

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,

A few of you inquired about the December newsletter. Due to having some time off in December and a busy January, I did not put out a newsletter for December. I have included the significant events from December in this newsletter.

January is a busy time for us administratively. Every year, sergeants, detectives and officers have an opportunity to select their assignments for the year. These officers then change to their new assignments in the middle of January. Here in the East District, many of our personnel stayed the same, but we did have some changes. The changes were as follows: 1 out of our 5 sergeants changed; 2 out of our 8 detectives changed and 14 of our 35 officers changed. One thing that has NOT changed is the high quality of service you can expect from our staff.

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.

Captain Jill Klubertanz

BURGLARIES, THEFTS, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY REPORTS (Reported since January 1)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Oak St, 1/5, Game box and CD's taken. No signs of forced entry.
- Ohio Av., 1/9. Screen door pushed in. Scrape marks by the door handle. Entry was not made.
- Monona Dr., 1/12, Electronics, money and alcohol were stolen.
- Belmont Rd, 1/15, Patio door smashed. Items taken.
- Lindbergh St, 1/18, Burglar entered through unlocked doors while residents asleep in house. Took computer.
- Rosemary Ave, 1/19, Entered through unlocked window. Jewelry taken.
- Clover La., 1/21, Tools stolen from his garage. No signs of forced entry.
- Sommers Av., 1/26, Entry made through damaged front door. Unknown if anything stolen

NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- 3010 Atwood Av. Rose Cottage, 1/2, Attempted break-in. Pried pieces of wood were found near the front door.
- 4929 Commercial Av., 1/5, Chang Jiang Restaurant, money taken and shelves gone through.
- 71 S. Stoughton Rd Dave's Auto, 1/6, Officers in the area saw a man break into business. Suspect arrested inside.
- 209 Cottage Grove Rd, Dorn Hardware, 1/7 overnight, Glass front door broken. No entry made.
- 4200 Sycamore Av. Stearns Packaging, 1/10, Desk drawers were gone through and a cash box was taken.
- 4692 Cottage Grove Rd. Subway, 1/14, Cash drawer stolen. It also appears the suspect made a sandwich.
- Open Wood Wy., 1/16, Construction trailer broken into and numerous construction tools were stolen.
- 902 Atlas Av, DB's Service Center, 1/13, Auto parts and bags of aluminum cans taken.
- 13 Atlas Ct. Dream Lanes, 1/19, Attempted entry through roof. Unsuccessful.
- 2609 E. Washington Av. Union House Tavern, 1/22, Several rolls of quarters had been taken.
- 2138 Atwood Av. Peg's Consignment/Capitol Cleaners, 1/24, Cash taken.
- 29 Marsh Ct. Westphal Electrical Contractors, 1/25, Computers stolen.
- 6400 Maywick, 1/30, building under construction entered. Tools taken.

THEFTS

- Daniels St., 1/2, 500 feet of welding tube stolen from a new construction site.
- Daniels St, 1/2. Utility trailer was stolen.
- Entry Into Locked Vehicles, Kings Mill Wy, 1/2, Eight vehicles parked in underground parking garage had windows broken and misc. items stolen.
- Stolen Vehicle ,Oak Valley Dr. 1/5, Vehicle stolen from driveway. Keys left on the driver's seat and doors unlocked. The vehicle was recovered in a gravel pit by the sheriff deputy. The vehicle was burned out and might have been in a crash.
- Theft From Auto, Glacier Hill Dr., 1/5, Several items, including shot gun, taken from unlocked vehicle.
- 1600 N. Thompson Dr., 1/6, Vehicle window broken out. Items taken.
- Stolen trailer, 2801 E. Washington Av. Blockbuster Video, 1/6, A 4' x 6' dark green trailer with gray bed stolen from the lot.
- 4325 Lien Rd. Damon's Restaurant ,1/8, Four empty beer barrels stolen from outside the rear door of the business.
- Theft from auto, Apollo Wy, 1/23-25. Car window broken out. Items taken.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

- Damaged car, Kings Mill Ci. Vehicle had the driver's side window shattered while parked in underground parking garage.
- Damaged window, Carols Laundry, 3700 Milwaukee, 1/8, 11pm, Passerby heard glass breaking and saw 3 juveniles running from laundry.
- Damaged car, Woodman's, 1/15, Vehicle scratched all the way around car.
- Damaged window, Oak Valley Dr., 1/28, Four BB holes in two front windows of his residence.

