

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,

This month is highlighted by two excellent arrests made possible by the actions of some very alert citizens.

CITIZENS HELP SOLVE SEVERAL BANK ROBBERIES

- On 11/21, an older couple who live near the Great Wisconsin Credit Union on Cottage Grove Rd, saw a strange vehicle park on their street. They saw a male get out and walk in the direction of the bank while a female remained in the car. Thinking this was suspicious behavior, one of them decided to walk by and get the license plate. A short time later, the male was seen running to the car and leaving. The couple saw squads responding to the bank and passed along their observations.

This information led to the arrest of both individuals. They have been implicated in approx. 9 bank robberies in Madison and the surrounding area. Great job by these observant citizens who paid attention to activities in their neighborhood and took that extra step of getting a license plate number.

NEIGHBORS HELP CATCH A SERIAL BURGLAR

- On 11/30 at 3:30 pm, a resident saw a strange car pull up in front of his neighbor's house. He called his neighbor at work to let them know about the car. The owner of the house called police and passed along the information about the car. Police located the suspect and the car a short distance away. Stolen items were found in the car and at the suspect's house. He is believed to be responsible for at least 9 residential burglaries including houses on Dempsey, Topaz, Piccadilly, Violet, Daffodil, Sudbury, Coach House and St. Albans. He would typically ring the doorbell in the afternoon hours to see if anyone was home. If someone answered, he asked for direction or for a person. If they did not answer, he broke into the house. He is 17 years old and drove a pinkish colored neon.
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BURGLARIES, THEFTS, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY REPORTS (Reported since November 3)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- 400 Elmside Bl, 10/29, Returned from vacation and found a jewelry box and jewelry missing. No signs of forced entry.
- 5000 Piccadilly Dr. 11/6, A neighbor reported she observed a M/B, 5'8", 170 lbs enter a residence through a rear window and exit with a small black item. The resident was taking a shower at the time.

- 300 Parkwood La , 11/20. Stonewood Village Apartments, someone attempted to gain entry by prying door.
- 1200 Mac Arthur Rd., 11/28, found pry by door. No entry made.

NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- 1212 N. Stoughton Rd., Aramark, 10/30, Misc items taken.
- The Meadows Apartments, 11/1, The Model Apartment was broken into.
- Dempsey Rd. Ecumenical Housing Corp. 11/9, offices broken into damage to doors, locks, etc. Woodman's parking lot video picked up a W/M with a back pack riding a bike towards the target building at 4:06am and leaving at 4:40am.
- 4815 Cottage Grove Rd. Meadow Grove Apartments 11/20, The office of the apartments had been entered.
- 4222 Milwaukee St. American Family , 11/20, The rear door was pried open and checks were taken.
- 12 Dempsey Rd., 11/22, door pried open and the deadbolts punched out.
- 621 Atlas Av., Hostess, 11/28, Officers responded to alarm and found the front door had been smashed with a rock.
- Lori's Flowers, 523 Cottage Grove Rd, 11/28, overnight, Broke out and entered through a window

THEFTS

- Stolen Auto, Glacier Hill Dr., 11/2, 1989 Honda, Civic/CRX, red, 2dr, stolen from the street in front of residence.
- 800 N. Thompson Dr., 11/4, Stereo was stolen from vehicle parked in the lot of the apartment complex.
- 100 S. Stoughton Rd., 11/6, Truck's door handles broken off, the passenger's side window and driver's side window had holes punched into them. Items inside taken.
- Stolen Auto, 800 N. Thompson Dr. 11/9, 1999 Dodge, Ram, Van, Black stolen from the parking lot of Prentice Apartments.
- Stolen Trailer 2233 S. Stoughton Rd. A 1960 US postal semi-trailer was stolen from the AA mini-warehouses.
- 2202 S. Stoughton Rd. Farm & Fleet, Tools taken from truck while parked in the lot of Farm & Fleet.
- 3600 Atwood, 11/14, Tools stolen out of construction trucks.
- 6600 Broad Creek Bl., 11/17, 12:30p, Resident came home for lunch and parked unlocked car in garage with garage door open. 20 minutes later discovered car door standing open and purse gone. Credit card had been used
- Stolen Auto, Jana La. , 11/17, 1997 Honda, Accord was stolen from behind house. Recovered at Meadows Apts.
- 3200 Burke Av. , 11/29, The victim heard a vehicle with a loud muffler and saw the suspect a M/W , 20's, 5'10" and 170lbs taking tools from his company's van.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

