

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 October)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Mayfair Ave., Oct. 1, door damaged
- Dawes St. Oct. 1, unlocked door
- Acewood Blvd., Oct. 5, window broken in garage door, door to house unlocked
- Hegg Ave., Oct. 6, unlocked garage
- Davidson St., Oct. 6, unlocked garage
- Flora La., Oct. 12, window broken
- Emmet St., Oct. 15, unlocked door
- Academy Dr., Oct. 15, garage door kicked in
- Center Ave., Oct. 18, unlocked garage door
- Willard Ave., Oct. 18, pried garage door
- N. Thompson Dr., Oct 19, unlocked window
- Hargrove, Oct. 22, unlocked garage door
- Drexel Ave., Oct 22, open garage door
- Sussex La., Oct. 22, unlocked car in unlocked garage
- Sussex La., Oct. 22, unlocked car in unlocked garage
- Rosemary Ave., Oct. 24, door broken

- Splint Rd., Oct. 24, unknown entry
- Wayridge Dr., Oct. 24, 10:30 am, resident found 2 males in her garage. They fled, no description. Items taken out of unlocked car.
- Topaz, Oct 31, unlocked door

As you can see, there have been a rash of residential burglaries this past month. Most of these occurred during the afternoon hours. In 12 of 19 cases, entry was made through unlocked doors.

NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Lake City Motors, 3091 Dempsey, 10/4
- American Mini Warehouses, 3936 Commercial Ave., 10/8
- Broadway Tire, 3375 E. Washington Ave., 10/9
- Bunky's Cafe, 2827 Atwood, 10/10
- Guildworks, 2322 Atwood, 10/10, door handle broken off, no entry.
- Office Shop Furniture, 43 S. Stoughton, 10/11
- Mini-warehouses, 2233 S. Stoughton Rd., 10/17
- Crema Cafe, 4124 Monona Dr., 10/19
- Thai Garden, 4126 Monona Dr., 10/19
- Lake Edge Church, 4032 Monona Dr., 10/20
- Chang Jiang, 4929 Commercial, 10/21
- KNY Clothing, 3002 Atwood Ave., 10/24
- Commercial Air Inc., 2401 Advance Rd., 10/25
- Homestead Builders/Apex Printer/Quality Signs/Madison Drum And Bugle Corps, 4606 Pflaum Rd., 10/25
- Madtown Twister, 808 Walsh Rd., 10/25
- Potter Form Co, 2309 Advance Rd., 10/25
- Little Caesars, 2833 E. Washington, 10/25
- JJ Fish and Chicken, 2835 E Washington, 10/25
- US Fish and Wildlife, 4511 Helgesen Dr., 10/27
- Littel Printing, 4535 Helgesen, 10/27
- Clausen Automotive, 2118 S Stoughton Rd., 10/27
- Genesis, 2617 E. Washington Ave., 10/28
- Millworks, 515 Atlas, 10/28
- Soderberg Optical, 205 S. Stoughton Rd., 10/28
- Dairy Connection, 501 Tasman St., 10/28
- Curran Realty, 410 Atlas, 10/28
- Junkyard Bar, 2513 Seiferth Rd., 10/30

THEFTS

- N. Thompson Dr. 10/2, window broken out of car
- Honeypie Dr., 10/6, window broken out of car
- Metro Terrace, 10/8, window broken out of car
- Willard Av., 10/11, unlocked car
- Cub Foods, 10/13, purse from an unlocked vehicle
- N. Fair Oaks, 10/14, afternoon, owner of car saw teenage white male going through her unlocked car. Small amt of change taken. Suspect not located.
- Daniels St., 10/16, tires stolen off cars parked in lot
- S. Stoughton Rd., 10/17, tires stolen off car parked behind business
- N. Marquette, 10/18, unlocked car
- Center Ave., 10/18, unlocked car

- Silver Rd., 10/22, unlocked cars
- Gemini Dr., 10/31, unlocked storage bin

JUVENILES ARRESTED BREAKING INTO CARS

On Oct. 8, a citizen reported seeing juveniles break into 2 cars on Maywick. The caller continued to watch the vehicle and directed responding officers to its location. Two males and a female (ages 15 &16) were taken into custody. They admitted to breaking into these vehicles as well as a few others. All were arrested.

