



MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

North District Newsletter



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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 provide information to those associations on enforcement or problem solving efforts in the community. We always welcome your feedback and seek your input on any ways we can work together to improve 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 bound 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.

North District Incident Summary -February 2007



Lieutenant Kristen Roman, Detective Services 245-3654

Note: Below are incidents which have been selected for inclusion in this months 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.

Person Crimes – Robberies:

Date	Location	Details
02/08	2400 E. Washington Av.	Arrested Juveniles - Strong Armed Robbery: A male juvenile victim was approached by two juvenile suspects who knocked him to the ground and stole his iPod. Suspects were subsequently located in the area by responding officers.
02/14	4222 E. Washington Av.	Arrested Person/Armed Robbery: Gas station clerk was approached by a M/B suspect who displayed a handgun, demanded money from the register and then fled on foot. Detectives developed a suspect lead connecting this suspect several other armed robberies in the Madison area. Following a subsequent standoff with police, Anthony C. Chancy (M/B, 09/15/70) was taken into custody.
02/15	1010 N. Sherman Av.	Arrested Person/Armed Robbery: A suspect matching the description of the armed robber above (Chancy), approached the gas station clerk, displayed a handgun, demanded money from the register and then fled on foot. Detectives identified a suspect who was later arrested (see above.)
02/19	2000 E. Dayton St.	Attempted Armed Robbery: A M/B suspect, approximately 15 yrs. old, confronted the “victim” who was standing outside an address with a pizza delivery vehicle and moneybag. The suspect pointed a gun that the victim stated he believed was a toy gun. The suspect demanded money and the victim thought the kid was joking and said as much to the suspect. The victim’s father was standing outside the address and also believed the suspect was not serious given what he described as the “poor execution” of a robbery attempt. The victim refused to give the suspect any money and the suspect ran off.
02/23	4202 East Towne Blvd.	Attempted Armed Robbery: Victim reported that he met the suspect at an area bar and then invited him back to his hotel room to watch TV. After a period of time, the suspect presented a knife and demanded money. While the victim spent time with the suspect at the bar and at the hotel, he did not have a name and only described the suspect as a M/B, approximately 25 yrs. old, 5’8”, wearing a black puffy coat.

Person Crimes – Recklessly Endangering Safety:

Date	Location	Details
02/11	1300 Northport Dr.	Recklessly Endangering Safety: 2 subjects approached the victim and demanded money that they claimed the victim owed them. The victim denied owing any money and a physical altercation ensued during which the victim was stabbed in the arm. Suspects described as a F/B, 15 yrs. old, and a M/B, 19 yrs. old. No further information provided.
02/19	1800 Boyd Av.	Arrested Person/Endangering Safety by Use of Dangerous Weapon: 3 people were arrested following a disturbance involving knives. Arrested were: Franklin R. Cherry (Endangering Safety by Use of Dangerous Weapon), Rufus G. Majette (Disorderly Conduct w/Armed), and Erica L. Summers (Obstructing a Police Officer).
02/23	2000 Northport Dr.	Arrested Person/Endangering Safety 2nd Degree: Godfrey L. Bradshaw (M/B, 07/18/82) was arrested for Recklessly Endangering Safety and Disorderly Conduct w/Armed following a disturbance in which he physically confronted the victim while armed with a knife.

Property Crimes - Burglaries:

Date	Location	Type	Entry	Target/Stolen
01/21	3700 Eliot La.	Residential	Forced door	TV
01/27	2450 E. Washington Av.	Commercial	Rooftop	Moped/Recovered
01/29	45 East Towne Mall	Commercial	Store gate	Cash
02/01	2005 N. Sherman Av.	Commercial	Unknown	Cash
02/03	1400 Pleasure Dr.	Residential	Forced door	Sticker collection
02/03	2810 E. Washington Av.	Commercial	Unknown	Nothing taken
02/05	23 East Towne Mall	Commercial	Store gate	Cash
02/08	1500 Troy Dr.	Residential	Unlocked door	Jewelry
02/09	800 Northport Dr.	Residential	Forced door	Camera
02/10	5448 Lien Rd. - Arrested Person: Paul Harvey	Commercial	Cut Fence	Cars
02/11	1900 Londonderry Dr.	Residential	Attempted entry, not gained	
02/13	2734 E. Washington Av.	Commercial	Broken glass door	Liquor
02/14	5056 Autumn Leaf	Commercial	Construction site	Materials
02/16	2000 Londonderry Dr.	Residential	Unlocked door	Cat
02/16	2500 E. Johnson St.	Residential	Unknown	Jewelry
02/18	5305 Wayne Ter.	Commercial	Forced door	Nothing taken
02/19	2611 E. Johnson St.	Commercial	Broken glass door	Cash register
02/21	1500 Troy Dr.	Residential	Forced door	X-box
02/23	2601 Old Camden Sq.	Commercial	Forced door	Nothing taken
02/24	1010 N. Sherman Av.	Commercial	Unknown	Unknown
02/25	2802 Dryden Dr.	Underground Parking	Vehicle window smashed	Stereo/CD player

Person Crimes - Battery/D.C. Whiled Armed/Weapons Offense:

Date	Location	Details
02/04	2540 E. Mifflin St.	Arrested Person - Battery: Christopher T. Nyland (M/W, 10/17/65) was arrested for battery following a fight at this address.
02/05	3100 Old Gate Rd.	Battery: Victim reported that he was attacked from behind by two unknown masked suspects who struck him several times. Possibly gang-related.
02/05	1400 Northport Dr.	Arrested Juvenile - Battery: A juvenile was arrested following an investigation into a battery of a Madison Metro Bus driver.
02/17	2300 Packers Av.	Arrested Person - Substantial Battery: Jonathan A. Harrison (M/B, 06/25/68) was arrested following a fight at the Villa Tap during which the victim was struck in the head with a glass that shattered upon impact.
02/19	1400 Wyoming Wy.	Substantial Battery: 12 yr. old suspect pushed a schoolmate to the ground and in the process of falling the victim sustained a broken arm.





Lieutenant Brian Ackeret, Patrol Services 245-3653



Traffic Crash Reduction Benchmarking Project

The Madison Police Department is using a data driven, problem solving approach to traffic safety and has identified 10 intersections throughout the city as part of a crash reduction program. Using community education, enforcement, and engineering design improvements, we are attempting to reduce crashes and injuries at several intersections throughout the city.

Two intersections in the North Police District that have been identified as part of the crash reduction effort are E. Washington Ave at N. Stoughton Rd. and E. Washington Ave at Thierer Rd / Portage Ave.

In addition to the above two intersections, the officers of the North District are identifying other areas and intersections for focused enforcement efforts related to speeding and red signal violations with a goal of reducing crashes and improving traffic safety. These targeted areas of focused enforcement will be identified through citizen traffic complaints, traffic crash data, and officer observations.

During the month of February the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team focused on speeding enforcement in the following locations:

2300-2400 Blocks of Pennsylvania Ave.	10 citations
5300 Block High Crossing Blvd.	3 citations
600 Block Northport Dr.	3 citations
3000 Block E Washington Ave	2 citations

From The North/East Community Policing Team (CPT)



Sergeant Chuck Weiss 266-5945

During the month of February officers from the North/East CPT continued to spend time working in the area of East HS. We provided extra assistance at two basketball games. On February 1st CPT officers helped quell a disturbance that broke out after the East –LaFollette basketball game. The fight involved a large group of juveniles. One juvenile was taken into custody. The fight was unrelated to school rivalries.

The North/East CPT focused time doing surveillance in the parking lots of MATC where there had been an increase in thefts from autos after the first of the year.

