



# North District Newsletter Madison Police Department



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## Captain's Corner

Greetings from the North Police District!

Despite staffing challenges related to the on-going homicide investigations occurring in the uptown area, it has been a very successful month for the North Police District in terms of dealing with some of the recent crime trends that have plagued our area. We had been experiencing a string of armed robberies in the E Washington corridor. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, our night shift officers responded to an armed robbery at the Red Roof in, near East Towne. Earlier that same day, Detective Cory Nelson had developed information identifying possible suspects in this string of robberies and had shared this with North officers. Officer Magyera spotted a suspicious vehicle fleeing the area, recognized the persons in the vehicle as matching the description of our identified suspects. He pursued and stopped the vehicle. Ultimately, both suspects were arrested and charged in Federal Court with all of the robberies. Outstanding work by all of the officers involved in this case has ended a troubling string of crimes.



Captain Cameron McLay

North District detectives, working with the Blue Net Burglary Task Force developed information that lead to search warrants that have made very significant progress in addressing the "Smash and Grab" burglary trend that has been plaguing the Dane County area. This investigation is on-going, but we are highly confident that the progress being made will make a noticeable impact on these commercial burglaries.

Calls for service are keeping our officers busy as Spring Fever hits the North District. In addition, we are working with others from City government and others to examine traffic safety issues. Particularly, we are going to be examining the issues in the North Sherman Avenue, with particular attention to pedestrian safety and speeding. Whether you are concerned about the North Sherman area, or other areas in the City of Madison, please contact the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team's Hotline at 266-4624, with any traffic safety concerns. They will notify us of those concerns in the North Police District, but by notifying them, your concerns are documented in a centralized database. This helps assure the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team (TEST) is also aware of your concerns.

As always, Take Care and Be Safe!

Captain Cam McLay



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*Note: Incidents are selected for inclusion in the monthly newsletter due to their particular interest to the community and are not intended to provide an account of all the incidents to which police responded in the North District during the past month.*

## North District Incident Summary

### Person Crimes - Robberies

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Details</u>
05/08	4800 Hayes Rd	<b>Armed Robbery:</b> Victim stated that one suspect came in to ask for room rates and left. Second suspect enters with bandana over face and displayed a knife and demanded money. Clerk was not able to get register open and suspects left. The same two suspects later committed an armed robbery at the PDQ store on Milwaukee St. An MPD officer later observed the suspect vehicle on E. Washington Av. He was able to conduct a traffic stop and take the two suspects into custody. It turns out that these two individuals are suspects in approximately (13) armed robberies that have occurred in the North and East districts over the prior six weeks.
05/26	1500 Troy Dr	<b>Armed Robbery:</b> Victim stated that he and his girlfriend were approaching the door of her residence when the suspect came out from their left and grabbed the victim's arm. The suspect also was swinging a razor blade at victim and demanded that the victim give up everything he had. The suspect then grabbed the girlfriend's purse and ran. The victim ran after the suspect and at one point got into a physical confrontation with the suspect. This led to the victim getting a couple of minor cuts to his upper body area. The suspect was able to get away in a vehicle.
05/18	1600 N. Stoughton Rd	<b>Attempted Armed Robbery:</b> Clerk at the business stated that he observed the suspect come into the store. The suspect asked the clerk for a pack of cigarettes, as the clerk handed the suspect the cigarettes the suspect then pulled a knife and demanded that the clerk give him all the money. The clerk, who had seen a police squad parked in a lot close by, told the suspect that he did not want to do this since the police were nearby. The suspect saw the squad and immediately left the store. The clerk then ran outside to alert the officer. The officer was not able to catch up with the suspect vehicle, which had sped away.