RASH OF THEFTS FROM UNLOCKED CARS

On Oct. 23, at 8:45 am, a citizen reported juveniles trying door handles of cars parked on Camden. Officers attempted to contact 5 juvenile males but they fled on foot. The juveniles were chased down and taken into custody. All were charged with truancy and obstructing police. They were ages 15-17.

There have been numerous reports of thefts from unlocked vehicles. Checking car door handles has become a common activity for teenagers while walking through neighborhoods. They are typically interested in loose change, but have taken other small items. These kids are difficult to catch. It is not a violation to pull on a car's door handle and if they only take change, it is difficult to track the money back to a specific car.

PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLES. PLEASE CALL POLICE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU SEE KIDS PULLING ON DOOR HANDLES OF PARKED CARS. REPORT DESCRIPTIONS OF THE KIDS AND THE DIRECTION THEY ARE TRAVELING.

SUSPECTS BREAKING INTO CARS CHASED AWAY

On 10/11, at 9:30 am, a citizen saw a car stop on Daniels St. The citizen saw a Hispanic male, about 16 yrs old get out of the car with a tire iron. The male broke out the window of a parked car and went inside the car. The citizen ran out, and the male jumped into the car and fled. The car was a green, 4 door Oldsmobile with no front plate. As the car drove away, the citizen could see that the rear plate started with "721". If you have any information on this vehicle, please contact the East District or Crime Stopper.

STOLEN AUTO - EASY TARGET

On Oct. 7, an East side resident reported their car stolen. The car had been parked on the street, was unlocked and had a set of keys in the cup holder in the center console. Several hours later, the car was recovered on the West side of Madison, occupied by four males, ages 14 and 15. PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLES AND DO NOT LEAVE KEYS IN THE VEHICLE. This particular crime was preventable.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

On 10/10, a 15 yr old girl was walking in the 5200 blk of Camden when she was approached by an Asian male, about 30 yrs old, with a heavy Asian accent, driving a red or maroon 90's Chevy pick up truck with a wide, silver stripe on the tailgate. The male asked the teenager where she was going. She pointed to a nearby house and then went that house to seek assistance. The male drove past the residence, parked for a few moments and then left the area.

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Helgeson Dr. , 10/17, Spray painted truck.

LAFOLLETTE HIGH SCHOOL

CAUTION: I have listed summaries of a number of disturbing incidents which have occurred at LaFollette High School during October. I do this so you might better understand the challenges faced by school staff and officers. It is IMPORTANT that you remember that these incidents involve a handful of students out of several hundred

students attending LaFollette. These incidents typically involve students who know each other or have had ongoing problems with each other. Recently, a neighbor's fence was damaged by students waiting for their bus. A small group of LaFollette students responded to this property and repaired the fence as a gesture of goodwill. These students are the ones who represent the larger student body at LaFollette.

A fight broke out between 3 girls after words were exchanged. One of the girls (age 14) struck another girl (15) and pushed a second girl (15) causing her to fall and strike her head. The 14 yr old was arrested for 2 counts of battery.

Four male students (ages 15 & 16) were contacted on Allis Av. after a resident reported seeing them loitering in the area. All were issued citations for truancy. One had 9 small baggies of marijuana. He was charged with possession of THC with intent to deliver.

A 13 yr old male was walking on Monona Dr. when he was approached by 2 males, ages 14 and 15. The males demanded his CD player and when he refused, one of the males displayed a knife. The victim handed over the CD player. The suspects fled. Both suspects (LaFollette students) were arrested several days later.

A 15 yr old female student got tired of a 15 yr old male student making comments to during algebra class. She threatened to "cut" the male student, but he continued with his comments. The girl pulled a paring knife out of her purse and swung at the male. The teacher intervened and the knife was eventually taken away by a second teacher who came on the scene. The girl was arrested.

Two girls, ages 14 and 15, began yelling at each other in the library. A teacher stepped between them. One of the girls slapped the other. When the 2nd girl was trying to return a slap, she accidentally slapped the teacher. Both were arrested.

A male student and 2 female students (ages 14-15) got into a verbal altercation during gym class. One of the girls picked up a PVC pipe used as part of the gym equipment and struck the male. All three were arrested.

