



MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT



North District Newsletter

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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. You will also find prior newsletters posted at this site.

North District Incident Summary –October/November 2006



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.

Property Crimes – Graffiti:

Date	Location	Details
10/1	5001 N. Sherman Av.	Graffiti sprayed on property of St. Peter's Church.
10/21	4100 Melody La.	Profanities sprayed on mailbox.
10/26	2300 Stuart Ct.	Black paint or marker on side of residence.

Person Crimes – Robberies:

Date	Location	Details
10/2	3762 E. Washington Av. (Home Savings Bank)	Armed Robbery: Suspect approached teller and passed a note demanding money and stating he had a gun, though no gun was seen. Suspect described as a dark skinned male black, late 40's to early 50's, medium build, approx. 200 lbs.
10/9	2135 Zeier Rd. (Halloween/Sprit Store)	Strong Arm Robbery: Suspect approached store employee as she entered the rear door. Suspect grabbed money and fled on foot. Male black suspect was 6' tall, 170 lbs. with a thin build, wearing a black ball cap, gray hooded sweatshirt and dark baggie pants.
10/15	4512 E. Washington Av. (Latin Video)	Arrested Juveniles - Receiving Stolen Property: 3 male juveniles were arrested in this incident. Large group of juveniles forced entry to the store after attempting entry into nearby store. Juveniles took a rack containing chips and fled in vehicles. Officers stopped one of the vehicles and located the chip rack within vehicle and arrested the 3 occupants.
10/16	1500 Troy Dr.	Strong Arm Robbery: Victim was walking through apartment complex when suspect ran up from behind, grabbed her purse and ran away. Suspect described as 20 - 25 year old male black, 5'7" with a large build and bald head.
10/17	2801 N. Sherman Av (Box Office Video)	Armed Robbery: Suspect entered the store displaying a knife, and took cash from the register and fled. Suspect described as an approx. 40 year old male black, short, with black and gray hair.
10/21	Unknown location, likely E. Washington Av. near E. Johnson St.	Armed Robbery: Victim picked up a hitchhiker who displayed a knife and stole cash from victim. Suspect described as a 25 - 30 year old male black, 6' tall, stocky, wearing a tan parka with plaid hood and gray pants.
10/22	500 Kedzie St.	Attempted Strong Arm Robbery: Victim was walking in the 500 block of Kedzie St. when 2 suspects approached her from behind. Male suspect pulled victim to the ground then female suspect went through victim's pockets. Victim had no valuables, and suspects fled. Female suspect described as light skinned black or Hispanic, with long hair and slender build. No description of male suspect.
10/27	4862 Hayes Rd. (Residence Inn)	Armed Robbery: Suspect approached hotel clerk outside threatened the clerk with a gun, and demanded money from the register. Suspect described as male, possibly Hispanic, 6', 180 lbs, with dark medium length hair.
10/28	1600 Troy Dr.	Attempted Strong Arm Robbery: Victim reports that 3 male black suspects in a 4-door silver car approached and told him to get in the car or he would get hurt. After victim showed the suspects that he had no money, they allowed him to leave the car.
10/31	1500 N. Sherman Av.	Attempted Strong Arm Robbery: Several black female juveniles approached victim and demanded victim turn over her I-pod as well as her wallet. Suspects tried to pull purse away from victim, but left when victim began to flag down passing cars.
11/2	2528 E. Washington Av. (Red Letter News)	Armed Robbery: Suspect armed with knife threatened clerk and demanded money from the register. Suspect described as a male white or Hispanic, 5'10, with a heavy build, wearing dark blue pants, a light gray fleece pullover zip-up with a gray hood, and a blue scarf over his face.

Person Crimes – Battery/DC/Weapons Offense/Recklessly Endangering Safety:

Date	Location	Details
10/5	1700 Onsgard Rd.	Arrested Person, OMVWOC, Battery, Criminal Damage to Property. Arrested: Sandra T. Aaberg, F/W, 3/11/68. Victim left his truck parked in the lot to warm up. Suspect drove into lot recklessly around the truck after honking her horn. Suspect got out of her car and threw garbage towards victim and others. Suspect went to victim's truck, shifted the truck into drive, and let the truck roll through the parking lot, over the sidewalk, and into a parked car. She then physically confronted several people associated with the victim who were in the lot.
10/20	1625 Northport Dr. (Warner Park Community Center)	Arrested Juveniles, Battery: Officers responded to the report of a large fight involving juveniles that had been at the community center for a school dance. One juvenile had been battered, and suspects were subsequently identified and arrested.
11/8	500 Northport Dr.	Arrested Persons, Weapons Offense: Arrested: Antwan D. Windom, M/B, 3/3/84 & John D. Robinson, M/B, 8/22/69. Officers responded to the area for several reports of shots fired. Investigation led to the arrest of the two suspects listed above, and a handgun was recovered.
11/9	2400 E. Washington Av.	Arrested Person, Probation Violation, Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver: Arrested: Rudolph R. Jackson, M/B, 6/4/60. Officers heard the sounds of a fight inside of an apartment. Intervention and investigation led to arrest of Jackson and the recovery of a large amount of crack cocaine and cash.

