



# MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## North District Newsletter

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Captain Richard Bach

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### About The North 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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### North District Incident Summary - June/July 2006

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Lieutenant Kristen Roman, Detective Services 245-3654

*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.*

#### **6/5/06- Arrested Person- Armed Robbery at: 4402 East Towne Blvd. (Associated Bank)**

**Arrested Subject:** Steven J. Conant (M/W 11-27-67)- Conant entered the bank and demanded money. He left in a Union Cab and was located and arrested a short while later at the Motel 6 on Thierer Rd.

#### **6/11/06-Arrested Persons- Robbery and False Imprisonment in the 500 block of Northport Dr.**

**Arrested Subjects:** Eric L. House (M/B 9-22-83) and Kendall R. Purifoy (M/B 1-25-85) - Suspects were recently met acquaintances from out of town. Once at the residence of the victims, they pulled a small handgun out and tied them up, telling them they would be killed if they reported the incident. They took money and fled in the victim's vehicle. Both suspects were apprehended by WI State Patrol near Waukesha. A loaded 9 mm pistol was located in the vehicle.

**6/13/06- Arrested Person- Arson, Burglary and Criminal Damage to Property in 700 block of Vera Ct**

**Arrested Subject:** **Tanisha F. Johnson (F/B 8-6-88)** - Suspect entered the residence of the father of her child without consent. Damaged clothing items and turned on all the stove burners causing a fire.

**6/14/06- Arrested Person- Possession of Electric Weapon at Hoard and Oak St**

**Arrested Subject:** **Deangelo D. Mclin (M/B 1-18-06)** - Officers in the area for an unrelated call were outside talking when they heard the “sparking of what sounded like an electric weapon.” Upon checking the area, a few individuals were observed walking away quickly. The individuals were contacted and a stun gun was located on Mclin.

**7/10/06- Strong Armed Robbery- Suspects at Large - 1900 Packers Ave**

**Suspects:** 4 Juvenile Black Males, approx. 15 years old - Victim was walking in the 1900 block of Packers Ave when he was surrounded by the above individuals. They took his baseball cap and claimed they were “gangsters.” The victim fought back and later recovered his baseball cap when the juveniles fled the area.

**7/11/06- Arrested Person- Disorderly Conduct/Obstructing/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia at 4202 East Towne Blvd. (Excel Inn)**

**Arrested Subject:** **Brian K. Hardin** - Officers dispatched reference a disturbance in the Excel Inn. Upon arrival, the first officer on scene observed a naked Hardin yelling loudly in the hallway. Hardin displayed symptoms of possible excited delirium, so the officer remained disengaged waiting for backup. It wasn't until Hardin started hurling himself into walls that the officer had to deploy his Taser to stop Hardin's destructive behavior. He had to continue deploying the Taser until backup arrived. Once there, it took several officers to get Hardin under control.

**7/13/06- Hit and Run- Suspect at Large at 1700 block of Northport Dr**

**Victim:** 3 year-old Juvenile - While crossing the street in the crosswalk, the victim was walking with his mother when he was struck by a vehicle, injuring the victim. **If you have any information regarding this incident, please call our Hit & Run Department at 266-4060.**

**Burglaries:**

**5/9/06- Attempted residential burglary: 1900 Scott La.** Between the hours of 6 pm and 9:30 am, resident reported that an unknown suspect attempted to kick in the front door. No entry was made, but the dead bolt and door jam were damaged.

**5/12/06- Attempted non-residential burglary: 4636 E. Washington Ave (Furniture Deals and Steals)** During the evening hours, unknown suspect attempted to gain entry into the store by breaking a window and pulling on the screen.

**5/14/06- Non-residential burglary: 2849 N. Sherman Ave (Family Dollar)** Officers sent the night before for Coffee Gallery front doors smashed out. Family Dollar's front door was also smashed out and had the cash register drawer taken out, but no money was taken. The back door was also damaged from prying.

**5/17/06- Residential burglary: 1400 Block Pleasure Dr.** Resident was gone for approximately 10 minutes and upon returning, he observed a white male running out his front door. Resident chased suspect for approximately 2 blocks before the suspect ducked into the backyard in the 1900 Block of Sheridan Dr. **Residents are reminded to not give chase of suspects, but get a last known direction of travel and a good description. You never know what a suspect may have as far as weapons if confronted. Be a good witness. Your safety is paramount!**

**5/18/06- Residential burglary: 1700 Winchester Dr.** Resident reported that his non-secured three-car detached garage had been entered and items were missing. No forced entry.

**5/25/06- Residential burglary: 2400 Block Crossroads.** Resident stated that a vase was removed from the resident. No forced entry observed.

**5/25/06- Non-residential burglary: 5133 W. Terrace Dr (Exalta Corp)** Manager reported that a laptop was taken. No sign of forced entry.

