



# Madison Police Department

## SOUTHSIDE NEWS



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The South Side News is an electronic Newsletter distributed to district employees, area alder persons and other elected officials, business associations, school principals, south side planning council members, neighborhood association leaders, South Neighborhood Resource Team members, other government and community-based groups and interested citizens and command staff of the Madison Police Department.

The intent of the "South Side News" is to not only provide information on activities, events, incident reports and criminal cases occurring in the district, but also establish a means of ongoing communication within the district. The newsletter also serves as an effective mechanism for us to receive feedback and input on how to do our job more efficiently and effectively. I hope that you will not only read about what is taking place in our district and department, but you will also "get involved" in making our community a better place to live.

A primary goal of decentralized police service is that police will be more attentive, and responsive to the small matters before they become a major crisis. Some of the information shared may seem to be very minor to some readers who may live in another neighborhood. Although not every item included in the newsletter applies to everyone in the district, it is hoped that by including a variety of issues, we will create an environment where we can use this information to improve the quality of life throughout the district.

We are always open to improving the services we provide to south side residents. Your comments can be e-mailed to me at [jwheeler@cityofmadison.com](mailto:jwheeler@cityofmadison.com) or, you can call the South District at 266-5938.

The South Police District is one of five geographic areas served by the Madison Police Department. The South Police District encompasses the areas of the City of Madison which are south of the south shoreline of Lake Mendota, and the areas south of Regent Street and

Speedway. The South District is bounded to the east by Monona Avenue, and on the West by Seminole Highway. You may see the boundaries of the district by visiting this website: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/district.html>



Detective Lieutenant Tony Peterson

### Case Summaries

#### **Case #07-006011 (P.O. Snoddy) – Criminal Damage – 30 Ash St. (West H.S.)**

On 01/18/07 @ 10:27 a.m. officers took a report that staff discovered the school had been struck by multiple eggs near the entrance on Ash St. Estimated cost of repairs was \$2,000.

#### **Case #07-009705 (P.O. Marshall) – Disturbance – 520 S. Park St. (Klinic Bar)**

On 01/28/07 @ 1:20 a.m. officers responded to a fight in progress. Investigation revealed that during a live music event patrons were "moshing." Bar staff intervened and there was a disturbance involving staff and patrons.

#### **Case #07-011752 (P.O. Douglas) – Arrested Person – 1900 S. Park St.**

On 02/02/07 @ 3:39 p.m. multiple officers responded to a fight in progress in the parking lot area. Upon arrival officers confronted an individual armed with a baseball bat. Officers ordered the suspect to drop the bat multiple time before doing so. Officers attempted verbal commands for the suspect to stop and he refused. Officers were required to take physical control of the suspect in order to take him into custody. Suspect was charged with related offenses.

**Case #07-012014 (P.O. Kinderman) – Residential Burglary – 10 block Spooner St.**

On 02/03/07 @ 7:07 a.m. officers responded to a cold-scene residential burglary. The victim reported being awakened by her barking dog @ 03:20 a.m. Victim heard footsteps w/i the residence and the rear door slam. She then observed a subject fleeing outside. Entry believed to have been through an unlocked rear door.

**Case #07-012928 (P.O. Richardson) – Strong-Arm Robbery – 2900 block Coho St.**

On 02/05/07 @ 8:35 p.m. officers responded to a strong-arm robbery report. Victim advised that he was confronted by two subjects in the parking lot of his residence. Suspects demanded victim's property and took his cell phone.

**Suspect #1: m/b 19 years-old 5'11" medium build cream Carhart-like hooded jacket, winter hat, light complexion**

**Suspect #2: m/b 22 years-old, wearing all black clothing**

**Case #07-013014 (P.O. Dailey) – Non-residential Burglary –1217 Greenway Cross (Applegate Auto)**

On 02/06/07 @ 7:46 a.m. officers responded to a non-residential burglary. Victim reported unknown persons had entered the business and taken cash and auto parts. No signs of forced entry.