At noon, several citizens called in a fight occurring on the tennis courts between several males with several females standing by. Officers responded and detained the juveniles. Most of the juveniles were known to be members of a gang. Based on witness statements, it appeared one male was being beaten by the other males, either as an initiation into the gang or as a punishment for violating a gang rule. Six males were arrested for Disorderly Conduct and one female was arrested for carrying a concealed knife. One of the males was later found to have drugs on his person. They ranged in ages from 14-17.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

On 10/26 at 6:30 pm a 17 yr old female reported a man in a car following her while she walked on Milwaukee St. The man followed her from Milwaukee and Fair Oaks to the area of Woodman's. The man whistled at her and asked her where she was going and if she wanted to make some money. The man was described as a Hispanic male, 20-30 yrs old, driving a late 80's or early 90's gray Volvo with Illinois plates.

DOMESTIC LEADS TO PURSUIT

On Oct. 12, officers responded to a domestic call at Wal-Mart on Nakoosa. Apparently the male suspect had battered a female both in the store and in the parking lot. The male fled in his vehicle. The female was conveyed to a local hospital. Another officer spotted the suspect's vehicle on Northport Dr. and attempted to stop it. The driver refused to stop and a short pursuit took place on Northport. The suspect pulled into the parking lot of his residence. He refused to allow the officers to take him into custody. He remained seated in his vehicle. The officers had information that the suspect may be armed, so they were hesitant to approach the vehicle. Approx. 20 minutes later, a canine officer arrived and the suspect was informed that failure to comply with the officer's directives would result in the canine being used to assist with the arrest. The suspect decided to follow the officer's directives and was taken into custody. A pellet gun that closely resembled a semi-automatic handgun was found in the vehicle. Fifteen officers were involved in this call.

BURGLARY/ ATTACK

On Oct. 13, shortly after 5am, a man kicked in the door to an apt. in the 800 blk of N. Thompson. The man entered a bedroom and attacked the female resident. Three children were also in the house and heard the attack. A neighbor hear the commotion and upon checking it, found the neighbor's door had been kicked in. The neighbor called police. The suspect fled from the residence. He is described as a black male, early 30's, 5'9", heavy build, skin rolls on back of neck and short black hair.

DRUG AND PROSTITUTION PROJECT

Officer from East District and the Dane County Narcotics Task Force did an operation in the N. Marquette area using undercover officers. Eight people were arrested. Charges included trying to buy cocaine, loitering for prostitution, drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. All of the arrested persons were from Madison. Only 1 lived in the area.

MASKED MEN WITH GUNS DRAW ATTENTION

One night, shortly after 10 pm, officers responded to the 700 blk Of N. Thompson after a resident reported seeing a man wearing a mask and carrying a gun. The first officer to arrive saw 5 men carrying handguns. She confronted them and held them at gunpoint until additional officers arrived. The officers determined that the men were armed with airsoft guns. Apparently this is a frequent activity for this group of 18 yr old males, where they wear masks over their faces and try to get into each other's apts to shoot them with the airsoft guns. The men were counseled about the danger of this activity.

ARMED ROBBERY AT SENTRY

On 10/24, the suspect entered Sentry just before closing. He displayed a handgun, took money and fled. He is described as a black male, 6', 200 lbs wearing black pants, black shoes, green hoodie sweatshirt zip-up, black ball cap, black gloves and black scarf.

ARREST IN CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS

In the past several weeks, numerous catalytic converters have been stolen off vehicles by sawing them off. Many of these thefts occurred in the North and East Districts. The converters are sold for some of the unique metals used in them. Recently a suspect was arrested and dozens of converters recovered. Hopefully this will cause this particular crime to cease.

FROM THE CAPTAIN:

Safety Initiative Funds Provided to East District East District recently received funding from the City for safety initiatives for the remainder of this year. I have been in contact with your alders to discuss how to best use this money. At this time, we intend to use this money to have officers work a number of initiatives. Some will be spent for traffic, specifically speeding, enforcement. Some will be spent to put officers out on bikes or on foot to provide a higher degree of visibility in various areas and neighborhoods. Some of the money will be spent to put officers out during hours when specific crimes are occurring, i.e.. burglaries, so they can give extra attention to areas we believe may be targeted by offenders. Some of this money will also be spent to have additional officers at LaFollette High School during the times when problems are likely to occur.

Halloween was a successful and safe night compared to past years. We did not receive any reports of children being harassed or having candy stolen by older kids. It appears pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns survived the night as well.

It is with great sadness that I share this news with you. One of our officers, Michael Brennan, (Community Policing Team) received news last week that his son, Josh, was killed in combat in Afghanistan. Please keep Off. Brennan and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

That's all for now.

Captain Jill Klubertanz
East Police District