Property Crimes - Burglaries:

Date	Location	Type	Entry	Target/Stolen
10/4	4600 School Rd.	Residential	Unknown	Nothing taken
10/10	5014 Lien Rd.	Commercial	Pried window	Construction Tools
10/16	1500 Troy Dr.	Residential	Unlocked patio door	Nothing taken, property damaged
10/17	4002 Lien Rd.	Commercial	Window air conditioner	Nothing taken, Property damaged
10/21	100 N. Second St.	Residential	Basement window	Cash
10/22	1800 Browning Rd.	Residential	Unknown	Tools
10/28	3700 Kipling Dr.	Commercial	Padlock cut	Snowblower
10/29	2700 Myrtle St.	Residential	Front door forced	Dog, jewelry - Arrested Person: Sherina L. Riggins F/B, 8/15/72
10/29	3010 Crossroads Dr.	Commercial	Broken window	Liquor
11/1	190 Aberg Av.	Residential	Unknown	Credit Card
11/1	1500 Troy Dr.	Residential	Open door	Cash

Property Crimes – Burglaries (continued):

11/5	301 N. Sherman Av.	Commercial	Broken window	Jewelry
11/6	1430 Wright St.	Commercial	Unknown	Toys
11/10	2734 E. Washington	Commercial	Broken door window	Liquor
11/12	5402 High Crossing Bl. (Gordie Boucher)	Commercial	Smashed garage door	Car Arrested: Patrick P. Melendrez M/H, 2/21/73 Melendrez first got into a confrontation with employees of Poolies, then Melendrez went across the street where he broke through a garage door at Gordie Boucher, stole a car, and drove through the garage door. He was arrested a short time later when a citizen reported a reckless vehicle and an officer stopped him.



DIALOGUE FROM DETECTIVES:

STOLEN AUTO:

On Sept 14, 2006 three unlicensed 15-year-old East High School girls skipped classes and drove a stolen car taken from Chet’s Car Care on Aberg Ave to Milwaukee to meet friends. While on the way home they got into an accident and were arrested for operating a car without a license and operating a motor vehicle without owner’s consent. Anyone with information on how the vehicle was stolen from Chet’s Car Care, please contact Det Maureen Wall at 245-3657.

SEXUAL ASSAULT ATTEMPT:

On Sept 29, 2006 at 8:00pm a young woman in her twenties was walking home from work on E. Washington Ave, talking on a cell phone when a man passed by her. After he passed her, the man suddenly grabbed the woman from behind around the neck in the 2600 block of E Johnson St. He then dragged her between two houses and attempted to sexually assault the victim, but she resisted violently and successfully scared him off. The suspect fled down McCormick Ave and was tracked by a police K-9 dog to the area of the apartments in the 700 block of McCormick Ave. The dog lost the scent at the apartments in the 700 block, therefore it is possible the suspect lives somewhere in the neighborhood. The suspect is described as a stocky or heavy-set 6’0 black male, with short hair, approximately 25-35 years old. If you have any information on this suspect or crime, please contact Det Maureen Wall at 245-3657, or Crime Stoppers at 266-6014 if you wish to remain anonymous.

GRAFFITI:

Sometime during the nighttime hours between Thursday Oct 5 and Sunday Oct 8, unknown suspects spray painted graffiti on the sidewalks, driveway, and vehicles of St. Peter's Church property and the Cherokee Apts on N. Sherman Ave, and on the street of 6000 Sherman Ave itself. The graffiti consisted of satanic pentagrams, the letters 666, and the letters 420 in yellow, black, brown, red, and light blue spray paint. The same weekend, orange spray paint was used to damage 9 cars on Mandrake Rd. If you have any information about the suspects who are responsible for these damage incidents, please contact Det Maureen Wall at 245-3657 or call Crime Stoppers at 266-6014 if you wish to remain anonymous.