LAFOLLETTE HIGH SCHOOL

- On 1/11, the school security contacted a 17 yr old who was wandering the hallways. The male refused to identify himself. The school officer was able to identify him as a LaFollette student. He was arrested on warrants for retail theft, burglary, theft, battery and intimidation of a victim.
- On 1/12, school staff found a bag with 3 smaller baggies of marijuana in the girls bathroom. Drugs packaged in this manner are typically for selling rather than personal use.
- On 1/17, staff broke up a fight between 2 male students. The fight was over rumors that one had stolen from the other. Both were charged with Disorderly Conduct.
- On 1/24, a 14 yr old male student was arrested on a warrant after he failed to appear on a previous charge.
- On 1/31, two student were engaged in a fight outside of the school. Apparently a 17 yr old male student

had approached and started to punch a 15 yr old male student. The fight broke up when staff approached. The 17 yr old will be charged for battering the younger student.

SENNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHITEHORSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- On 1/19, school staff was informed by other students that a 13 yr old male student had marijuana in the school. The staff contacted the 13 yr old and found marijuana in his pants pocket. He stated he had bought it from a high school age male and was going to give it to some other students.

GRAFFITI

- 2310 Advance Rd. Avcore Countertops, 1/11, Cargo truck was spray painted
- 3206 Lakeland, 1/8, Graffiti found on City well.
- 1109 Pflaum Rd. 1/27, Graffiti on two buildings.
- 100 Dempsey, 1/31, Graffiti on water utility pumping station.

SCAMS STILL COMMON

- On 1/5, a customer was approached near an East side restaurant by a man who said his daughter was in an accident and he needed money to get to St. Mary's Hospital. The man was driving a maroon van. The description fits a man who frequently uses this story. He is a white, male, approx. 50, 5'11", 200, with mustache and scruffy appearance.

ARMED ROBBERY

- On 1/23, at 7am, a man robbed the Road Ranger at 4102 Commercial Av. The man displayed a handgun and fled with money. Described as a white male, 25-26, 5'8", 150 lbs, brown hair, scruffy light brown beard wearing tan waist length Carhart style jacket with hood.

BURGLARY SUSPECTS ARRESTED

- On 1/2, around midnight, officers responded to a burglary at the Get It Now store at 2809 E. Washington. The suspects had entered through the roof. The 2 males suspects were located near by and taken into custody.

ROBBERY

- On 1/18 at 1pm a 75 yr old woman was walking to her car in the Woodman's lot. A black male approached her and grabbed her purse and ran. Her purse, minus its contents, was found several days later in a dumpster on the West side.

SIGNIFICANT DECEMBER INCIDENTS

VIOLENT SEXUAL ASSAULT

- On 12/5, a woman was sexually assaulted after a man entered her apartment through an unlocked patio door. The suspect is described as a black male, 25-30 years old, 5'11", 180.
- The resident of a nearby apartment reported hearing a noise the night before on her patio. When she checked her patio door she found it had been opened a few inches until it hit the stick in the track.

BANK ROBBERY

- On 12/11 at 10:45 am, a man robbed the Amcore Bank at 3003 E. Washington. Suspect is described as a black male, 5'6", wearing a tan zip up coat and stocking cap.

DRUG ARREST

- On 12/13, our Community Policing Team was working with the Dane County Drug Task Force when they stopped a car believed to be involved in drug trafficking. An 18 yr old passenger of the car was arrested after officers found 19 small packages of marijuana on his person.

PURSE THIEF ARRESTED

- On 12/14, at 1:20 pm, a woman was shopping at Woodmans when she walked about 10' away from her cart. She saw a man reaching in her cart and yelled at him. As she approached the man, he took her purse out from under his coat and handed it back to her. He then ran. The woman called out for help and 2 male customers grabbed the thief and held him for police. The 33 yr old white male was arrested.

