

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 jkclubertanz@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 March)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Oakridge Av, 3/1, between 1:30 am and 7 am. Entered through unlocked door while residents slept. Took purse and other items.
- N. Thompson, 3/3, Attempted. Damage where suspect tried to get in underground parking area.
- Blossom La, 3/4, Construction tools taken from remodeling job.
- Acewood Blvd, 3/7, during day, door pried.
- Pflaum Rd, 3/16, door kicked in.
- Open Wood Way, 3/17, unlocked garage door.
- Milwaukee St, 3/19, window broken.
- Acewood Blvd, 3/27, door kicked in.
- Acewood Blvd, 3/28, 8pm, resident was home when door was kicked in. Saw white male, 6'2, large build with glasses in house. Suspect fled. Nothing taken.
- Ring St, 3/28, 5 am, Resident heard someone pull on door. Saw tall man outside. Man ran and left in a white van.
- Turner Ave, 3/29, door damaged.
- Elinor St, 3/30, resident was home when door was kicked in by white male, 6'2", with glasses. The resident punched the suspect and threw him against wall. Suspect was able to flee and left in a gold Chrysler.

NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Waubesa St, 3/13, construction site
- Hauk St, 3/17, construction site
- Dutchmill Sports Pub, 3/24, window broken
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3/25, window broken
- National Interlock Service, 3/28
- Hallman Lindsey Paints, 3/30

THEFTS

- Starker Av, Theft from Auto, 3/1, 1 am, Resident came home and 5 minutes after entering house, looked out and saw dome light on and someone in his truck. Suspect: male, 6', skinny, had broken window out. Suspect fled from area.
- Woodglen Trl, Theft from auto, 3/1, between 12 am and 10 am
- Twilight Trl, 3/1, Attempted theft from auto, between 2 am and 6 am
- Rustic Woods Dr, Theft from auto, 3/1,
- Brynwood Dr, theft from auto, broken window
- Painted Post Dr., 3/3, Theft from auto, vehicle unlocked
- N. Thompson Rd, 3/3, theft from unlocked car
- Milwaukee St, 3/4 overnight, theft from auto, broken window
- Milwaukee St, 3/4 overnight, theft from auto, broken window
- Mendota St, 3/4 overnight, theft from auto, broken window
- N. Thompson Dr, 3/4 overnight, theft from auto, broken window
- Milwaukee St., 3/4 overnight, theft from auto, broken window
- N. Fair Oaks Ave., 3/4 overnight, theft from auto, broken window
- Camden Rd, 3/4 overnight, theft from auto, broken window
- Camden Rd, 3/5, theft from unlocked car
- Milwaukee St, Theft from Auto, 3/11, windows broken out. Karmenta lot.
- Atwood Av, 3/15, theft from auto, broken window
- Acewood Blvd, 3/15, theft from auto, window broken
- Woodvale, 3/15, theft from auto, window broken
- Coach House Dr, 3/22, theft from auto, door pried
- Coach House, 3/27, theft from auto

GRAFFITI

- Milwaukee St, side of house spray painted.
- Linden Ave, 3/1, side of church spray painted.
- Park Ct, 3/17, graffiti on park shelter restroom
- S. Stoughton Rd, 3/18, graffiti on walls of stores
- Seiferth Rd, 3/18, graffiti on building
- Cottage Ct, 3/24, graffiti on building
- Davidson St, 3/30, graffiti on building
- On 3/22, shortly after 3 am, a citizen reported two males spray painting graffiti on the wall of the American Legion at 105 Dempsey Rd. One of the males was located and arrested. He was identified as Patrick Cronin, age 20, of Vondron Rd.
- On 3/26, an officer saw 2 boys, ages 13 & 14, loitering near a building in the afternoon. She contacted them and smelled paint. She located the cap of a spray paint can on one of them. She determined that they had just begun to spray paint the building when she first saw them. They were released to parents.

LAFOLLETTE HIGH SCHOOL

Two girls, ages 15 and 16, were arrested after battering an 18 yr old female student. The two girls and the victim belong to rival gangs. The two girls were making hand gestures disrespecting the other girl's gang. The 18 yr old victim tried to ignore them, but the two girls punched the victim knocking her to the ground. They continued to kick and punch her until staff was able to break up the fight. One of the girls had a padlock in her hand while punching the victim. Padlocks are a common weapon used by girls during fights.