THEFTS FROM AUTOS:

Thefts from autos continue to be epidemic in the city of Madison. On the north side, we are particularly seeing continuous and heavy targeting of cars parked at the Mallards games at Warner Park, at East Gate Cinemas and other stores on High Crossing Blvd, at East Towne Mall, at Shopko on Aberg Ave, and at the Princeton Club on Eagan Rd at East Towne.

These are the areas with the most noticeable and frequent reporting of break-ins to autos. The suspects target vehicles that have visible valuables left out in plain sight, such as cell phones, CDs, purses, wallets, change, briefcases, or bags with purchases. Additionally, suspects appear to regularly be watching for people who arrive at their destination and duck down in their cars to hide a wallet or purse under the seat or in the center console. The suspects then target those vehicles immediately, breaking windows to get into the car, and leave long before you return.

The theft from auto epidemic is *not* a problem the police can resolve for you. It is *your* responsibility to leave your valuables at home if you do not want to become a victim. If you must leave something in your car while you run into a store, hide the item in the center console *before* you arrive at your destination so the suspect doesn't see you bend down to hide it when you arrive. However, it is best to leave nothing behind in your car that will attract a thief to select you as his next victim.

IDENTITY THEFT:

Identity Theft crimes are also increasing dramatically. It can't be said often enough; *never* leave wallets, purses, checkbooks, or any personal identifying information in your car. Suspects who break into your car and obtain paperwork with your personal identifying information, such as checkbooks, purchase receipts with your credit card number on them, driver's licenses, credit cards, or social security numbers, will frequently use this information to perpetrate on-going identity theft crimes against you.

If you do have personal identifying information stolen from you, immediately notify the three top credit reporting agencies to put a "*fraud alert*" on your account. This way, if anyone tries to obtain credit for something in your name, the company opening the account has to call you first before authorizing the purchase.

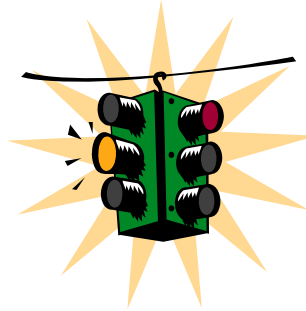
The reason identity theft is so hard to counter is because the suspect who purchases something in your name, such as a car or cell phone for example, provides a phony address for where the bills should be sent and then never pays the monthly bills. It takes about 6 months or more before creditors track down the 'real' you and hound you for overdue payments. Meanwhile, the suspect is long gone and bad credit reports get put on your account and take years to clear up.

Here are the numbers you should contact if you have personal identifying information stolen:

Equifax **800-525-6285**
Experian **888-397-3742**
Trans Union **800-680-7289**



Lieutenant Melissa Schiferl, Patrol Services 245-3653



The Traffic Enforcement Safety Team (TEST), the North/East Community Policing Team (CPT) as well as Patrol Officers continue education and enforcement efforts related to traffic safety throughout the North District. It is important that we continue to work with the community to identify locations where violations are occurring or unsafe conditions exist. You may do this by completing a Traffic Violation Complaint form, which can be found on the MPD web site, or by calling us directly at the North District. Some other important information for you:

Alternate Side Parking Rules Are In Effect From November 15th through March 15th.

Alternate side parking rules:

You must park on the even house numbered side of the street between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on even numbered days.

You must park on the odd house numbered side of the street between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on odd numbered days.

When Are The Rules In Effect?

- Alternate side parking rules are in effect from November 15th through March 15th.
- The rules are in effect throughout most of Madison seven days a week **REGARDLESS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS.**
- Exceptions:
There are two exceptions to these rules.
 - The first is streets where parking is only allowed on one side. If you live on a street that has parking on only one side of the street, 24 hours a day, then the alternate side parking restrictions do not apply to the blocks with restricted parking. This exemption only applies to streets with 24 hour no parking restrictions.
 - The other exception is the Downtown-Isthmus Snow Emergency Zone. In this area the alternate side parking rules are in effect only when a snow emergency has been declared.



Winter Driving Tips

- **Bridges and overpasses freeze first, so always slow down and avoid sudden changes in speed or direction.**
- Keep windows clear.
- Keep your speed steady and slow -- but not so slow that your car gets stuck in deeper snow.
- Use your brakes cautiously. Abrupt braking can cause brake lock-up and cause you to lose steering control.
- To make Antilock Brakes work correctly, apply constant, firm pressure to the pedal. During an emergency stop, push the brake pedal all the way to the floor, if necessary, even in wet or icy conditions (but only with Antilock Brakes).
- If you get stuck in snow, straighten the wheels and accelerate slowly. Avoid spinning the tires. Use sand under the drive wheels.