## North District Incident Summary Continued

### Person Crimes - Battery/D.C. Whiled Armed/Weapons

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Details</u>
05/01	3500 E. Washington Av	<b>Recklessly Endangering Safety:</b> Victim has a child in common with the suspect. The victim was over at suspect's house to pick up the child. The suspect then grabbed victim by the throat and forcefully pushed her head into the cement wall and kept his hand on her neck until relatives pulled him off. Suspect was intoxicated, and was upset about victim's new boyfriend. He was arrested and charged.
05/03	3000 Portage Rd	<b>Substantial Battery:</b> Victim and suspect's brother went to pick up suspect who was intoxicated. As they were driving in the car, suspect started to pick fights with both the victim and his brother. Victim stated that suspect pulled her hair and hit her while she was driving the car. The suspect also hit his brother in the face, which cause an injury that required stitches. Suspect was arrested on numerous charges.
05/06	3500 Ridgeway Av	<b>Recklessly Endangering:</b> Victim stated that she was walking on the street towards her residence pushing a stroller with her two small children in it. She stated that the ex-girlfriend of her current boyfriend drove down the street at a high rate of speed and tried to run her over. Witnesses also stated that the suspect was driving very fast in the area and got real close to victim. Suspect was later contacted and admitted to the incident. She was arrested and charged.
05/08	4400 Whitetail La	<b>Substantial Battery:</b> Victim stated that her boyfriend of over a year has been physically abusing her for several months. She stated that her current injuries are the result of him punching her repeatedly and pushing her down the stairs. She sustained a black eye and a broken rib. Suspect was eventually arrested and charged.
05/09	135 East Towne Mall	<b>Carrying Concealed Weapon:</b> Suspect was arrested for Retail Theft. In a search incident to arrest, she advised that she had a knife. She claimed to have the knife for protection, as there were a couple of girls that wanted to jump her at school.
05/17	3800 E. Washington Av	<b>Carrying Concealed Weapon:</b> Officer made contact with four juveniles who appeared to be out past curfew and were in an area that had been targeted for burglaries in the past. Three of them were under 15 years of age. The older juvenile was found to be carrying a BB handgun concealed on his person that looked like the real thing. He was arrested and charged.

## North District Incident Summary Continued

### Property Crimes - Burglaries

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Entry</u>	<u>Target/Stolen</u>
05/02	2600 Blk Dahle St.	Res.	Forced rear door. Entry not gained	Nothing missing
05/07	1000 Blk. Troy Dr	Res.	Unlocked garage door	Bicycle taken
05/08	2100 Blk. E. Johnson St.	Res.	Unknown	Jewelry
05/12	139 Kennedy Hghts	Res.	Unlocked door	Video game system
05/13	2000 E. Dayton St	Res.	Unlocked door	Video game system, video games
05/17	2100 Sheridan Dr.	Res.	Forced basement window	Video game systems, video games
05/21	2800 Coolidge St	Res.	Unlocked front door	Cell phone, charger. Juvenile suspect I'd and charged.
05/20	2700 Dahle St.	Res.	Forced front door/ window	Checkbooks, movies, computer games, CDs, walkman
05/19	1500 Troy Dr	Res.	Broken rear window	Unknown
05/28	1700 Fremont Av	Res.	Slashed screen	Unknown
05/30	1500 Troy Dr	Res.	Forced front door	TV, video game system, video games, cash
05/14	1700 Thierer Rd	Non-Res.	Entrance door pried, office window smashed	Attempted to steal a safe
05/17	1300 Packers Av	Non-Res	Lock removed	Computer equipment
05/19	4500 E. Washington Av	Non-Res	Forced front glass door	Currency
05/21	3500 E. Washington Av	Non-Res	Forced side glass door/ entry not gained	None
05/30	1300 Northport Dr	Non-Res	Forced glass entry door/ deadbolt defeated	Unknown
05/30	4500 E. Washington Av	Non-Res	Forced glass entry door	Clothing