Officer Tom Finnegan has officially been named the Community Officer for the Woodland Park Apts. He will be taking the lead in working with management and residents to address on-going problems in this neighborhood. He will continue to work closely with Neighborhood Officer Kelly Donahue who had been identifying and addressing these neighborhood problems. Patrol officers in the North District will also continue to focus on these neighborhood issues.

Two individuals were arrested at the Woodland Park apts. after a complaint had been made about a large group of non-residents in the basement of one of the buildings. CPT officers found no one in the basement when they arrived. While still in the basement two non-residents entered the basement. When they saw the officers they immediately fled. After a short foot chase both were taken into custody. One of the arrested subjects is a confirmed gang member.

The new Community Officer in the Truax neighborhood, Steve Chvala completed his first complete month in that position. Steve has spent time identifying some of the neighborhood issues and getting to know some of the residents.

In addition to the things already mentioned North/East CPT members assisted on weather related calls for service and spent several days assisting patrol officers check locations in the North District where a robbery suspect was thought to be. This suspect, Anthony Chancy was eventually apprehended in the Town of Madison.

From The East High School Educational Resource Officer



Police Officer Pat Green 204-1673



A small village. If you take a look at East High School from the standpoint of a small community, you will realize the individual facets of East will begin to display characteristics similar to a small village. The principals represent the Mayor and Mayoral Staff. The Student Council represents the Village Board. The faculty and students represent the citizens. Similar representations can easily be made regarding other positions within the walls of the school. Everyone, no matter what position they represent, has the same goal. That goal is to make the village and citizens proud of who they are and what they represent. Everyone here strives to develop East High citizens into confident, respectful, educated adults.

Needless to say, the growth of the village does not come without hitting obstacles. Part of the continued development is to overcome those obstacles together. I have been impressed with the cohesive effort from all personnel here at East to assist in this development.

Principal Harris has requested the assistance of parents of the young citizens of East High School. East High School has experienced over 200 theft reports from it's citizens from the beginning of the 2006-2007 School Year. That quantity of thefts reports equates to at least 1 in 10 citizens filing a theft report thus far. The vast majority of items taken have been non-essential educational electronic devices such as cell phones and Ipods.

Principal Harris requests the parents reaffirm with their young citizens to avoid bringing those types of items to school. If those items are brought to school, please, have them lock them in their locker for the day. This will help us to prevent the citizens of East from becoming possible victims of theft. Thank you.

2/9/07 – **Disturbance** – Three male students were arrested for Disorderly Conduct after a fight that occurred on the 4th Street side of the school.

2/13/07 – **Bomb Threat** – A Bomb Threat was located in the Randall Room. An investigation continues.

2/14/07 – **Bomb Threat** – A Bomb Threat was located a second floor boy's bathroom. The students were evacuated to Emerson Elementary. The evacuation unfortunately resulted in the disruption of the Valentines Day Parties for the Elementary students.

2/16/07 – **Trespassing** – A non-student adult was arrested for Trespassing after coming into the school during the lunch period to confront a male student about a relationship with a female friend.

2/19/07 – **Disturbance** – Two female students were arrested for Disorderly Conduct after a fight over a non-involved male student that occurred near the Kiosk on the first floor.

2/27/07 – **Bomb Threat** – A Bomb Threat was located in a second floor girl's bathroom. Investigation continues.

2/28/07 – **Disturbance** – A student was arrested for Disorderly Conduct following a disturbance in a classroom. The student was removed from the school and taken to the Juvenile Reception Center after numerous repeated threats to harm the other students involved in the Disturbance.

2/28/07 – **Theft** – A student was arrested for Theft for stealing a \$100.00 Palm Pilot from a pair of pants in the gym locker room while the victim was in class. The property was recovered and returned to the victim.

Nine students from other cases had their charges referred to the Dane County Time Bank Youth Court. Failure to complete the sentences set forth by the Youth Court will result in formal charges for the offenses committed in these cases.