From The North/East Community Policing Team (CPT)



Sergeant Chuck Weiss 266-5945

During the month of October we continued to provide extra patrol in the East HS area at the end of the school day and throughout the school day on select dates. In addition to assisting the ERO with issues in the school, we focused on problems involving students from East HS and other people hanging out in the neighborhoods around the school. We also assisted with the East HS Homecoming parade.

We continued to provide extra patrol at the Woodlands and Trinity Apts. In addition to high visibility patrols we spent time on foot patrol and did surveillance.

We also continued to focus attention on the North St. -Oak St. area. We have a number of drug investigations that are ongoing and have continued to check for prostitution activity.

CPT officers in October again assisted patrol by working staffing contingency days and assisted and handled numerous patrol calls. These included bank robberies, checks for wanted subjects, accidents etc.

On Halloween, we provided extra patrol in residential neighborhoods during the evening hours. We also checked the residences of registered sex offenders who are currently under state supervision. This was done to ensure they were in compliance with their rules for Halloween night.

We worked two days in the area of Camp Randall on Badger football game days and were assigned to SET or traffic posts downtown on the weekend before Halloween. Officers also attended various trainings throughout the month.



Police Officer Lorie Graham 204-3678



East High School Incident Summary

This month passed by very quickly and we are looking forward to a swift November.

On October 2nd staff began a drug investigation, which lead to one student being cited for possession of tobacco and another for trespassing.

On October 2nd staff observed another drug transaction, which lead to the arrest of a student for possession of THC with intent to deliver.

On October 7th at the Homecoming Dance six students were cited for Underage Alcohol violations.

Officer Lorie Graham can be reached at 204-1673 or lgraham@cityofmadison.com so, please do not hesitate to make contact with any questions or concerns.

From The Northport/Kipling Dr. Neighborhood Officer



Police Officer Kelly Donahue 245-3679

Things remain very positive in the Northport Apartments and Packer Townhouses. Management continues to do a great job managing the properties and making great use of their resources.

I have continued to work with the manager of Woodlands and Woodland Park Apartments, and hope to see continued improvements. I have seen more improvement in the physical appearance of the property. We however continue to receive complaints from tenants. Calls for service also remain high. Many of the complaints over the last month have been problems with juveniles loitering on the property and creating disturbances. We have also received drug information, domestic complaints and general disturbances.

The Northside Resource Team, Northside Planning Council and other organizations are working together to come up with a plan to help improve living conditions in this area. If you have any concerns or information, please contact me.

Kelly Donahue
245-3679



Police Officer Lori Chalecki 245-3678

The transition in the Truax/Straubel Neighborhood continues to go smoothly. The North/East Community Policing Team is plugging in to determine how they will best play a role in the transition and continued support of the neighborhood. Shift pick for 2007 will occur in early December, at which time one of the members will also elect the liaison position with the neighborhood. A stakeholders meeting has been scheduled for December 11. This meeting will provide an opportunity for the police department to present the draft plan to be implemented into the neighborhood. A final plan will be devised after the meeting to include considerations suggested by the stakeholders. As soon as schedules allow, the liaison N/E CPT member will begin cross-training in the neighborhood to allow for the transition to be uneventful!

News for You...

Vacation Tips...

Thanksgiving begins the season for holiday travel. An empty house is a tempting target for a burglar. Use this checklist of tips to help safeguard your home while you're away.



- Have good locks on all doors and windows and **USE THEM!**
- Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you're away. It's a good idea to leave your vacation address and telephone number with a neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Never leave your house key hidden outside your home.
- Stop all deliveries, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages.
- Arrange for someone to shovel your driveway and sidewalks and maintain the yard to give the home a lived-in look. If cars are parked outside, have the neighbor remove snow from the car, so appears the car has been driven recently.
- Plug in timers to turn lights, a radio or television on and off at appropriate times. This helps to disguise the fact you are away.
- Turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low. If a burglar is around, they won't be alerted to your absence by a ringing phone.
- Don't announce your absence on answering machine messages.
- Leave your blinds, shades and curtains in a normal position. Don't close them unless that is what you do when you are home.
- Close and lock garage doors and windows. Be sure to lock the door that leads from an attached garage to the house! Ask a neighbor to occasionally park in your driveway. If you leave your car at home, park it as you normally would. Vehicles parked outside should be moved occasionally to appear they are being used.
- Secure storage sheds, attic entrances and gates.
- Engrave valuables in your home to allow stolen property to be identified and returned to you if recovered by police.