

## 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.

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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](mailto: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

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### BURGLARIES, THEFTS REPORTS (Reported in September)

#### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Acewood Blvd, 9/4, screen in porch door cut.
- O'Brien Ct, 9/4, 5 am, resident heard noise, found pry marks on door, no entry.
- Sargent St., 9/4, Unlocked unattached garage.
- Corry St., 9/4, daytime, window screen removed, no entry.
- Milwaukee St, 9/4, daytime, window lock broken, screen open, no entry.
- Schenk St, 9/6, daytime, faulty door lock defeated.
- Meadowlark Dr, 9/7, Garage door forced, nothing taken.
- Anchor Dr, 9/8, daytime, window lock broken, no entry, dogs may have scared suspect away.
- Schenk St, 9/8, evening, open window, screen removed, nothing taken
- Atwood Ave, 9/8, storm window removed, no entry.
- St. Paul Ave, 9/8-12, screen cut, no entry.
- Hargrove St, 9/8-14, window broken, no entry.
- LaFollette Ave, 9/11, Screens removed, nothing taken.
- Waubesa St., 9/11, screen cut, no entry.
- Lindberg St. 9/11, screen removed, no entry.
- Dunning St. 9/11, evening, screens removed, money taken
- Busse St, 9/12, evening, screen cut, no entry
- Schenk St., 9/12-13, screen cut, no entry

- Westwynn Ci, 9/13, door kicked in, nothing taken
- Lansing St., 9/13, evening, porch door screen forced and dog door used to unlock door. Nothing taken
- Richard St., 9/13, evening, screen removed, nothing taken.
- Leon St, 9/13, evening, window forced. Nothing taken.
- Hargrove St., 9/13 overnight. Screen cut to open window. No entry
- Thorpe St., 9/13 overnight, Screen removed, laptop next to window taken. No entry.
- Milwaukee St, 9/13, overnight, window forced and patio screen cut. Nothing taken.
- Hargrove St, 9/14, open window, nothing taken, neighbor saw man fleeing from back of house at 6pm.
- Thorpe St, 9/14, early morning, unlocked door, purse taken
- Richard St., 9/14, daytime, window lock broken. Nothing taken.
- Richard St., 9/1-12, window forced, no entry
- Drexel St, 9/15, evening, window screen removed.
- Waubesa St, 9/1-14, screens removed, jewelry taken.
- Dempsey Rd., 9/13-22, screen cut. No entry.
- Walter St. 9/18, evening, screen cut, no entry.
- Cumberland Ave, 9/19, 8pm, resident's dog barked and she heard someone rattling front door handle. A white male was seen running down street.
- Bergen St, 9/13-20, screens cut. No entry.
- Paus St., 9/18-20, screen cut. No entry.
- Anchor, 9/19-20, screens cut. Door kicked in. Jewelry taken.
- Dixon St., 9/22, screen cut, Money taken.
- Blossom La, 9/26-27, door kicked in.
- N. Oak St., 9/28, overnight, screens removed, no entry

#### NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- 4429 Milwaukee St, Brunner Electronics, 9/4, pry marks, no entry
- 2902 Agriculture Dr., 360 Bit, 9/6
- 3213 E. Washington, CV Pros, 9/30

#### THEFTS

- Woodvale, 9/1, open garage door, bikes taken.
- Center Ave, 9/2, open garage door, bike taken.
- Jupiter Dr, 9/3, wiring taken from walls of new construction.
- Tulane Av, 9/5, locked vehicle entered, unknown method.
- Morningside, 9/5, open garage door, wallet taken from unlocked car inside.
- Wayridge, 9/11, unlocked car
- Mendota St, 9/12-14, windows broken in several company vehicles, tools taken.
- Advance Rd, 9/15, catalytic converter from car.
- S. Stoughton Rd, 9/12-15, windows broken in vehicles, tools taken.
- Jana La, 9/16, theft from auto
- N. Thompson, 9/16, theft from auto, window broken
- Cottage Grove Rd, 9/14, theft from auto, window broken
- Maple Ave, 9/20, unlocked car, purse contents taken.
- Dixon St., 9/20. unlocked car
- Milwaukee St. 9/22, theft from auto
- S. Fair Oaks, 9/20-22, unlocked car
- Collins Ct, 9/20-22, theft from auto, window broken
- Dream La., 9/21, theft from autos, unlocked cars
- Cottage Grove Rd, 9/22, theft from auto, window broken

- 9/27, S. Stoughton Rd, unlocked truck, laptop taken.

## LAFOLLETTE HIGH SCHOOL

On Sept. 12, during the mid-morning, the school received a call from a male juvenile indicating someone had hidden guns behind some trees at the school. The school instituted a lock down to prevent students from leaving during lunch. Several officers and school security personnel searched the school grounds and the adjacent properties. No weapons were located.

Two bomb threats were located written in bathrooms. One was found on 9/11 and one on 9/15. In both cases, it was past the date noted in the threat.

