



# 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 can 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.

### ***Travel Safely!***

*If you are driving, make sure your vehicle has been properly serviced for the journey.*

*Try to have specific directions and routes to your destination.*

*If you get lost, call the local police for directions or assistance.*

*Always keep your vehicle doors and windows locked.*

*At stoplights and other traffic delays, leave enough space in front of your vehicle so that you have an escape option in case of an emergency.*

*Let someone know the route you intend to travel and your itinerary. This will help authorities in locating you if there is a need to do so.*

*Plan your trip carefully and allow for factors such as weather, fatigue, facilities for lodging, food and fuel. Be sure you have sufficient finances, i.e., cash, traveler's checks or credit cards.*

*Ask the hotel staff about their security measures so you know what to expect.*

*Use the hotel safe to store your valuables during your stay.*

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Lieutenant Mark Brown, 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 - Battery/D.C. Whiled Armed/Weapons Offense:**

07/02	1900 E Johnson St	<b>Weapons Violation/Drug Investigation:</b> Officers responded to information regarding a vehicle being operated with drugs and weapons inside. After conducting a high risk traffic stop officers located numerous daggers and BB gun within vehicle.
07/17	4810 E Washington Ave	<b>Weapons Offense:</b> Officers dispatched to gas station ref numerous 911 hang-up calls. After checking area, officers were sent back to station where they contacted female suspect who had steak knife concealed in her pocket. Suspect admitted she wanted to hut somebody.
07/22	1600 Delaware Dr	<b>Substantial Battery:</b> Pizza delivery person in route to address for delivery was stopped by suspect by blocking victim vehicles path. Male passenger of suspect vehicle exited and challenged victim to fight. Victim would not fight and attempted to drive away when suspect threw brick through passenger side window striking victims head. No suspect information attained.
07/22	2500 Monterey Dr	<b>DC Whiled Armed:</b> Victim and suspect brothers and intoxicated got into a verbal altercation. One brother went to adjacent apartment and armed himself with a knife. Suspect brother returned to the location of his brother and slashed him with knife causing non-life threatening injuries.
07/23	43 East Towne Mall	<b>Retail Theft/DC While Armed:</b> Female suspect entered retail establishment concealed items and exited store without offering payment. After brief altercation with store security suspect able to escape in auto. Suspect drove off leaving male get a way driver who in turn displayed a knife to security personnel. Male suspect contacted by police and ID'd female suspect.
07/28	1500 Troy Dr	<b>Weapons Offense:</b> Without provocation, three males observed within a vehicle driving through parking lot. Front passenger of vehicle observed holding a rifle out of open window, pointing it up in the air and firing one shot. Vehicle then left area.

## Person Crimes - Robberies:

Date	Location	Details
07/08	4202 East Towne Blvd	<b>Robbery:</b> Three suspects unknown approached three victims standing outside business waiting for friend to them. Suspects demanded money and began hitting two of the victims. Suspects took victims purse and a cell phone then left area. No suspects located.
07/10	3394 East Washington Ave	<b>Armed Robbery:</b> Suspect entered bank approached teller counter and demanded that money be placed in a backpack. Teller complied and suspect fled bank. Bank employees did get license plate from get-a-way vehicle.

## Property Crimes - Burglaries:

Date	Location	Type	Entry	Target/Stolen
07/02	3100 Blk Forest Run Way	Residential	No Forced Entry, possible key made to apartment	Numerous video games and gaming console
07/03	3600 blk Kipling Dr	Theft from Auto	Vehicle trunk pried open	Car stereo equipment
07/06	2638 E Dayton St	Non-residential burglary	Unsecured garage door	Golf clubs, stereo speakers, toolbox and tools, lawn care tools and wakeboard
07/10	146 East Towne Mall	Attempted burglary of business	Attempted to lift security gate. Suspect scared off by early morning mall patron observing activity	Nothing taken
07/13	614 Vera Ct	Non-residential	Broken window	Cash, camera, credit cards
07/19	400 Blk East Bluff	Residential Burglary	Unlocked patio door	Nothing taken
07/21	700 Blk Dexter St	Residential Burglary	Climbed on balcony and entered via open window	Victim woke to stranger in room. When victim yelled, suspect climbed back out on balcony and attempted to flee. Other residents in apartment chased suspect and pointed him out to responding officers.