- Good Times Bar, 11/1, 2:30a-5a, Three front windows of business had large holes in them from possibly a rock.
- Goben Cars, 1415 Pflaum, 11/1, Car window broken out.
- 2600 S. Stoughton Rd, 11/1, Car window broken out. Stereo taken.
- 4600 Hamlet, 11/6, Graffiti on car. Lock damaged, stereo taken.
- 3100 Saint Paul Av., 11/3, Owner heard car alarm go off which may have scared the suspect off. The driver's window had been broken out.
- 4700 Jade La, 11/4, Caller reported two suspects were by a neighbor's vehicle. The caller went outside and the 2 black males fled. The vehicle's front driver's side window was shattered.
- 900 Rockefeller La. 11/9, Vehicle damaged in lot of apartment complex. Had scratches on the driver's door and a dent.
- 2300 Center, 11/9, Car window broken out. A low riding white 4 door vehicle was seen leaving the area.

LAFOLLETTE HIGH SCHOOL

- On 11/2, the LaFollette Officer was just arriving at the school when he observed a fight between 2 males across the street from the school. The younger male appeared to be trying to get away from the older male as the fight moved into a backyard. The officer ordered the two to stop fighting. The younger male stopped, but the older male straddled him and began punching him in the face. The officer again ordered the male to stop fighting but he ignored the officer and continued punching the younger male. The officer deployed his taser, causing the older male to stop punching the victim. A school security officer assisted with handcuffing the individuals until more police officers could arrive. It was learned that the older male, age 20, thought the younger male, age 15, was coming onto his girlfriend, age 17. The boyfriend came to the school looking for the 15 yr old to fight him. When he saw him, the 20 yr old attacked the 15 yr old.
- While the school officer was dealing with the two males, 4 females arrived. One of them, the girlfriend of the suspect, began to push past the officer to contact her boyfriend. She ignored the school staff and the officers orders to stay back and was arrested for obstructing the police. The other 3 females were also cited for this charge when they refused to leave the property. All of the females and the victim were LaFollette students. The 20 yr old boyfriend was arrested for Physical Abuse of a Child.
- On 11/03 several vehicles were broken into in the parking lot of Lafollette High School. There was video footage of the parking lot which shows three suspects in the area at the time of the thefts. On 11/15, the suspects were spotted in the parking lot again. The 3 males were caught in the act of breaking out a window of a car and taking a stereo. The males, ages 17 & 18 are all East High students. All together they broke into 6 cars causing \$1700 in damage and taking \$2000 worth of items.
- On 11/6, LaFollette staff saw an ex-LaFollette student in the school and believed him to have warrants. The ERO determined he had a burglary and felony theft warrant. The suspect had already left the school and was spotted near by but took off running and was lost in the neighborhood. Approx. 1/2 hour after losing the suspect, he came out of hiding and ran again. Officers pursued and took him into custody. The 16 yr old suspect was AWOL for about 2 weeks from a group home in Janesville.
- On 11/07, the victim confronted 3 male students after one of them spit on his car. One of the 3 males punched the victim in the face. One of the males, age 16 was arrested for battery. The other 2, ages 17, were cited for Disorderly Conduct.