On Sept. 10, a 17 yr old male student and his gang associates surrounded a 16 yr old male student from a rival gang. The 17 yr old suspect was attempting to get the 16 yr old victim to fight with him. When the victim refused, the 17 yr old spit in his face. School officials suspended the 17 yr old for one day. A few days later, another officer saw the 17 yr old in front of the school, again trying to start a fight with rival gang members. The LaFollette School Officer contacted the 17 yr old to issue a Disorderly Conduct citation to him for the previous incident. In the course of the arrest, at school, the officer located a butterfly knife in his pocket. He was charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

On Sept. 22, the LaFollette School Officer, Greg Rossetti, saw two groups of males in front of school looking like they were getting ready to fight. The males belonged to 2 rival gangs. Two of the males, ages 14-15, were cited for Truancy and Unauthorized Presence on School Grounds. Both attended West High. One 15 yr old, who did not attend any school, was cited for Unauthorized Presence on School Grounds, and one LaFollette Student was cited for Disorderly Conduct.

On Sept. 23, Officer Rossetti observed two males attempting to start a confrontation by displaying gang signs to a member of a rival gang. The 19 yr old LaFollette student was cited for Disorderly Conduct and the 27 yr old was cited for Unauthorized Presence on School Grounds. They were trying to start a fight with a 14 yr old student.

A 17 yr old male student was charged with Possession of Marijuana after a baggie of marijuana was found in his pants pocket.

Two students, ages 18 and 16, were charged with theft after they were observed on school video stealing another student's backpack out of a classroom.

## PROPANE TANK RIGGED WITH FUSE

On 9/6, officers responded to a construction site at the dead end of Littlemore Dr. after a neighbor reported kids who had set a small fire and then left in a small car. The "fire" turned out to be a small propane tank that had been rigged with a fuse. The fuse burned out without igniting the tank. The suspects left in a small black 4dr car.

## SUSPICIOUS PERSON

On Sept. 2, at 1pm, a woman was walking on the bike path near Dennett Dr. when a man passed her on a mountain bike. He then stopped and asked if they could have sex. He left when the woman walked away. Man was described as a white male, 18-25, short blonde hair and goatee.

On Sept. 16 at 1pm, a woman was contacted by a man on a mountain bike. He grabbed her shoulder but left when another biker approached. He was described as a white male, late 30's to early 40's, with short blonde hair, metal rimmed glasses.

## SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

Occurred on Sept. 12 at East Transfer Point. Two 16 year old girls were walking to the transfer point when they observed a vehicle on Milwaukee St. make a U-Turn as they crossed near Schenk St. The vehicle parked near

the bus shelter and they were approached by two males. One sat down next to one of the girls and asked if they were 12 or 13 years old. After one of the girls made a disgusted face, both left. Vehicle described as a black or dark blue 4-door Durango or Jeep type vehicle. Suspect 1 is a black male approximately 25 years old with a dog-rag on his head. Suspect 2 is a black male, approximately 30 years old, 5'11"/chubby with big eyes, hair braided with pink beads on the end

#### ARSON INVESTIGATION

On Sept. 14 at 10 pm, officers responded to a report of a park bench on fire in Kennedy Heights Park on Retana Dr. The witness followed the suspects to a nearby residence where officers contacted a 19 yr old suspect. The investigation was turned over to the Fire Dept.

#### FALSE ARMED ROBBERY REPORT WASTES POLICE RESOURCES

On Sept. 14, a shift manager for Burger King reported that at the end of the night, while outside smoking a cigarette, he had been robbed at gun point. He gave a detailed description of the incident which included being forced to open the safe at gun point. A police K9 was called in to attempt to track the robber. When officers became suspicious of the validity of the report, they asked the manager if they could search his car. The manager consented, but indicated he typically kept a large amount of money in his trunk. Even when the amount of money in the trunk exactly matched the amount taken, the manager still claimed the robbery had taken place. After being confronted with additional evidence, the manager finally admitted to stealing the money and making up the robbery.

In all, 9 officers responded, including multiple officers to search the area, a supervisor, K-9 unit and crime scene investigator. Together they spent a total of 11 and one half hours investigating this crime. Had they not determined the report was false, additional detective hours would have been spent to try to identify a suspect.

Besides the waste of time, there is a certain amount of stress involved when an officer determines the need to confront the victim about their truthfulness. On the one hand, we want to treat our victim's in a sensitive, caring manner. On the other hand, we know that some victims make false reports and we feel compelled to find the truth to protect innocent people from being accused of a crime they did not commit. Officers know that there is a potential that a false victim may go to the press and cause readers to believe the police are treating him unfairly and not working to solve his crime. Fortunately, in this case, officers were able to find enough evidence to convince the "victim" to tell the truth.