## Of Note:

Date	Location	Details
6/26	201 East Towne Mall	<b>Exposure:</b> While walking in the parking lot at East Town Mall, female victim had a red vehicle pull up along side her. The driver asked victim what time the mall opened up. When victim approached the vehicle to answer the question she observed that the male had his shorts pulled down to his knees and was exposing his genitals. Victim described suspect as a white male, early to mid 30's, weighing 190-210 lbs and brown wavy shoulder length hair.
07/07	1745 Parkside Dr	<b>Escapee:</b> Suspect on furlough from Mendota Mental Health hospital walked away from guard escort. After extensive manhunt, individual has not been located, but believed not to be in area.
07/20	1849 Wright St	<b>Arson:</b> Suspect disgruntled over recent firing from company, climbed security fencing removing stereos from two former co-workers vehicles. After theft, suspect then set both vehicles on fire. Suspect was observed and captured by company workers as he fled scene. Suspect turned over to police.
07/24	1400 Blk Northport Dr	<b>Child Enticement:</b> While speaking with a friend in parking lot within the 1500 blk of Troy Dr, a juvenile female observed a male of unknown race driving a goldish/tan vehicle similar to a Ford Taurus with dented up passenger side watching her. As she began walking home, she observed same subject drive up behind her pull over and ask her if she wanted a ride. After saying no, the suspect drove away very fast. No police contact made with suspect.
06/07	4200 Blk East Towne	<b>Arrested persons/drug investigation/retail theft:</b> An alert officer observed two individuals outside of the Excel Inn acting suspiciously. Suspects were unloading large garbage bags from their trunk into the building. When contacted both suspects gave fictitious names and had no clear memory as to why they were at the motel, who they were visiting or who rented the vehicle they were operating. After the officer's canine companion alerted on the vehicle for drugs, both individuals were found to have drugs on their person and numerous stolen items from area retail stores.
06/14	2358 East Springs Dr	<b>Exposure:</b> Female victim states she was exiting a retail store when a male in a vehicle had asked her for directions. While giving initial directions she did not observe the individual from the waist down. When she approached the vehicle to provide better directions, she noticed that the individual was naked from the waist down. Suspect was able to follow suspect vehicle and obtain license plate information.

**Property Crimes - Graffiti:**

Date	Location	Details
06/26	232 Cardinal Ln	Three Juveniles observed spray painting vehicles and side of building at this address. Neighbors alerted police to activity and provided description after individuals fled. City streets worker noticed juveniles running and pointed officers in direction and residence they ran into. Officers contacted juvenile who still had paint on their hands. After a brief investigation all three were arrested for Criminal Damage to Property.

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**North District Patrol Operations & Traffic Enforcement**

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Lieutenant Brian Ackeret, Patrol Services 245-3653

**Traffic Safety****July Traffic Enforcement Efforts by Community Policing Team and Traffic Enforcement Safety Team**

The Madison Police Department continues to respond to requests for additional traffic enforcement in areas throughout the North District. North District patrol officers and officers from the Traffic Safety Enforcement Team have conducted enforcement efforts for speeding in the following areas:

5300 Block High Crossing Blvd.  
1400 Block Packers Ave  
1700 Block Packers Ave  
1000 Block Northport Dr.  
3100 Block E Washington Ave

There have been requests for speeding enforcement on Delaware Blvd, Trailway, Green Ave, and Knutson Dr. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns regarding traffic issues you may have, or contact the Speeder's Hotline at 266-4624.



Sergeant Chuck Weiss 266-5945

The month of July was a very busy month for the entire department. Because of several high profile cases, members of the North/East CPT were needed to assist outside of our district. In the North District we have continued to provide extra attention at the Woodland Park and Woodlands apartments. Officer Tom Finnegan has continued to work closely with Neighborhood Officer Kelly Donahue and patrol officers to address ongoing issues at those locations.

We have been working on several locations where there have been complaints of suspected drug activity. These investigations were initiated after neighbors reported suspicious activity to us.

Most of the investigations and projects we work on are the result of citizen's reports. I was at a neighborhood meeting recently where people began telling me about all the suspicious activity they had been observing in their neighborhood. They described watching individuals walk down the street checking car doors, hand-to-hand exchanges (which they believed was drug dealing), loud music being played and intimidating comments made to them. None of these incidents had been reported to the police when or shortly after they had happened. Although some of these types of incidents may not be a high priority and there may be a delay in an officer responding, it is still important to report these incidents promptly. There may be a patrol officer available in the immediate area who is not tied up with another call. Often times contacts officers make on low priority calls lead to the arrest of subjects on warrants or other crimes. At a minimum it may help deter the activity and prevent it from becoming a common or accepted behavior in your neighborhood.