**Case #07-013476 (P.O. Snoddy) – Battery – 30 Ash St. (West H.S.)**

On 02/07/07 @ 9:43 a.m. officers took a report of a battery. Student victim advised he was struck several times in the head area without provocation. Victim incurred small cut and swelling to the jaw area.

Student suspect was identified and interviewed. Suspect admitted responsibility. Suspect to be charged with related offense.

**Case #07-013729 (Dane County Narcotics and Gangs Task Force/South Community Police Team) –Drug Investigation – 1700 block Lake Point Dr.**

On 02/07/07 officers executed a drug search warrant. The subsequent investigation resulted in the seizure of

marijuana and charging two residents with related offenses.

**Case #07-014041 (P.O. Hartman) Battery 1900 block Fisher St.**

On 02/08/07 @ 6:32 p.m. officers responded to a domestic disturbance between a 13 year-old son and mother. Investigation revealed that the son had attacked and battered his mother. Son was charged with related offense.

**Case #07-010934 (P.O. Fields) – Theft – 400 block West Shore Dr.**

On 01/31/07 @ 11:13 a.m. officers took a report of a stolen custom made pier valued @ \$6,000.00.

**Case #07-011909 (P.O. Lewis) – Residential Burglary – 1100 Moorland Rd.**

On 02/02/07 @ 11:38 p.m. officers responded to a burglary complaint. Entry was made by brute force through the front door. Stolen items included computers, jewelry, video games, DVDs, change and more.

**Case #07-011924 (P.O. Jacobsen) – Criminal Damage To Property – 232 E. Olin Ave. (Coliseum Bar)**

On 02/03/07 @ 12:06 a.m. officers responded to a damage to property report at the Coliseum Bar. An employee witnessed as a patron intentionally damaged one of the toilet dividers in the Men's bathroom. A suspect has been identified and the case is assigned to **Det. Hetland**.

**Case #07-014096 (P.O. Fuhremann) – Suspicious Persons/Attempted Theft 100 block N. Roby Rd.**

On 02/08/07 @ 10:07 p.m., officers responded to a report of suspicious persons. A witness observed two individuals breaking into a vehicle. The suspects fled and left behind items believed to be stolen from area garages. The witness further reported observing another individual walking in the area carrying a chainsaw.

A K-9 tracking dog responded and followed a track where additional suspected stolen items

hidden in bushes were recovered.

**The community is reminded to secure garages and homes. Also, do not leave anything of value in your vehicles.**

**Case #07-014350 (P.O. Hartman) – Strong-Arm Robbery - 1900 Beld St.**

On 02/09/07 @ 3:21 p.m. officers responded to a report of a strong-arm robbery. Upon arrival the reporting party had left the scene. Approximately 40 minutes later the victim contacted officers in order to make a report.

Victim advised they were in the area holding U.S. currency in their hand when it was grabbed away and the suspect fled. Officer contacted witnesses who reported that the victim had been ripped off of drugs, not money.

**Case #07-014474 (P.O. McGill) – Theft From Vehicles – 20 block Sunfish Ct.**

On 02/09/07 @ 8:23 p.m. officers responded to a report of a theft from vehicles. The victims reported that wallets w/contents, money, a briefcase and cellphone were stolen from their unlocked vehicles parked in their open garage.

**Case #07-014501 (P.O. Fuhremann) – Fraud – 951 S. Park St. (Subway)**

On 02/09/07 @ 10:01 p.m. officers responded to the Subway Restaurant for a fraud or theft report. An employee reported that an individual had entered the store in an excited manner and explained that his wife had just been in an accident and needed money. The subject indicated that he knew the store manager and used the store phone to supposedly call the manager and receive approval for a loan. The employee provided the subject with store proceeds as well as some of his personal cash. The subject left promising that someone would return to the store shortly to repay the money.

After an hour without having anyone repay the money the police were contacted. FYI, an individual meeting this subject's description was later taken into custody for warrants. Case assigned to **Det. Johnson**. Charges related to this incident are pending.