## North District Incident Summary Continued

### Of Note:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Details</u>
05/11	2800 Moland St	<b>Eluding:</b> A detective and the North CPT members were out looking for a wanted subject. They observed the suspect's vehicle driving by the residence and attempted to stop it. He sped away at a high rate of speed, going through several stop signs and signals. The pursuit was terminated and suspect was not contacted. The suspect was caught a few weeks later as he was trying to hide in another vehicle.
05/13	2200 E. Washington Av	<b>Bomb Threat:</b> The school had received two previous bomb threats and the ongoing investigation concluded that they came from the same person and phone. Another bomb threat was made on this date and the Education Resource Officer and detective questioned the suspect that had been developed. He admitted to all of the bomb threats. The juvenile was arrested and charged.
05/18	3000 E. Washington Av	<b>Eluding:</b> Suspect was creating a disturbance in the drive-thru lane and was intoxicated. Officers arrived and made contact with him. Suspect then accelerated out of the drive thru lane as officer were talking to him and struck a tree on the property of the business. The officer tried to follow him but he eluded him on E.Washington Av. Another officer spotted his vehicle in another part of the north side and the suspect did not stop for this officer either. The suspect eventually got his vehicle stuck on a tree stump. He got out and tried to fight with the officer but was subsequently taken into custody. He was charge with numerous charges including drunk driving.
05/20	2900 Commercial Av	<b>Theft/Obstructing:</b> Subject called police to report that someone broke into her residence and took her roommate's television and PS3 game system. Initial investigation revealed that subject was not being truthful as to the circumstances surrounding the items being taken. Follow-up investigation by a detective revealed that subject sold the items to another party. The items were recovered and returned to the roommate. Pending charges against subject.
05/24	North St	<b>OMVWOC/Resisting:</b> Officer observed a stolen vehicle being driven by suspect. He initiated a traffic stop. Suspect was not obeying officer's commands and then took off running from the traffic stop. He soon stopped, turned and started to come at the officers in an aggressive manner. An electronic control device was deployed and the subject taking into custody. He was charged with numerous offenses.
05/26	1800 Northport Dr	<b>Resisting:</b> Officers were sent to a disturbance involving several people. There was also a report that someone had a gun. Arriving officers observed a couple of people leave the scene quickly in a vehicle. One of the officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. He observed that the passenger in the vehicle was acting very nervous. As other officers arrived, the passenger got out of the vehicle and started to run. The officers eventually took him into custody. He claimed that there was never a gun and that someone called in that erroneous bit of information to get police there faster. Subject was charged.

## North District Incident Summary Continued

**Of Note:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Details</u>
05/27	1200 Debra Ln	<b>Theft From Vehicle:</b> Officers responded to the area ref. subjects taking items from vehicles. An officer spotted two subjects walking in the area and contacted them. As the investigation unfolds, these subjects stated that they were looking for a friend in the area who was lost. The officers were soon able to get admissions from all three suspect juveniles that they were breaking into vehicles in the area and stealing items out of them. The officers were able to recover some stolen property from one of the suspect's vehicle that was parked in the area. Suspects were arrested and charged.
05/01	1800 Portage Rd	<b>Graffiti:</b> On the east side of the shelter. Blue spray paint
05/10	2800 Moland St	<b>Graffiti:</b> Significant graffiti in red paint on the drivers side of victim's vehicle
05/27	2100 East Springs Dr	<b>Graffiti:</b> The rear of the building and a delivery truck were found to have graffiti spray painted in black, white, pink and blue

There were 33 theft from auto cases reported in the north district in the month of May, from locked and unlocked vehicles. Please remember, do not leave anything of value visible within your vehicle.



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### East High School Educational Resource Officer

Only two weeks left in East High's school year. April was by far the busiest month of 08, as everyday seemed to present some sort of drama from the time I arrived at school in the morning up to the time I left. May, however, has been much more quiet even with increased student traffic in the neighborhoods, which is mostly due to the warmer weather. Be assured, patrol officers and I will continue to address loitering issues in the 4<sup>th</sup> St./E. Dayton corridor in particular. Please don't hesitate to contact the school or MPD to voice any concerns or suggestions you might have in making sure the area around the school remains safe.

I enter these last few weeks of school with a bit of sadness. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as East High's ERO, but I welcomed this position knowing full well it was only temporary. By the time school starts up again in the Fall, the permanent ERO, Kat Reily, will take over after a brief medical stint. I have every confidence that she will continue in a long line of officers who have the ability and personal fortitude to carry out this very important service in this school community. I want to thank the staff who made me feel so welcome and allowed me to enter their lives in a personal way. The mutuality I experienced was truly refreshing.

Jesse

*"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as East High's ERO"*

## Adult School Crossing Guards Needed

Apply now to be one of Madison's Next Adult School Crossing Guards



### WE NEED YOU!!!

- Work with great kids and families
- Serve your community
- Work part-time Monday-Friday (no evenings or holidays)
- Summers and school breaks off
- \$13.30-\$15.70/hour, approx. 10-14 hours per week
- Health and life insurance available, WI Retirement plan, and more...