GRAFFITI

- Three males, ages 16 & 17, were arrested after a citizen reported they were spray painting graffiti on a train trestle near Olbrich Gardens and the bike path. The boys reported they were bored because they got out of school early due to final exams.
- 2200 S Thompson, 11/11, a 10 yr old boy was charged after residents saw him spray painting graffiti on a fence.
- 4500 Hamlet Ci, 11/14, 6pm, Resident heard people on other side of wood fence. After making profane comments, 4 males fled into Hiestand park. Fresh graffiti was found on fence. "San" "Skin" and "Sun"
- 4222 Milwaukee St., 11/28, customer's truck had been spray painted. The letters AEB were used four times.

SHOT FIRED AT GOOD TIMES BAR

- Saturday morning, 12/2, 2 am, A male urinated against wall inside bar. When asked to leave, he went outside and a companion fired one round in parking lot. The two men left with several others in a car. As they drove down Hwy 51, both men fired several shots into the air. Monona police spotted the car and stopped it. Both men were arrested and a handgun was recovered. One of the men is 17 yrs old.

ARMED ROBBERY

- Batteries Plus, 3721 E. Washington, 11/30, 8 pm, W/m suspect entered store and demanded money indicating he had a gun. The suspect punched the clerk. Suspect fled with money. Susp: W/m, 20, 6', 220, wearing black, puffy jacket and black snowpants.

DRUGS FOUND IN STREET

- On 11/03, a hubcap with two baggies of suspect cocaine were found in the middle of the street at Atwood and Hudson. Apparently the 136 grams of cocaine were hidden in someone's hubcap and it fell of the car.

ARRESTS FOR THEFTS FROM AUTO

- On 11/23 at about 10 pm, officers were in the area of the Dutchmill Park & Ride due to many recent break ins to cars. While in the area, they heard a car alarm go off and saw 3 suspects run from the lot and leave in a vehicle. One of the officers stopped the vehicle. The driver fled but both passengers were detained. Stolen items were found in the car.

Arrested: Larry M. Rolack, 18 and a 16 yr old male.

JUVENILE ARRESTED FOR BATTERY ON BUS

- A 14 yr old male was arrested after he attacked a 15 yr old male on the bus, punching him in the face. The 14 yr old said he punched the other boy because 1 month ago, the other boy had threatened to hit him with his skateboard.

DOMESTIC ARRESTS

I thought you would find it interesting to see how many domestic situations we handle during a typical month. Below are summaries of most of the domestic incidents that happened in November.

To fall under the domestic law, the people involved must have lived together, be married or have a child in common. All of the situations below fit this criteria. As you can see adult brothers and sisters would fall under this law because they lived together in the past.

The law indicates that if there is probable cause that a domestic abuse has occurred and that abuse constitutes a crime and the victim is either injured or the officer believes that the abuse will continue; an arrest must be made.

Here are the November domestic cases just in the East District:

- A 24 yr old male battered girlfriend after she told him to leave her apt because he had been out all night. The male broke the female's wrist and punched her in the head numerous times. The female did not report this incident until the next day when the male threatened to come back and batter her again. The male was arrested 5 days later when he was located at his residence in Sun Prairie.
- A 25 yr old male pushed his girlfriend during argument. Also put a hammer through a closet door. Male was arrested for Disorderly Conduct.
- A 31 yr old boyfriend had been drinking and refused to leave his 38 yr old girlfriends home. Police ordered him to leave and he complied.
- A 25 yr old male argued with his girlfriend. He pulled her by the hair and threatened to injure her if she reported the incident. Charges are pending.
- Two adult male residents of a group home for person with mental health issues were involved in an altercation where one punched the other. Because they live together, the incident fell under the domestic abuse law and an arrest was required. The District Atty dropped charges after reviewing the incident and allowed the man's case worker to address the incident.
- A 34 yr old female was arrested after she punched her male roommate and kicked the door in damaging it.
- A 19 yr old female and her boyfriend became intoxicated. After the male fell asleep the female struck him with something. She began punching him. As he tried to flee, he fell down and the female began kicking him. The female vaguely remembered attacking her boyfriend because she was angry. She was arrested.
- A 46 yr old male was arrested after he bruised his girlfriend's arm, threatened her and punched two holes in the apartment walls.
- A 23 yr old female was arrested after she had an argument with the father of her children. She then scratched the hood of his vehicle.
- A 42 yr old male was intoxicated and threatened to beat his wife. The man was arrested.