**Case #07-014584 (P.O. Fuhremann) – Disturbance/ Arrested Persons – N. Breese Ter.**

On 02/10/07 @ 2:52 a.m. officers responded to two males fighting. Upon arrival officers contacted two individuals, one who was lying on his back while the other was standing over him.

Both had minor injuries and advised they had been fighting over a female. Both were cited and released for related offenses.

**Case #07-015570 (P.O. Lewis) – Non-Residential Burglary – 2101 W. Beltline Hwy (Don's Home Furniture)**

On 02/13/07 @ 5:21 a.m., officers responded to a burglary at Don's Home Furniture. Entry was made by breaking a window. Currency was taken. Security video revealed at least one suspect described as a black male wearing a dark colored coat with the hood up over his head.

**Case #07-015917 (P.O. Gummin) – Robbery – 2703 W. Beltline Hwy (Open Pantry)**

On 02/14/07 @ 2:11 p.m. officers responded to a robbery at the Open Pantry Store. Investigation revealed that the store had been robbed by one suspect and an undetermined amount of cash had been taken. Assigned to **Det. Miller**.

Suspect described as:

**Male black, 23-27 years-old, 5'3" 120#, wearing a white baseball cap, orange/brown letter jacket, blue jeans, light-colored shoes, diamond earrings in both ears.**

**Case #07-016148 (South CPT) – Drug Investigation/ Arrested Person – W. Beltline Hwy @ Todd Dr.**

On 02/14/07 @ 6:52 p.m. South CPT officers had contact with individuals in a vehicle stopped on the Beltline. A K-9 drug dog responded to the scene and alerted on the vehicle. The subsequent search located cocaine powder, crack, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Two of the vehicle occupants was arrested for related charges.

**Case #07—16157 (P.O. Douglas) – Robbery –1129 S. Park St. (Clark Station)**

On 02/14/07 @ 7:25 p.m. officers responded to a robbery at the Clark Station. Investigation revealed that the store had been robbed by one suspect and an undetermined amount of cash had been taken. Case assigned to **Det. Miller**.

Suspect described as:

**Male black, 30 years-old, 5'10" 145#, wearing a white baseball cap, black leather ¾ coat, light-colored undershirt, blue jeans, light-colored shoes, dark gloves.**

**Case #07-016395 (P.O. J. Urso) – Suspicious Person – Todd Drive**

On 02/15/07 @ 1:50 p.m. officers were dispatched to Cherokee Middle School ref a report of an attempted child enticement. A student's parent had reported to school administration that a stranger had tried to get their child to get into a car the previous day at another location.

The student reported to police that after getting off the school bus after school the day before an individual had driven up to him and told him to get in. The student ignored this individual and walked home.

A description of the individual is:

**Hispanic male, early 20's, no facial hair, buss cut brown hair, chubby face and wearing a white short sleeved t-shirt w/black lettering.**

Driving:

**Smaller model white sedan, older condition, with rust spots on the rear passenger side near rear tail light.**

**Case #07-016464 (P.O. Dexheimer) – Substantial Battery – 30 Ash St. (West H.S.)**

On 02/15/07 @ 4:07 p.m. officers were dispatched to a report of a battery that had occurred the previous day at West H.S. A parent reported their child had been struck in the head area by student and incurred a broken jaw. The child reported to police that another student had struck them from behind for no reason. Case assigned to **Det. Misener.**

### **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION COMPLIANCE**

There are some basic steps citizens can take to assist the WI Corrections Dept with monitoring subjects who are listed as being on the lifetime Sex Offender Registry Program (SORP). These subjects are more commonly

known to most of us as **Registered Sex Offenders.**

All **Registered Sex Offenders** in our state are **RE-REQUIRED** by law to notify the State of WI Sex Offender Registry Program (SORP) of the following information:

- 1. Any Change of Address**
- 2. Any Change of Job**

This means the only requirement or restriction the State imposes on a registered sex offender is that they **MUST** notify the State of WI Sex Offender Registry unit of any change of address or job for the rest of their lives. Needless to say, that does not always happen, and many Registered Sex Offenders consequently fall off the radar and can end up in your neighborhood without any law enforcement authority or beat cop knowing about it.