MAN ARRESTED AFTER FOLLOWING CHILD

- On 12/14, a 13 yr old boy was riding a city bus when a 28 yr old black male began talking to him. The man got at the East Transfer Point and onto the same bus the boy got on. When the boy got off at his stop on Fair Oaks, the man also got off the bus at the last minute. The boy ran and hid behind a house and saw the man looking for him. He then told the man to leave him alone and ran to his house. When the man was arrested a short time later, he stated he followed the boy because he thought he was lost.

ARREST AFTER A FIGHT

- On 12/14, a 13 yr old girl was beat by several persons while standing outside the Walgreens in the 3700 blk of E. Washington Ave. The fight may have been retaliation for a previous fight. A 19 yr old male was arrested for Physical Abuse to a Child. His companion, a 14 yr old girl was arrested for Possession of a Switchblade and Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

MAN ARRESTED AFTER SHOOTING GUN

- On 12/16 at 1:15 am, officers responded Wirth Ct. for reports of several gun shots being heard. Officers were able to determine that the suspect fired a gun at his sister's abusive ex-boyfriend. The suspect was later arrested. The incident continues to be under investigation.

7TH TIME DRUNK DRIVER ARRESTED

- On 12/16, shortly after 9pm, Off. Dan Murphy was running radar on Hwy 51. He stopped a driver who was going 70 mph. The 42 yr old male was arrested for his 7th drunk driving offense. He tested .21.

CHANGE IN POLICE RESPONSE TO ALARMS GOES INTO EFFECT

Many of you have likely seen media reports about a change in the way the Madison Police Department responds to intrusion alarms. As background, most intrusion alarms are comprised of sensors that can detect when a door is opened, when a window is broken, or when movement happens in an area. When an alarm is activated, an alert appears in a monitoring center - usually in another state - run by the alarm company. The alarm company then calls the local authorities who respond to the alarm. These mechanically activated alarms are different from "panic" or "hold-up" alarms, which are manually activated by a person. The alarm companies charge their customers for the alarm's installation and a monthly monitoring fee.

MPD officers respond to thousands of mechanically activated alarms every year. Unfortunately, the vast majority (probably more than 98%) are false; meaning that no crime is occurring and that something else (a faulty alarm, wind/weather, human error, etc) has caused the alarm to activate. This creates a huge drain on our limited police

resources while benefiting the alarm companies (who essentially make money by selling a police response).

Many cities across the country have confronted this issue using a variety of strategies. One approach is known as verified response. This means that alarm companies must respond to their own alarm activations. If they verify that a problem such as a burglary exists, then police will respond.

A version of this verified response model was implemented by the Madison Police Department as of January 1, 2007. Highlights of the plan are:

- As of January 1, 2007, MPD no longer responds to mechanically activated commercial alarms unless verification has been received that a problem may exist. There is no expectation that a citizen will be asked to enter a potential crime scene. Any observation that leads a reasonable person to believe that a crime may be in progress or may have already taken place will suffice. Police will be dispatched following this verification. Video and audio monitoring that can be reproduced and turned over to police, that verifies a point of entry, actual intruder, or other serious incident will be recognized as a verification for the purposes of this ordinance.
- Madison Police officers will continue to respond to residential burglary alarms as they always have. Residential alarms account for approximately 12% of all false alarms in the City of Madison. Our response to these calls will remain as they were prior to adoption of the verified response model.
- Madison Police officers will also continue to respond to manually activated alarms (such as bank "hold up" alarms and "panic" alarms) as they currently do.
- Madison Police will implement a "broadcast and file" protocol. This means that when a mechanically activated commercial burglar alarm is received by the 911 Center, the information will be broadcast to officers working in the vicinity of the address where the alarm occurred. This is information for district officers, with no expectation that an officer will respond. Officers may elect to respond if they are available or they have knowledge of a burglary problem in the area.

It is anticipated that the Verified Response model will greatly reduce the time officers spend responding to false alarms, freeing them up to respond to other calls.

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

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