Taking applications now for fall 2008 employment. Obtain an application from the City's website at [www.cityofmadison.com/employment](http://www.cityofmadison.com/employment) or call Human Resources Department Job Opportunity Line at (608) 266-6500.

Interviews for eligible applicants will begin approximately August 18, 2008.

## Rhythm & Booms 2008

Rhythm and Booms 2008 is scheduled for Saturday June 28th, with a rain date of Sunday June 29th. Planning has been underway for some time and actually began shortly after last year's event with a post event review, including suggestions for improvements for this year. City staff has held regular planning meetings with all involved in staffing or assisting with Rhythm & Booms.

Once again this year we will have over 200 officers assigned to work Rhythm & Booms. Approximately 65 of these officers are members of our Special Events Team (SET), which will be responsible for crowd management within Warner Park. The balance of the officers is assigned outside the park to traffic posts or other support assignments (including 6 motorcycles). This includes over 25 officers from assisting law enforcement agencies including the Dane County Sheriff's Office, Middleton Police, Maple Bluff Police, Waunakee Police, University of Wisconsin Police, Wisconsin State Patrol, and State Parks Wardens and DNR. We could not handle the major traffic issues related to this event without the assistance of these agencies.

In addition to fireworks other activities for the event include entertainment stages, food vendors, a carnival mid-way for the kids and military demonstrations (including the popular F-16 flyover). WOLX radio (94.9) will be broadcasting live from the park throughout the day. Please remember to bring your radios to the park with you so you will be able to hear any important updates concerning weather, traffic, etc., as well as listen to the choreographed music during the fireworks show.

Rhythm and Booms is a fun event for nearly 250,000 people who come to enjoy the music, carnival and fireworks. It is the Midwest's largest fireworks show. This event has been relatively problem free and traffic has flowed smoothly to and from Warner Park with motorists reporting only minor delays in getting home.

A reminder that on June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> city ordinance prohibits carry-in alcoholic beverages and grills in Warner Park. These are safety issues and we ask your cooperation in these areas.

## Rhythm & Booms 2008 Cont'd

Here are some reminders to make Rhythm and Booms 2008 safe and more enjoyable:

- Allow extra time getting to and from the event. Be patient and please be sure to listen for any updates regarding traffic issues.
- Please respect the neighborhoods and private property. Be mindful of litter, blocked drives and noise.
- Bring your portable radio to the park so you may listen to fireworks music soundtrack; hear important weather and safety updates; and tune in for traffic reports before and after the fireworks show.
- No blankets or tarps may be placed in the park until the day of the event. If blankets and tarps are placed earlier, they will be removed and kept at the volunteer headquarters in the shelter.
- Please remove personal tents and sun/screen porches by 6pm so that stakes and guide wires will not pose a danger to passers-by who may not see them in the dark, and to eliminate a potential fire caused by a hot shell landing on tent canvas.
- Leave the fireworks to the professionals. This includes sparklers. Metal spikes left protruding from the ground can easily injure unsuspecting people walking on them. Illegal fireworks will be immediately confiscated and users may be cited.
- If you plan to sit near the safety line close to the fireworks island, please wear safety glasses to protect your eyes from falling debris.
- You'll be able to find a Madison police officer at the blue tents stationed around the perimeter of the park.
- A First-Aid and Lost Child Station staffed by medical professionals and volunteers will again be located in the Warner Park Shelter from 10am - 11:30 pm.
- Please do not bring portable grills to the Park. The hot surfaces and charcoals can cause burns. They are prohibited the day of the event by City ordinance.
- The Park Lagoon is off limits to all users after 6pm for the event. Violators will be arrested and prosecuted criminally as well as face possible civil action.
- Please do not bring any pets to the Park. Large crowds and pets make for an uncomfortable situation for both humans and the pets. Your pets and those attending the event will greatly appreciate it!!
- Parking spaces will be at a premium the closer you get to Warner Park. If you plan on arriving after 6pm, be prepared to park at least 10 blocks away.
- Please remember, cars parked in Warner Park and Sherman Plaza will not be allowed to leave until approximately 11:30pm. This is to expedite large crowds walking from the park and to clear nearby roadways of parked cars to facilitate the flow of an extraordinary amount of vehicles leaving the area. We ask for your patience .
- We encourage you to walk to the Park if at all possible. If you do drive, please park your car in the direction you'll be leaving. Detailed traffic maps showing directional flow patterns will be published just prior to the event in all local media. Please obey all posted no parking signs. Remember, you cannot park within 4' of a driveway, within 15' of a crosswalk and always leave at least 2' of space between parked cars. If your vehicle is ticketed and towed, it will cost you between \$70 and \$100.
- Handicapped Parking spaces are located in the parking lot near the shelter.
- Overnight parking is not allowed in City Parks. Vehicles will be ticketed and towed.
- Except for sport utility vehicles and pick-up trucks, NO motor homes, campers, large trucks, and other RV's will be allowed in the Warner Park lot. Sherman Plaza, across the street from the Park will provide parking for a fee.