What you also need to know is that Registered Sex Offenders are **NOT** assigned to a Probation or Parole Agent for supervision unless they are still on Probation or Parole status. That means once a Registered Sex Offender has served all their time in prison, and all their time under court ordered probation or parole supervision, there is **NO ONE** out there monitoring their behavior except their neighbors and co-workers.

Unfortunately, there are only 10 SORP staff persons responsible for monitoring thousands of lifetime registered sex offenders in our state. They simply do not have the personnel or resources to track down all the registered sex offenders in WI to find out if they are still living or working where they last said they were.

The Sex Offender Registry Program is meaningless without the help of citizens and local beat officers who have contact with and can help monitor sex offenders in their neighborhood. Police officers who become aware of registered sex offenders in their beats will try to monitor their activities, however, without the help of neighbors and co-workers notifying us of a sex offender who has moved or changed jobs, we will likely never know.

Currently, there are thousands of Registered Sex Offenders who have failed to comply with the registration requirements and have moved or changed jobs in order to avoid any kind of oversight or monitoring of their activities. This allows them to live more secret lives and find new victims on which to perpetrate.

If you want to know if one of your neighbors or co-

workers is a Registered Sex Offender, simply log onto the Internet and access the SORP public website: [widocoffenders.org](http://widocoffenders.org). This is the WI Dept of Corrections Sex Offender web site. You can enter a person's last name or zip code and pull up the information you need to know.

If you discover there is a registered sex offender living in your neighborhood, you should let your local beat officer or the SORP unit know if that person ever moves or changes jobs, or if you notice any other suspicious behavior. Likewise, if you look up a sex offender on the web site and you know they are no longer living at the address they listed on the Registry, it is imperative that you notify your local beat cop or the WI SORP unit to report the transgression.

You can report tips by either clicking on the 'safe tip line' under the WI DOC Offender web site, [widocoffenders.org](http://widocoffenders.org) and email your tip to the Registry directly, or you can do so by calling the Registry's toll free number **800-394-2403** to report the information. Your information will be treated confidentially.

Unfortunately, there are no rules that prohibit a Registered Sex Offender from having contact with children, but if you see an offender making an unusual effort to talk to children in the neighborhood, please notify your local beat officer. Any information you provide to your local beat officer will assist law enforcement with monitoring Wisconsin's thousands of registered sex offenders. The information can be treated confidentially, documented, and also routed to the SORP unit. The SORP unit will crosscheck the information you provide against what the sex offender has reported to the Registry.

Registered Sex Offenders who fail to comply with the rules to notify SORP of any change of address or job, can be immediately arrested for a violation of **WI State Statute 301.45 (6)(a)**. Officers need only a copy of the DOC Registry listing the date and location of that offender's last registered address, and proof of the new address that has not been reported, in order to make an arrest. Citizens who report discrepancies in an offender's current registered address and job location will provide the SORP Registry staff and law enforcement with the tools they need to effectively monitor and arrest those who are in violation of WI Sex Offender Registry laws.

#### Odds and Ends

Our new South-CPT has been in working in the district since January 2007. Since then they have been busy identifying problem-solving issues in the South District. These include traffic issues to narcotics issues.

On February 15, an open house was held at the District for the South-CPT to meet members of the community. At the meeting the mission statement of the South-CPT was distributed to those in attendance. Our mission statement is as follows:

#### ***South Police District Community Policing Team Mission Statement***

*It is the mission of the South Police District Community Policing Team (South-CPT) to provide a highly concentrated and focused level of police services to South District neighborhoods. The South-CPT will work cooperatively with South District community members to establish shared ownership and accountability, as well as a sustained commitment from both the police and the community. Success will be achieved by incorporating the unique strategies of problem oriented policing while continuing to utilize traditional policing methods. These services will occur based on the needs of the South District, command staff, fellow officers, and the community.*

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding the South-CPT. The South-CPT is available to partner with the community in order to find new and innovative ways to deal with problems in the South District.

Take Care