- A 49 yr old male was arrested after making threatening telephone calls to his ex-wife.
- A 45 yr old male was arrested after he showed up at girlfriend's house intoxicated and punched her.
- A 25 yr old male was arrested after breaking our his girlfriend's window while trying to get into house.
- A 40 yr old male was arrested after he grabbed his wife by the shirt collar choking her during an argument.
- A 42 yr old female was arrested after she became intoxicated and punched her male domestic partner in the face. The woman fought with officers and had to have leg restraints put on to prevent her from kicking the officers.
- A 26 yr old male was arrested after he kicked at his girlfriend and knocked over a glass table.
- A 44 yr old male was arrested after he argued with his female domestic partner and struck her in the face knocking her to the ground.
- A 23 yr old female was arrested after she argued with her male domestic partner and struck him in to the back of his head.
- A 49 yr old female was arrested after she kicked her boyfriend and broke a lamp by throwing it him.
- A 25 yr old male was arrested after he kept banging on the door and yelling at his girlfriend.
- A 39 yr old male was arrested after he covered his wife's mouth and nose. He threatened to "kill" her and held a knife to her stomach.
- A 24 yr old male was arrested after he argued with his girlfriend about her smoking the rest of his marijuana, refused to leave and tried to keep her from calling police.
- A 34 yr old male was arrested after two 911 calls were received and he was heard yelling at the victim.
- A 26 yr old male was arrested after he threatened his wife as she was trying to move out.
- A 21 yr old female was arrested after she threw a ceramic object at her adult sister and pulled her hair during a fight.
- A 24 yr old boyfriend agreed to leave after an argument with no violence. No arrests.
- A boyfriend/girlfriend contacted after having a loud argument with no violence. No arrests.
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- Two adult siblings, 21 and 19 got into argument over a remote control.
- Female called police when she found bedroom door locked and believed her boyfriend had another woman in bed.
- Intoxicated boyfriend got in argument with girlfriend and refused to leave. No arrests.
- Boyfriend and girlfriend got into argument about one of them smoking marijuana. No arrests.
- 42 yr old husband charged when he returned to house and damaged wife's belongings because he had been arrested on a domestic charge the day before.
- Separated husband and wife got into argument. No arrests.
- 22 yr old boyfriend and girlfriend argued briefly. Friend called after hearing female crying on phone. No arrests.
- Husband and wife argued. No arrests.
- Wife separated from husband did not want him to come over. She called police when he showed up. No arrests.
- A 25 yr old intoxicated ex-boyfriend was arrested after he refused to leave ex-girlfriend's house.
- Husband and wife had argument. No arrests.
- Boyfriend and girlfriend argued. No arrests.
- A 22 yr old male was arrested when he tried to kick down door after girlfriend changed lock to keep him out.
- Two adults with a child in common argued after drinking about the male losing his job. No arrests.
- Husband and wife had been arguing for several days. No arrests.
- Intoxicated ex-boyfriend stopped by and was refusing to leave. Left upon request of police.

WHEN A VICTIM MAKES UP A STORY.....

In the past month, 2 serious incidents were reported in the East District, which were later found to be made up by the victims.