## Unlawful Use of Fireworks



Independence Day celebrations have included area communities hosting fireworks displays including Rhythm & Booms, the Midwest's largest fireworks events. Some individuals and families have seen the need to celebrate by having their own illegal fireworks displays for entertainment purposes. There has been an increased use of illegal fireworks each year, and it appears the celebration period has extended to several months throughout the summer.

Illegal fireworks not only pose a safety risk of fire and injuries due to explosions, the constant noise from the explosions is extremely disturbing to neighborhoods. The sound of exploding firecrackers, bottle rockets, or the artillery shells wakes up children and adults, and is particularly bothersome for pets.

They only recreational fireworks that are allowed in the City of Madison are sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs and caps, noisemakers, and confetti poppers with less than ¼ of a grain of explosive mixture.

All other fireworks, including roman candles, firecrackers, bottle rockets, mortars etc.—anything that explodes or leaves the ground—is **illegal**. A simple reminder is, if it goes up or blows up, it's illegal.

Please respect your neighbors, and set the proper example for children by not using illegal fireworks in Madison. The fine for violating City Ordinance 34.31 Unlawful Fireworks is \$424.00.

### From The Northport/Packers Neighborhood Officer

Summer doesn't officially begin until June 21, 2008 however Northport Apartments and Packer Townhouses are already thinking ahead. The summer program for Northport begins Monday, June 23, 2008 and ends Thursday, August 14, 2008 at the Northport Community Learning Center. The program runs from Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. There are many activities to sign up for however, the program is for residents and staff only. Packer Townhouses Summer Programs start June 23, 2008 and end August 15, 2008 depending on what programs you sign up for.

Other activities of interest on the Northside include the Northside Farmers Market which runs from May to October on Sunday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The market has more than 25 vendors who offer a wide variety of locally grown products as well other items. The market is held in the Northside Town Center formerly Sherman Plaza. Please check it out! Also on the Northside is the River Food Pantry located at 2201 Darwin Road, 608-442-8815; services include food pantry, clothing and dinner. Tuesday food pantry hours are 12:00pm-1:30pm., 5:00pm-6:30pm as well Friday food pantry hours are 5:00pm-7:00pm and Friday dining hours 6:00pm-8:00pm. These are just two examples of the wonderful things going on in the Northside, please take advantage of them.

Please be safe this summer.

P.O Katie Adler



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# Madison Police Department

*"Policing in Partnership with our Community"*

## About the North Police District

The North Police District Newsletter is distributed electronically to district employees, area alder persons and other elected officials, business associations, school principals, media, North Side Planning Council members, neighborhood association leaders, North Neighborhood Resource Team members, East Neighborhood Resource Team members, interested citizens and staff of the Madison Police Department. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information about incident reports and criminal cases as well as community events and activities occurring in the North District.

There are 25 neighborhood associations and 3 business associations represented in the North District. Some of the information shared in the newsletter is intended to serve as feedback to those associations on enforcement or problem solving efforts in the community. We are always open to improving the services we provide to north side residents. Your comments can be e-mailed to me or, if you wish to speak in person call me at 245-3652.

The North Police District is one of five geographic areas served by the Madison Police Department. The North District is bounded by Lake Mendota and Maple Bluff to the west, E. Washington Ave. and Highway 30 to the south, and I-90/94 to the east. It also includes the area east of I-90/94 and north of Highway 151 to the Sun Prairie border. You may see the boundaries of the district by visiting our website: [www.ci.madison.wi.us/police/north.html](http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/police/north.html). You will also find prior newsletters posted at this site.



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