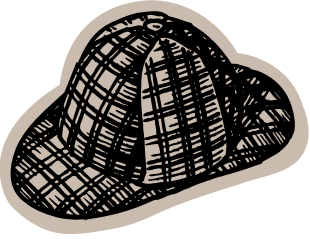
Police Officer Kelly Donahue 245-3679

I have been busy over the last month with several different administrative tasks. I recently completed an annual report for the Woodland Apartments and Woodland Park Apartments. After completing the report, District Administrators, property management, the City Attorney and other City Agencies met, to come up with a plan to reduce City services to these neighborhoods. The hope is that we can come up with a plan that requires those responsible for specific problems to solve those issues on their own. We are currently servicing calls that related to a lack of maintenance and attention. We are also concerned that the outward appearance may have an effect on perspective tenants, causing good tenants to shy away from the properties. We are hopeful that through a cooperative effort we can see positive change before the warm weather comes.

I also completed a background investigation for pre-employment. The department will be extending job offers to a group maybe in excess of 30 recruits in the few months. Because of the large class size, a large number of individuals were backgrounded and resources throughout the department were used to complete the task. I also assisted with an internal background investigation for the Emergency Response Team. As a member of the Crisis Negotiator Team, I completed a background for an open position for a negotiator. Team Commanders will then take the information gathered and make final selection.

I attended several other meetings during the month. One meeting that was particularly interesting was a meeting with Lakeview Library staff and Program Directors from the Northport Apartments and Packer Townhouses. It was a meeting to discuss a lack of activities for young people especially the middle school kids. The goal was to come up with some activities and a plan to work cooperatively to engage young people in a positive environment. I will attend a session at the library later in March with kids who want to "Talk with Officer Kelly". We have not decided on a specific topic, and will chat with some of the kids to see what they are interested in. Until next month, stay safe.





FYI: HEALTH CLUB THEFT RING OPERATING IN MADISON AND SURROUNDING AREA

Madison Police Detectives are investigating a series of thefts occurring over the past year at the Princeton Club-East and other health clubs in the Madison and Dane County areas. These thefts are believed to be connected to a series of similar thefts that occurred at half a dozen other health clubs in the Milwaukee County area.

The thefts involve two adult black females in their early twenties and a group of about ten black male teenagers who appear to reside in the Madison area. The thefts are taking place from cars in health club parking lots and from health club lockers in the locker rooms.

One adult black female suspect is described as medium height with a stocky and buxom build. The other adult black female suspect is described as medium height with a thin build. Both women are reportedly in their early twenties. The stocky woman has been seen wearing a pink winter parka.

The two adult black females have been successful in repeatedly slipping past front desk clerks without being seen and going to the locker rooms to break into lockers with bolt cutters. The black male teen boys use a blitz attack to infiltrate the Health Clubs. Multiple teens try to get past the front desk clerk at one time by asking to 'use the bathroom' or to 'borrow a basketball' etc, effectively distracting the clerk so some of the teens can slip past to get to the locker rooms before the others are asked to leave. The desk clerks become distracted, and usually one or two of the teens make their way down to the men's and women's locker rooms where they cut off the locks with bolt cutters and then rifle lockers.

The suspects steal car keys, purses, wallets, cell phones, credit cards, etc. The thieves then access the cars in the parking lot with the remote keys and steal purses, wallets, phones, etc from those as well. The suspects have also made a practice of watching the parking lot for members who arrive to work out and can be seen bending down to conceal their purses or wallets under the seats. The suspects then target those particular vehicles, breaking in car windows and grabbing what they can before fleeing.