- In one incident a 12 yr old boy reported that he had been walking home after school when a man in a truck

grabbed him and forced him into the truck. The boy said that the man put a towel that smelled like alcohol over his face and the next thing he remembered was waking up in a basement. The boy stated he was struck by the man causing a bloody nose. The boy stated he was able to run from the basement and found himself in the State St area where he took a bus and returned home. The officer observed that the boy's jacket was ripped. A detective later interviewed the child and found that he left out some significant parts of the incident. The detective explained to the child the seriousness of the allegation he was making. The detective asked if perhaps the child had gotten into a fight causing the damage to his jacket and he made up the story because he was afraid he would get into trouble. The boy then admitted that he went to the East Transfer Point, knowing he was not suppose to go there and became involved in a fight with some kids resulting in the tear to his jacket.

- In the other incident, a 21 yr old male victim reported that he had recently become involved with a 25 yr old male. The victim stated that he was dying of cancer. He stated that he had recently come into a sum of money as the result of an insurance settlement. He also stated that he had re-written his will to leave his assets to this new boyfriend. The victim stated that he went over to the boyfriend's house and stayed there for a couple of days. He stated that over time the boyfriend became abusive and would not allow him to leave the house or make any calls. He stated that the boyfriend threatened with a gun. After another day, the boyfriend demanded that he go to his bank and withdraw all his money and give it to him. The boyfriend drove the victim to his bank. While the victim was inside the bank, he told the employees he was in danger and they let him leave through a back door. He then contacted police. When detectives talked to the victim, he was shaking and crying. He appeared very distraught and stated he had never had a gun pointed at him before. A victim advocate from the District Attorney's office was called and responded to re-assure and assist the victim. For nearly 6 hours, this victim continued to tell his story and display signs of being very distraught. Eventually, the detectives confronted the victim about some of the information he had given. The victim's mother had been contacted and confirmed that he did not have cancer, had not come into any money and that he had called her during the time he stated he was being held by the suspect. When the detectives shared this information with the victim, he admitted that he had made the whole story up.

In both of these incidents, the detectives initially approached the incidents believing them to be real. But, the detectives were able to detect that something was not right based on their experience of interviewing victims and investigating similar reports. In both cases, the detectives only discovered the reports were false after confronting the victims with discrepancies in their stories or facts that showed they had not told the truth. Had the detectives not confronted the victims, at least one wrongfully accused man would be sitting in jail facing serious charges. In amongst all of the real victims and real crimes, there are these few where the detective must take that very difficult step of confronting the victim in the interest of justice. It is not an action that the detectives take lightly. Our detectives are very dedicated to victims and are often emotionally impacted by the crimes they investigate. But in the end, they must find that balance between victims' and the accused rights to ensure that the truth is found.

WINTER MEANS ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING HAS GONE INTO EFFECT

Alternate Side Parking Rules Are In Effect From November 15th through March 15th.

Alternate side parking rules:

- You must park on the even house numbered side of the street between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on even numbered days.
- You must park on the odd house numbered side of the street between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on odd numbered days.

When Are The Rules In Effect?

- Alternate side parking rules are in effect from November 15th through March 15th.
- The rules are in effect throughout most of Madison seven days a week **REGARDLESS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS.**

* Exceptions:

There are two exceptions to these rules.

- The first is streets where parking is only allowed on one side. If you live on a street that has parking on only one side of the street, 24 hours a day, then the alternate side parking restrictions do not apply to the blocks with restricted parking. This exemption only applies to streets with 24 hour no parking restrictions.
- The other exception is the Downtown-Isthmus Snow Emergency Zone. In this area the alternate side parking rules are in effect only when a snow emergency has been declared.

HELP PREVENT CRIME THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Everyone is busy shopping and running about getting ready for the holidays. It is easy to forget those simple crime prevention rules.

- Don't leave your purchases in the car where a thief can see them. Put them in the trunk or other concealed area.
- Don't leave your car running to dash into a store for one minute.
- Look around the parking lot for anyone loitering or following you when walking to and from your car.
- Have your car keys ready before you leave the store.
- Keep an eye on your purse while shopping. Never leave turn your back with your purse in the cart.

That's all for now. Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

Be careful. Be safe.

Captain Jill Klubertanz
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Madison Police