Two girls, ages 15 & 16, got into an argument that led to spitting in each other's faces and eventually a fist fight. Both were cited for Disorderly Conduct. One of the girls, had transferred from another school where she was expelled for fighting. She could only be suspended for one day for this fight because she has been suspended the maximum number of days she can be for this semester. The other girl was suspended for 3 days.

Officers responded to a fight in the parking lot involving at least 5 males. A teacher had seen approx. 25 students move into the lot as if expecting a fight and the fight then broke out. After a few moments the fight broke up. Officers stopped a vehicle that had left the school with at least one of the combatants. In the course of that traffic stop, an 18 yr old LaFollette student was found in possession of several individually packaged baggies of marijuana. He was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. Four other male students were charged with disorderly conduct.

WEAPON ON ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP

On 3/2, officers stopped a car which had heavily tinted windows. The vehicle did not immediately stop which sometimes can indicate the occupants are trying to conceal something prior to police contact. The officers contacted the driver and found he did not have a driver's license. The passenger appeared to be very nervous. When officers patted him down for weapons, they located several .22 rounds in his pocket. A search of the car turned up a .22 handgun under the passenger seat inside a sock. The passenger was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

PURSUIT OF STOLEN VEHICLE

On 3/13, shortly after 3 pm, officers responded to a report of a man following his car that had been stolen earlier in the day. Officers spotted the car on Hwy 51 near Hwy 30. The officers began to pursue the vehicle as it turned onto Nakoosa, Commercial Av and Pulley Dr. The vehicle then entered Sycamore Park on the bike path. The park was extremely muddy and slippery and the the suspects lost control of the vehicle. In the process of avoiding the out of control vehicle, one of the officers lost control of his squad and struck a tree. The driver and passenger jumped out of the vehicle and fled on foot. Officers chased both and captured the 17 yr old driver a short distance away. Officers were checking Wayridge Dr., the area where they lost the passenger, when they observed muddy footprints leading into a residence. The door appeared to have been kicked in. The suspect was located hiding in a closet. He had already changed clothes and located a key to the resident's vehicle. The resident and her vehicle were not home at the time. The stolen auto and one squad sustained damage. One officer was injured in the incident.

POLICE PURSUIT

On 3/15 at approx. 9:45 am, an officer saw a suspect driving by him near Darbo Dr. The man was a suspect in two attempted child enticement from the night before. When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, the man refused to stop. The vehicle was pursued to the dead end of N. Oak St. where the suspect drove around an apartment building on the lawn and returned to the street. Another officer was approaching the driveway, when the suspect rammed the officer's squad with his car. The suspect then drove along the bike path paralleling Packers Ave, to Aberg. Once on Aberg, near Shopko, the suspect left the roadway and got onto the bike path. He then turned around and rammed a second squad car. The suspect then got onto Packers and was traveling against traffic headed toward the downtown. At Commercial Av., the suspect crossed into the inbound lanes and continued to Marten, near Tenney Park. He attempted to turn onto Marsten and lost control running up into a yard. The suspect, 58 yr old, Richard Kudish of Sun Prairie was arrested. The two officers sustained back and neck injuries and were off from work for several days.

CAR STOLEN IN BURGLARY

During a burglary to a house on Crestview Dr., the suspects took a vehicle from the garage. It is unknown when

the burglary occurred as the residents were gone for an extended period of time. Officers saw the stolen car operating on E. Washington Ave. on 3/24. The female driver and male passenger were arrested after giving the same story given by nearly every suspect arrested for driving a stolen car. They got the car from someone who they only know by a first name and they don't know how to contact the person or why they gave them the car.

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

On 3/31 at 1 pm at Woodman's, an 87 yr old woman was loading groceries in her car when a man ran up and stole her purse out of her cart.

MEN ARRESTED BREAKING INTO CARS

On 3/27 at approx. 2 am, a citizen reported 2 men breaking into a car on N. Thompson Dr. The citizen got the license plate of the car the suspects left in. Officers spotted the suspects' car and stopped them. Inside they located the stolen stereo and a crowbar. The suspects both reported having no memory of their actions prior to being stopped by the police. Both were arrested: Luis Arayujo Valencia, age 23 of Milwaukee St. and Juan Hernandez Romero, age 24 of Deer Valley Rd.