**6/2/06- Non-residential burglary: 2450 E. Washington Av (Speedy Muffler).** A plastic window was broken and entry made. The drawer under the cash register was forced open and money taken

**6/4/06- Non-residential burglary: 2750 E. Johnson St (African/American Stores) Between 9:30 pm and 9:00 am the night before entry was made through a front broken door and items taken.**

**6/4/06- Non-residential burglary: 601 North St. (Tip Top Tavern) Entry made through a broken front door window. Money taken.**

**6/5/06- Residential burglary: 2300 Columbus Lane.** Residents left for the day and the suspect(s) gained entry by jumping up and over the back wall/porch area and breaking the bedroom window. Several items were taken.

**6/8/06- Non-residential burglary: 2702 E. Washington Av. (Marathon Gas Station)**  
Entry made by unknown suspect(s) through broken front glass door. A safe was taken, along with other items.

**6/9/06- Non-residential burglary: 500 Block Troy Dr. (McGann Construction Trailer)** Construction worker advised that someone had broken into the trailer and damaged windows and screens.

**6/14/06- Non-residential burglary: 800 Block Village Green La East (Munz Corporation)** A laundry card machine was removed and damaged in an attempt to get the money inside it. No money was removed.

**6/15/06- Residential burglary: 300 Block of East Bluff.** The resident reported that after she came home, her 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment had been entered through the window with its screen cut. Her laptop was taken. No locks were defeated.

**6/15/06- Residential burglary: 1500 Block Troy Dr.** Resident reported that sometime between 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm, his home was entered by an unknown means and electronic items were taken.

**6/19/06- Residential burglary: 1600 Block Troy Dr.** Resident came home to find the front door and dead bolt lock damaged. Someone entered and took a portable DVD player and other items.

**6/23/06- Non-residential burglary: 1113 N. Sherman Av. (Carrie Abela Barber Shop)** Front door glass broken and cash from cash register taken.

**6/29/06- Non-residential burglary investigation: 4512 E. Washington Av. (Blueprints)** Front glass display window shattered with a couple of 20 lb rocks. Numerous retro Air Jordan tennis shoes, hats, and t-shirts taken. Investigation ongoing.

**7/1/06- Residential Burglary- 3500 Straubel St. (storage lockers)** Resident reported several items from her locked storage locker were taken. Other lockers had their locks damaged and removed as well. No other reports from residents with damaged locks.

**7/2/06- Residential burglary: 1300 block Hooker Av.** Resident was burglarized while they were at Rhythm & Booms. Taken were a TV and other electronic items were taken. Entry gained through the front door. Dead bolt defeated.

**7/3/06- Residential burglary- 2400 Block Old Camden Sq (storage lockers)**  
Several residents reported items were taken from their basement storage lockers. Case still under investigation.

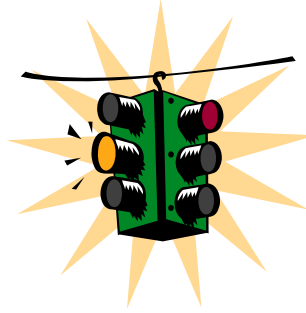
**7/13/06- Non-residential Burglary- 4512 E. Washington Av. (Blueprints)**  
**\*\*\*SUSPECT APPREHENDED\*\*\***

14-yr old juvenile took into custody as a runaway from Milwaukee. In his possession were numerous pairs of shoes and crack cocaine. Juveniles were seen leaving the broken front door to store by shop owner who had been burglarized approx 2 weeks prior. Other juvenile got away. Investigation ongoing.

**7/13/06- Non-residential burglary- 5551 Eastpark Blvd. (BP gas Station)** Suspects shattered front glass door, entered with a hand dolly and removed the ATM machine from it's floor bolts. Investigation ongoing.



Lieutenant Melissa Schiferl, Patrol Services 245-3653



With summer well underway, we want to remind drivers to be cautious when driving through residential areas due to the number of kids and bicyclists out and about enjoying the weather. We also want to remind pedestrians and bicyclists to follow the appropriate laws as well to ensure a safe summer. Traffic enforcement and safety education continue to be a priority not only in the North District, but also throughout the City. Officers working Patrol and our Community Policing Team provide enforcement to compliment the efforts of the Department's Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. (TEST).

Over the last month, the Department migrated to a new software that is used to compile traffic data information. As with the installation of new programs, there is a learning curve on how to utilize the software. While I do not have specific traffic stat data available, enforcement efforts have been focused in the following areas over the last several weeks:

3100 E. Washington Ave.  
3900 E. Washington Ave.  
2900 N. Sherman Ave.  
Shopko Dr.  
East Towne Blvd.  
Thierer Rd.  
400 Troy Dr.  
1300 Troy Dr.  
Packers Ave.  
Aberg Ave.  
N. Stoughton Rd.  
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**From The North/East Community Policing Team (CPT)**

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Sergeant Chuck Weiss 266-5945

During the month of June the North/East CPT continued to spend time working around the high schools, particularly East High School. The unit worked the last 2 weeks of school in order to support Officer Lorie Graham, the school's Educational Resource Officer.

