broken out.
- Absolutely Art, Atwood Av, 4/18, attempted. Nothing missing

- Sentry Foods, 4/17, cigarettes taken.
- Turner Hall, S. Stoughton, 4/27, door pried
- Salon Centinela, Blazing Star, door pried.
- Good Times Bar, 4/29
- Chiang Jiang, Commercial Av, 4/30

THEFTS

- LaFollette High School, 4/1, theft from locked car parked in lot.
- WalMart, 4/3, female shopper had purse in cart under coat. Later discovered purse was missing. No suspects seen.
- Milwaukee St, 4/5, theft from auto, window broken out.
- Pinewood, 4/5, theft from auto, window broken out.
- N. Marquette Av, 4/9, Theft from auto, window broken out.
- St. Albans Way, 4/10, Theft from auto.
- Alliance Trailer Services, 121 S. Stoughton Rd., 4/15, Employee saw suspects driving away with stolen aluminum. Suspects were arrested.
- Woodman's, 4/14, Female realized someone had taken wallet out of her cart while she was shopping.
- Jackson St., 4/15, theft from auto, unlocked car
- Atlas Ave, 4/16, Catalytic converters cut off of several trucks.
- Richard St, 4/17-20, theft from auto, unlocked car
- Kings Mill Wy, 4/21, theft from auto, window broken out
- Merryturn, 4/22, unlocked car in open garage.
- Ludington Av, 4/27, car left unattended for a few moments while owner loading items into it. Two items taken.
- Knightsbridge Rd, 4/28, theft from auto
- N. Thompson, 4/30, theft from auto, unlocked car

GRAFFITI

- Blazing Star Dr., 4/3, building spray painted
- Atlas Ave, 4/6, Building spray painted.
- S.Stoughton Rd, 4/8, building spray painted
- Pflaum Rd, 4/8, fence spray painted
- Turner Av, 4/8, garage door of house spray painted
- S. Stoughton Rd., 4/14, building spray painted
- Pflaum Rd, 4/14, building spray painted
- Pflaum Rd, 4/14, fence spray painted
- Pflaum Rd, 4/16 & 17, garage doors spray painted
- Tompkins Dr., 4/16, pavement spray painted
- Pflaum, 4/17, building spray painted
- Davidson St, 4/17, fence spray painted
- E. Washington Ave, building spray painted. Nearby resident heard activity, but did not call police.
- Joshua Cir, 4/22, garage door spray painted
- Pflaum, 4/23, building spray painted
- Waubesa St, 4/24, building spray painted
- Piccadilly St, 4/24, fence spray painted
- E. Washington, 4/27, building spray painted
- Atwood Av, 4/30, building spray painted

TWO JUVENILES ARRESTED FOR GRAFFITI

On 4/4, shortly after 8 pm, a citizen reported three boys in the park in the 200 blk of Oak St. spray painting the playground equipment. The boys left before police arrived. Officers found fresh paint spelling swear words in the park. Based on the clothing description given by the citizen, the officer located the 3 boys a short distance away. Two of them admitted to the painting. They were ages 12 and 13. Both were charged but were referred to Peer Court. This is an alternative court where the boys will have a hearing before a jury of teenagers who will decide what the boys punishment will be. If the boys completed their "sentence", usually community service, the arrests will be voided.

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

On 4/12, female patron was leaving the Jade Monkey Bar on Cottage Grove Rd. when a man in the parking lot grabbed her purse and ran. Suspect described as white male, late 20's, dark hair.

ARMED ROBBERY

On 4/14, a couple was loading groceries in the car at Cub Foods at about 11 pm. Three teenage black males approached them and one displayed a knife. They took a small amount of money and credit cards before fleeing from the area.

ARMED ROBBER ARRESTED

On the evening of 4/19, a female victim was loading groceries into her vehicle when she was approached by a male who told her a tire was flat on her vehicle. When she went to look, he pulled out a knife, held it to her head and demanded her purse, which she turned over. Suspect then fled in a vehicle. As officers were taking the report, another called reported a reckless driver in the area of Spannem Ave. where items were being thrown out of the vehicle. The caller was able to provide a plate and vehicle information. Officers later contacted David Blank and arrested him for the robbery.

ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY

On 4/27 at approx. 9:30 pm, a female was unloading groceries from her car parked in the lot of Woodman's when she is approached by 2 males demanding money. One of them displayed a handgun. When she responds that she doesn't have any, the suspects take off from the area. Suspect #1: black male, mid to late 20's 5'11"/165 ,Black hooded sweatshirt with the hood pulled up Suspect #2: white male, mid to late 20's wearing a RED T-shirt.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

On 4/21, at 11:10 pm, a resident on Judd St. saw 2 white males get out of a silver Chevy Malibu 4dr. The males began checking car doors of cars parked in the area. Car and suspects left the area.

MAN BEATEN IN ROBBERY

On 4/28 at 11:30 pm, in the 900 block of Vernon, the victim had just parked his car in lot and was walking to his building. He was approached by three black males (all in their 20's). One suspect (600/slender build, bald wearing a DARK BROWN hoodie with LIGHT BROWN sleeves and BLUE sweatpants) began to hit the victim in the head several times. He continued to strike the victim after he fell to the ground. The other 2 males watched as the victim was beaten. Cell phone was stolen.

PIZZA DRIVER THWARTS ARMED ROBBERY

On 4/29, a pizza driver was sent to deliver a pizza on Violet La. When he pulled into the driveway of a dark house, he saw a man approaching him from behind. The man had a gun and demanded his money. The pizza driver threw the car in reverse, striking and knocking the suspect down. This man and another man with him, fled on foot. They were both described as white males.