CITIZEN HELPS CLEAR HIT AND RUN AND LEADS TO ARREST OF TWO DRUNK DRIVERS

On 3/1, at approx. 9 pm, officers were contacted by witnesses to a hit and run involving a parked car on Dean Ave. The witnesses saw a car hit the parked car and leave the scene. They followed the car to an address on E. Buckeye. Officers made contact with the residents of that address. The 24 yr old female admitted to the accident. She appeared very intoxicated. She was arrested for her second drunk driving charge and tested .36, more than 4 times the legal limit. Officers also contacted the woman's boyfriend who had been following her home in a second car. He was also arrested for drunk driving. It was his third offense and he tested .16. The arrested persons were Lindsey Jackson and Brian Masbruch.

SUCCESS STORIES GO UNTOLD

Police shootings are always big stories. Recent officer involved shootings involving persons with mental health problems have raised many concerns. But what about the near shootings. You seldom hear about the success stories, where officers risk their lives and are able to resolve a potentially deadly situation without using deadly force. Here is a recent one that occurred in the East District.

On March 5, at 9:51 pm, officers were sent to an East side address and given the following information: The caller was awakened by an upstairs neighbor cussing. They then heard 4 gunshots. The callers left their residence. Less than a minute later, another shot was heard. Officers were given a name and a description of the neighbor.

The caller stated that they believed their neighbor was delusional as the result of a terminal illness and the medications he was taking. The caller said that earlier in the afternoon, they had heard one gunshot. Their neighbor then came to their door carrying a handgun. He told the caller that he had shot at an intruder in his apartment and thought the intruder might still be there. The caller went to the neighbor's apartment and checked it, but did not find anyone. They did not contact the police until later in the evening when several shots rang out.

As the officers arrived, they began to move to positions around the house that would allow them to watch the house while keeping themselves behind cover and safe from any additional gunfire. While watching the house, officers could see the man walking around in his apartment carrying something in his hand. After setting up around the house, the dispatcher tried to call the man on the phone. They were unable to make contact with him. For the next half hour, officers would continue to call out to the man and watch him move around in his apartment.

At 10:30 pm, the man appeared to walk to his front door. After a moment, the downstairs door suddenly flew open. A man came out flailing his arms and acting extremely agitated. He was holding a loaded handgun. Below is an excerpt from one of the officer's reports.

"Eventually, that suspect did come out to the front door and open it. At that time, I could not see his hands, however he did open the door a slight amount and yelled that we should come inside. Officers did not move towards the residence at that time. PO _____ continued to give verbal directives, and this suspect did again come back out to the front door. At that time, he was directed to come out of the house, and immediately upon him walking out on to the front step, I could see that he had a silver handgun in his left hand. He was holding it in a manner that would have immediately allowed him to utilize that weapon. I could see that it was a silver semiautomatic handgun, and the suspect began to walk off of the steps, towards our location. I was in the street, using a large tree as cover. Other officers were next to the residence and some were fully exposed. I did take the safety off of my patrol rifle as I was aiming it at this suspect. Immediately upon my initially seeing the gun in his hand, I yelled, "Gun!" as did other officers. Officers began to give loud verbal directives for this suspect to drop the gun, and he almost immediately did."

The man was taken into custody. Nine bullet holes were located in the apartment. Another handgun and over 100 rounds of ammunition were located.

These officers made a life or death decision in seconds. Although they had information that the man may be delusional, that only made him more dangerous. He may not have the capacity to understand that he was shooting at the police. He may have seen them as deadly enemies. No matter what his state of mind or is intentions, his bullets are just as deadly to the police and the public. In less than a matter of seconds, he appeared, raised his gun toward officers, was ordered to drop the gun and complied. In those same seconds, several officers made contact with the triggers of their guns, trying to predict if the man would shoot them. Trying to know when would be that last second before he shot, that they would have to shoot to stop him.

And in the end, he dropped the gun. He was taken to a local hospital for evaluation and eventually hospitalized. And the officers returned to their cars and to their work. And in their minds, they would replay the event, knowing how close they came to being forced to take a life.

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

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