#### ROBBERY ON BIKE PATH

On 9/15, a 17 yr old male reported he had been robbed 3 days earlier. He stated he was walking home from school on the bike path behind St. Bernard's Church when a man approached him, displayed a box cutter and asked for his backpack. The victim gave him the back pack and fled. The victim later returned and found all of the contents of this back pack along the bike path. Suspect described as a black male, 50-60, dark hair, beard with grey in it, 6', 175, possibly intoxicated at the time.

#### TWO ARRESTED FOR GOING THROUGH CARS

On 9/21, at 5:30 am, a resident looked out his window and saw two males checking cars. He yelled at them, and they fled. He then called police. Based on his description, two suspects were located a few blocks away. One was 19 and one was 17. Both live in an East side group home. One admitted that they were looking for unlocked cars and they had stolen from about a dozen cars that morning prior to police contact.

#### BURGLARIES OCCUR DURING PARTY

On 9/13, in the evening, the resident had friends over to watch a football game in the basement. A guest left her purse on the counter near a back door. The door was unlocked. At the end of the night the purse was missing.

On 9/20, a resident on Birchwood Cir. was having a party. During the afternoon, when the guests were in the garage, someone cut the patio door screen and entered the residence. Several of the guests' purses were taken

from a bedroom where an infant was sleeping. The purses and some of their contents were found a short distance away.

#### **MAN CITED FOR DRINKING IN EASTMORLAND PARK**

Eastmorland Park has recently been posted prohibiting alcohol in the park. On Sept. 8, an officer contacted a man in the park who was passed out, had vomited in the shelter and had a soda can with alcohol in it. The man was cited for having alcohol in the park and taken to Detox.

#### **JUVENILES CITED FOR DRINKING IN PARK**

On Sept. 13 in the afternoon, officers were sent to the park on Portland Pkwy for a report of juveniles drinking in the gazebo. Three 16 yr old juveniles were cited for underage drinking.

#### **BEWARE OF PHONE SCAMS**

Once again there seems to be a flurry of phone calls being made to area residents in an attempt to scam the caller into giving bank account information. NEVER give account numbers or personal information to someone who calls you. If the person indicates there is a problem with your bank account or credit card, tell them you will call your local bank or the number on your credit card to verify the problem exists. Do not follow any directions to push multiple numbers on your phone. This sometimes enables the person to charge calls to your number.

#### **STRONG ARMED ROBBERY**

On 9/27 at approx. 9pm on MacArthur Rd, a 15 year old victim reported that he was walking from the bus stop when he observed a 2001-2002 white colored Jeep Liberty with an unknown WI plate with two occupants. The driver approached him asking for directions, but advised that he could not help him. The driver then commented on his iPhone. The passenger then got out of the vehicle, approached him and took the phone. The victim waited a day before reporting it. Driver described as a black male, early 30's, 600-602/average build, hair pulled back with "buns" on both sides, wearing a sleeveless white shirt and blue jean shorts. The passenger was a black male, early 30's, 604/300+, clean cut, shaved short hair, wearing a green t-shirt and dark blue jeans.

#### **JUVENILES ARRESTED IN VACANT HOUSE**

On 9/27, a neighbor saw some juveniles entering a vacant house that was for sale. Five juveniles, ages 12-13, were contacted by officers and charged with Trespass. The juveniles were using the house as a place to "hang out". All of them admitted they knew they should not be in the house.

#### **RASH OF RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES HITS EAST SIDE**

Most of you received the Alert I sent out regarding the sudden rash of similar burglaries occurring between Division St. and Cottage Grove Rd. and South of Milwaukee St. You will see from the Residential Burglary section above that the list is quite extensive. You will also note that in most cases, although a screen was cut or removed, the burglary was unable to enter the residence. In many more cases, the burglar made entry but did not take anything.

Since the Alert, with you and us giving extra attention to the area, they seemed to have slowed down significantly. Since Sept. 22, only one additional burglary has occurred as of this morning, Oct. 3. We are continuing to work at solving these burglaries and hope you will join us in continuing to keep an extra eye on the area. We believe it is likely the burglar lives in this area. Based on a few sightings, we believe the burglar to be a white male.

#### **GRAND OPENING AND FUNDRAISER.....COME JOIN THE FUN**

On Saturday, Oct. 18, Talula Polooza, a restaurant on Atlas Ave. (the pink building near Cottage Grove Rd. and Stoughton Rd.), will be holding a grand opening celebration in conjunction with a fundraiser to benefit Madison Mounted, the non-profit supporting our Mounted Patrol Team and a local food pantry.

The event will run from 2 pm until 10 pm. There will be fun family activities, including an inflatable moon walk, face painting, pumpkin carving and hula hooping. Two bands will play: Black Water Gin from 4p - 6p and Honor Among Thieves from 7p - 9:30p. Mounted Patrol officers will have their horses on the grounds from 2p - 5p.

For each canned good item you bring for a local pantry, you will receive an entry for the door prize drawings. Have the kids bring their canned goods because some of the door prizes will be kid oriented.

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

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