The North/East CPT also assisted Officer Greg Rosetti with the Darbo Block Party, and attended the party itself. Officer Dan McFarlane continued his work with motel/hotel interdiction, which includes the Red Roof Inn and Motel 6. Officers Mike Brennan and Carren Corcoran addressed neighborhood problems on Rockefeller and Vernon Ave in the East District. Two days of our schedule were spent searching and apprehending wanted persons throughout the North and East Districts. We were also assigned to work the Allied Dr area for three days with other Madison Police Officers due to the high volume of activity there recently.



Police Officer Lori Chalecki 245-3678

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The East Madison Community Center started their summer camp June 19. One of the first outings the kids will have is to the Great Wisconsin Credit Union. A tour, educational discussion on saving money, and a chance to open a savings account through the Kids Club will occur.

The Women's Group that meets at the Center every Wednesday recently had a guest stop in to get advertising input. Late this fall, free or low cost health care will become available to Wisconsin residents that qualify. Watch for the commercials!!!

If you have children and need to obtain healthcare coverage for them, check out the Badger Care website for more information. <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/badgercare/index.htm>

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**From The East High School Educational Resource Officer**

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Police Officer Lorie Graham 204-3678



The school year ended in early June and we hope everyone is enjoying the peace and quiet of summer break around East High School.

There were very few incidents in the last few weeks of school. We had some issues with students who were at school but not scheduled for exams. Some were simply escorted off campus and others who refused to leave were cited for trespass.

There is no officer assigned to the school during the summer break, so please be sure to contact school officials or dispatch if there are any concerns that come up.

See you this fall!

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**From The Northport/Kipling Dr. Neighborhood Officer**

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Police Officer Kelly Donahue 245-3679

Myself and other officers responded to a hit and run, in the 1700 Block of Northport Dr, at dusk on July 12th. A vehicle was driving eastbound (away from town), in the far right lane, when it struck a 3yo child crossing the street with a group of adults and children. The driver continued driving and did not stop to render aid to the injured child. The vehicle continued eastbound passing N Sherman Ave. As of today, we have not made any arrests. We are looking for someone from the community to provide further information regarding the suspect. Crime Stoppers has received some information, and Officer Phil Yahnke of the Hit and Run Division continues to investigate. If you have any information regarding this crash, please contact Crime Stoppers at 266-6014. You can remain anonymous and help bring justice to the three year old and the family.

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## Prevent Burglaries

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Summer months and warm temperatures often increase the opportunity for burglaries. A burglary occurs when someone intentionally enters a residence or locked structure without the consent of the owner and with the intent to take property or commit a felony crime. In warmer weather residents may leave doors and windows open for ventilation, making them more susceptible to burglaries. Unlocked doors and open windows are an invitation for burglars motivated by easy opportunity. Here are some ways to try to prevent burglaries:

**Outside the home:** Burglars often look outside of a home first when deciding on a target. A house that appears empty may look more desirable than an occupied one. You can make your home look occupied by leaving lights, televisions, and radios on timers. Keep the area around your house well lit. Using a dusk-to-dawn light sensor might be a good choice. Landscaping and shrubs around your house should be no taller than 3 feet, which can help eliminate hiding spaces. You might want to consider placing inhospitable plants, such as prickly or thorny bushes, underneath bedroom and bathroom windows to deter an uninvited visitor. One common point of entry for a burglar is your attached garage and the door that links the garage to your house. Garage service doors are often an easy way in as they are routinely left unlocked. A solid core door with dead-bolt lock, a closed garage door, and adequate lighting should limit a burglar's opportunity.

**Doors and door locks:** The doors of your home or apartment should be locked at all times, even when you are at home. The best arrangement would be for each of your outside doors to be solid core wood or metal, with deadbolts, using at least a 1" throw. Burglars also like to enter through sliding glass or patio doors. These doors often have latches rather than locks. Auxiliary locks and bolts can be purchased and easily installed. Use of a track-blocking device can limit access when you are away, and the use of vertical bolts or screws can stop a door from being lifted off its tracks.

**Windows:** When opening windows for ventilation, restrict the window opening to limit access to a burglar coming in through that open window. Wooden dowels and frame pins can be used for residential windows. An opening of no more than 4" is recommended. The use of any window guard should in no way restrict the use of a window for escape, should that be necessary.

**While on vacation:** When leaving on vacation, take precautions to make your home appear occupied. Have a trusted neighbor collect your mail and newspaper, or stop deliveries while you are away. If using an answering machine for your phone, give no indication that you are away on vacation.

**Apartments:** Many of the above suggestions can carry over to those living in multi-dwelling units and apartments. Perhaps most important is security of common areas and doors. Keeping doors locked, do not prop doors open or buzz in unknown people. Knowing your neighbors and the routine of the building will help all residents.

**In case of burglary:** None of these tips guarantee that you will never become the victim of a burglary. In the event you suspect your home has been the target of a burglary, do not enter the premises. Call the police immediately. Provide the dispatcher with as much information as possible, and remain in a safe location until police arrive. Knowing what you own and what might be missing as the result of a burglary is very important. Items of value should be marked or engraved with your Wisconsin Driver's License number or another unique identifier to make potential recovery easier. In addition, taking photographs and an inventory of your possessions can aid in the identification process.