On occasion, when credit, debit, and ATM cards are taken in the thefts, the female suspects have been known to call back the club and purport to be "fraud alert bank employees". They ask the club to page the victims for an "emergency". The suspects know the victims' names because they are on the stolen credit and debit cards. The victims are then paged to the phone and the suspect tells them there is an active fraud occurring on their accounts with their stolen cards. The victims aren't even aware their belongings have been stolen at this time, so they are taken by surprise. The suspect tells them their Social Security and PIN numbers are needed to verify and close the account to stop the fraudulent transactions. The victims are caught off guard and tell the suspects their PIN numbers and other identification information over the phone. The victims often don't question, until days later, how the "bank employee" knew they were at the health club. Therefore, the victims sometimes don't call to cancel their accounts or to report their cards stolen because they assume they have already done so while talking to the 'bank' on the phone. Often, the suspects use the victims' own stolen cell phones to make these calls and numerous other long distance calls.

After the suspects obtain the victims' credit and debit cards, and often their PIN numbers, they go to the nearest Walgreen's, Wal-Mart, Gas station, Convenience store, and ATM machine and start cashing out money from the victims accounts and making fraudulent purchases within minutes of the theft. The female suspects are very mobile and the trail of fraudulent withdrawals and purchase transactions shows they often leave town within an hour of the thefts and continue making illegal transactions on victims' accounts in towns and cities across southern WI for the rest of the day and evening. They then may access the Internet and begin making Internet purchases if the accounts aren't closed in a timely manner.

There are at least 6 known similar cases of this M.O. in Health Clubs across Milwaukee County, all involving similarly described black females who are captured on videotape while using stolen credit and debit cards for fraudulent transactions.

If you are the victim of a theft, remember never give out your personal account or identification information to anyone over the phone. The bank already knows your account numbers and PIN information. They will not need to get that information from you. NEVER give out information to anyone who contacts YOU. Password protect your accounts.

The safest way to insure that you do not become a victim of theft is to never leave valuables in an unattended vehicle or locker. Leave these at work or at home. This includes your purse, wallet, cell phone, CDs, packages, and other items. If you do become a victim of theft and your credit or debit cards and ID are stolen, contact your bank or credit card company immediately and cancel your accounts. Ask to have a password put on your bank and credit accounts. Then call the three major credit reporting agencies, Experian, Trans Union, and Equifax and place a "fraud alert" on your accounts to insure that no one can open new credit purchases without your verbal authorization.

Madison Police North District officers have arrested and identified seven of the teen suspects involved in the thefts at the Princeton Club-East. An adult black female was also arrested for obstructing when she lied about the boys' names in connection with the arrests. These teens have addresses on the North, East, and West sides of the city as well as in Fitchburg. They are highly mobile because they frequently steal cars for transportation. They have been arrested repeatedly in the past year or two and charged with various crimes such as stealing cars, burglaries, thefts, batteries, obstructing police, and eluding police. However, since they are juveniles, the court often remands them back to their homes and they continue to re-offend.

From The Captain

Here are some crime prevention and safety tips for you and your family from the Madison Police Department:

- Watch out for your neighbor(s), and have a neighbor watch out for you.
- Install a motion detection outdoor light and park your vehicles in your driveway.
- Be cautious of scams via mail, phone, e-mail, etc.
- Be cautious about who you give personal information to.
- Immediately report crimes and suspicious activity to police. (Don't call a friend or relative first.)

- Shred personal and financial documents before disposing of them.
- Lock your doors/windows when at home and when in the car, don't let strangers in.
- Have your key out and ready when approaching your car.
- Do you have a cell phone? If not, try to obtain one and keep it with you.
- Let someone know when you will be out, where, and when you plan to return.
- Have a light on a timer to be turned on when you're out or on vacation.
- Make sure that your house address number is visible from the street.
- When utility or appliance repair people show up, ask for a photo ID.
- Don't give personal information out to anyone; ask for a name and phone number to recontact them.
- Use automatic deposit for Social Security checks.
- Be cautious with your Social Security number and PIN numbers.
- Don't leave checks in your mailbox to be picked up.
- Don't leave valuables in plain view in your car—not even when locked.
- If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