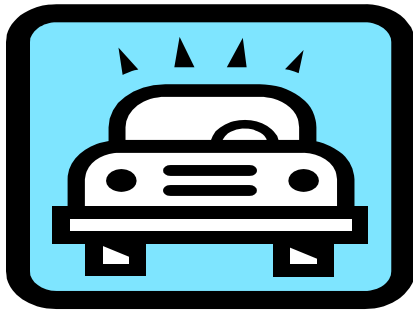
Police Officer Kelly Donahue 245-3679

## *Happy Summer!*

As I have said before, as the weather warms we tend to get busier and busier. There seems to be an increase in loitering in the area North of Scott Lane on Kipling Drive. I will be contacting landlords to explain what I have seen in that area. As of this time, the calls for service in this area don't seem to be increasing but there are things that need to be addressed quickly to prevent any problems. There was recently gang graffiti painted on several buildings in the area that does appear to be gang related. There was some discussion of this on the Northside message board. I felt the criticism of the police for not responding to the calls needed to be addressed. There was concern that the police department was only responding to priority calls. This was because there was a homicide and a fatality car crash that occurred over the weekend drawing an incredible amount of police services. As well, there was a stabbing at a residence on Scott Lane over the weekend. That property is owner occupied. Trust that officers would much rather be patrolling their neighborhoods than responding to death and tragedy. The department has been faced with a number of major cases in a short period of time. During these times, calls are prioritized and officers sent as available. There are times when resources allow us to only respond to priority calls for service, which is often a crime or emergency that is in progress at the time of the call.

Much of my other areas of responsibility remains as I have reported recently. It is also the time of the year that the police department hosts interns who are interested in police work. The North District is hosting an intern who attends UW Whitewater and is studying criminal justice and sociology. She will be assisting myself and the NorthEast CPT with a problem solving project as well as observing our everyday activities. It is a pleasure to have her work with us and always good to get a fresh perspective and ideas for problem solving.

During the upcoming heat wave, please check on your neighbors especially the ill and elderly. Also, keep an eye out for pets or animals in distress. It is always surprising to me to hear that people are not aware that a pet should not be in a car when temperatures are so extreme. The City of Madison actually has an ordinance prohibiting animals from being locked in a car for more than 15 minutes. Stay cool.



Often referred to as **“Boom Cars,”** police are seeing a rise in complaints from residents concerning vehicles which park, stand or operate with sound systems so loud they disturb the peace. This is a difficult violation for police to address because of the transient nature of the incident, yet that does not diminish its negative effect on the quality of life for citizens in all areas of the city.

Under what is known as the *owner onus* principle, the registered owner of a vehicle is liable for loud car stereo violations. Madison General Ordinances allow a citizen to file a written complaint regarding radios or electronic sound amplification devices audible from a vehicle in excess of 75 feet. Police may issue citations to the vehicle owner, regardless of who was operating at the time of the offense.

Citizens will be required to attend a short training meeting at which time they will learn the process of how to become reporters. The law is quite specific in its scope and nature, and it is important that citizens understand the requirements.

The citizen complaint will require you to do some work ahead of time. You will need to prepare a diagram with the report, and should make several copies of this ahead of time, since it will require taking measurements. You will also need to pick a place for making your observations, and be able to clearly read the rear license plate of the vehicle from your observation point. The best way to handle this would be to enlist the help of others as observers. It would not be possible to complete an accurate report with just one person.

To meet legal criteria, citizens must identify the vehicle by license plate and description, and give some indication of the driver's description. The noise coming from the car must be electronic sound amplification and cannot be noise from a loud muffler or squealing tires. You must show that the electronic sound is audible for more than 75 feet, which will require you to measure out a distance from your home or business.

The law has specific time lines that must be followed in order to produce a complaint. Citizen reports must be turned in within 24 hours of when the observations are made.

The date and time of the North District citizen training session will be announced soon.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH KIDS?

Are you or someone you know looking for a part-time job? Crossing guards provide great service to our community and earn \$13.30 per hour plus retirement benefits. Health and life insurance are also available. The City of Madison is looking for interested people who enjoy being outdoors and would like to provide safety for our school children for the 2007-2008 school year.

Most shifts are 1 to 1 ¼ hours, and fall between the hours of 7:00 to 8:45 AM, and 2:30 to 4:00 PM with an earlier shift on Monday afternoons. Work is scheduled Monday through Friday with no weekend work. Some flexibility is required due to early release dates.

For more information, please contact the city of Madison Police Department Traffic Bureau at 266-4703 (Bob Olson or Patti Knoche) or Human Services at 266-4615. A job description and application are available at [www.ci.madison.wi.us/hr/jobopen.html](http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/hr/jobopen.html).