ARMED ROBBERY

On 4/30, shortly after 1 am, two suspects entered Howard Johnson's. One suspect pointed handgun at clerk demanding money. Both fled on foot. Suspect #1 described as: white male, 5'8"-5'10", blue hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans. Suspect #2 described as: black male, 5'8", blue hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

Occurred on April 3 at Warehouse Liquor, 2929 E. Washington. Female victim had recently cashed a check and was approached by a man who asked for change. When she reached into her pocket and pulled out the envelope containing the cash, the suspect grabbed it from her and fled. Described as a black male, 50, 506-507/120-145, dark skin w/afro style hair (BLK with GRY, messy like it was starting to form dreadlocks), wearing BLK pants, White shoes, RED/WHI jacket w/"WISCONSIN" on the back hood, GRY ear buds in his ears.

OFFICERS INJURED DURING ARREST

On April 1, officers responded to Woodman's for a man who had tried to write a check on a closed account. The man had fled Woodman's and was at the Woodman's gas station. The man began yelling that he was going to kill himself. He then repeatedly threw himself against a window and stuck his head against a cement wall. When officers attempted to contact the man, he began to fight the officers. He punched one officer in the face and threw a second officer to the ground. During this struggle he was yelling "Just shoot me". Several more officers responded and were able to handcuff the man. They also had to use leg restraints on him. He later admitted to being on heroin. Three officers were injured in the fight.

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

On 4/1, at 11:30 pm a resident returned home to his address on Camden and observed two white males in the back lot area. The suspects walked up behind him and one grabbed the bag he was carrying which contained his fanny pack (wallet, checkbook, and several cards contained inside).

PURSE STOLEN

On 4/8, shortly after noon, an 80 yr old woman reported her purse stolen from her cart in the Woodman's lot. While she was putting her groceries in the car, a grey vehicle pulled up and then suddenly sped away. She did not see any one take her purse.

MOUNTED PATROL MOVES FORWARD

I decided to include some information about our Mounted Patrol, since I have the responsibility for supervising and expanding the Unit.

Many years ago, our Department had an informal Mounted Patrol. This unit stemmed from a primarily "grass roots" effort of several officers who owned horses and recognized the value a mounted patrol unit could have for the City. These first officers bore all of the expenses of the horses and equipment. Unfortunately, the horses were not utilized by the Department at the time, and the unit faded away.

A few years ago, a sergeant, now retired, took a look at bringing the mounted unit back. When he retired, the mission was turned over to me. The Department had come to recognize the value of using horses for many different functions. The horses' performance at Halloween on State St. was the primary example of a mounted patrol's ability to effectively interact with crowds in a less confrontational manner.

We started last year with 3 riders (2 officers and me). Last year was a learning year for our horses and us. We attended training designed to teach us and our horses how to "do the job". It included everything from how to contact and control suspects from horseback to teaching our horses to tolerate the urban environment of traffic, unusual noises, blowing flags and awnings and the dreaded sewer grates. The two officers did most of the events and assignments last year as I learned that running a District and a Mounted Patrol Unit left little time for riding.

Like the previous mounted officers, we all had to own our own horses, trucks, trailers, saddles, etc. We all boarded our horses at a cost of about \$200 a month, plus paid for hoof trimming, routine veterinarian services and fuel to trailer the horses into the City. The tack and equipment for the horses runs about \$2000 per horse. This year, the Dept was able to begin to help officers by paying for some of the expenses related to the horses during the months they are used. The Department was able to lease a horse which allowed us to train another officer to help fill in. We were also able to purchase a horse trailer and Smart Motors generously donated a lease on a truck for us to pull the trailer.

Recognizing the potential cost of a Mounted Patrol program and the City's limited budget, supporters of the Mounted Patrol Unit decided to start a non-profit group to fundraise in support of the Unit. At a recent Council meeting, Alders supported a resolution allowing the Police Department to accept donations from this group and the private sector. These donated funds will allow the program to move forward by helping to cover the cost of horses and their care, equipment and training.

This year, the two primary mounted officers will be working half time as mounted officers and half time as community policing team officers for the East and Central Districts. The 3rd officer is normally assigned to patrol and is pulled when needed for mounted patrol.

This past weekend, our Unit made its second appearance at the Mifflin Street block party. Our team included our three officers and myself, as well as an officer from UW Police and an officer from Capitol Police. There are several advantages to having horses working events that involve crowds. Officers on horseback can see over the heads of the crowd and identify emerging problems sooner than officers on foot. Mounted officers can move a crowd more effectively than officers on foot. It is estimated that it would take 10 officers on foot to move the same crowd that a mounted officer can move. In addition, it tends to be less confrontational when mounted officers move a crowd because people typically want to move away from a large horse. Horses are very useful in protecting officers making an arrest in a crowd and helping escort the arrested person through the crowd. Horses are also a real crowd pleaser and fortunately are very tolerant of intoxicated people. This past weekend the horses posed with dozens of the block party attendees for impromptu photos.

For the remainder of the year, the mounted officers will work almost every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night in the downtown area in the evenings including bar time. While working this assignment last year, the mounted officers' activities included breaking up fights outside of bars, moving bar crowds along after bar time and locating intoxicated people passed out along the sidewalk. The officers will also work special events like Rhythm and Booms, Elver Park 4th of July, Maxwell St. Days and of course, Halloween on State St.

That's all for now. Be careful. Be safe.

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