



# 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 #07-018305 (P.O. Masterson) – Check Persons – 1155 Olin-Turville Ct (Olin Park)**

On 02/20/07 @ 5:15 p.m. P.O. Masterson was patrolling Olin Park for inappropriate sexual activity and drug activity. He observed the occupant of a vehicle look in his direction and then lean back as if trying to hide. Officer Masterson then observed a large amount of movement from within the vehicle.

Upon contacting the vehicle it was discovered that there were actually two occupants. The occupants had differing explanations for their activity, indicated that they had known each other for some time, yet did not know each other's names. Both had been contacted/cited in the past for being in the park after hours or inappropriate behavior.

#### **Case #07-019953 (P.O. Chalecki/South Community Police Team) – Arrested Person – Fish Hatchery Rd @ S. Park St.**

On 02/24/07 @ 5:57 p.m. South CPT officers observed an individual standing in the medial holding a cardboard sign. Officers recognized the individual from previous contacts where he had been cited for soliciting on a highway. Officers contacted him again

and he was cited for related offenses.

**Case #07-022486 (P.O. Douglas) – Check Person – 6400 block Bridge Rd**

On 03/02/07 @ 9:22 p.m. officers responded to a residence to check on an individual reported to be "preparing for war." Upon contact the individual admitted to having medical issues and was transported to an area hospital.

**Case #07-022700 (P.O. Baldukas) – 2400 block Cypress Way – Arrested Person**

On 03/03/07 @ 12:55 p.m. Officer Baldukas stopped a vehicle for a traffic offense. During his subsequent contact with the driver he noted she was nervous and did not have a drivers license with her. Running the driver through DOT revealed she had a suspended drivers license and traffic warrant. Incident to arrest drug paraphernalia was located. The driver was arrested for related offenses.

**Case # 07-023043 (P.O. Chalecki/South Community Police Team) – 1300 block S. Park St. - Arrested Person**

On 03/04/07 @ 2:35 p.m. officers observed a vehicle traveling on S. Park St and heard a loud vibration of base coming from it. The vehicle pulled into a business and officers made contact with the occupants. The driver was cited for a related offense.

**Case #07-023099 (P.O. Dexheimer) – Arrested Person – 1900 block S. Park St.**

On 03/04/07 @ 5:20 p.m. officers were surveilling the area and observed suspicious activity by the occupants of a vehicle parked in an area business lot. A check of the license plate revealed that the registration was suspended. The vehicle left the parking lot and was stopped. The occupants were contacted and provided with an explanation of the police contact. Officers determined that one of the occupants was wanted on eight separate warrants and was arrested.

**Case #07-023143 (P.O. Chalecki/South Community Police Team) – 1500 block Greenway Cross – Drug Investigation**

On 03/04/07 @ 9:00 p.m. officers observed suspicious

activity in an area business parking lot. Contact was made with one of the participating individuals who, when asked, admitted to possessing a syringe. During a search of her person, officers located the syringe, drug paraphernalia and heroin. She was charged with related offenses.

**Sex Offender Registry Compliance**

During late February and early March SPD personnel were given assignments to verify the home address of all registered sex offenders residing in the South Police District.

**Case #07-023534 (P.O. Dexheimer) – Sexual Assault of a Child 202 S. Park St. (Meriter Hospital)**

On 03/05/07 @ 8:03 p.m. officers were dispatched to Meriter Hospital regarding a reported sexual assault of a young child. The child's mother reported that the victim had complained of discomfort in the groin area. Case assigned to Det. Aguilu.

**Case #07-023564 (P.O. Marshall) – Suspicious Vehicle – 700 block John Nolen Drive**

On 03/05/07 @ 10:00 p.m. officers responded to the area regarding the occupants of a vehicle contacting people in the lot and asking for money.

Upon arrival officers located/contacted the vehicle and occupant. A check of this individual revealed an outstanding warrant through Grant County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle was searched and drug paraphernalia was located. The suspect was charged with a related offense.

**Case #07-023780 (P.O. Stelter) – Arrested Juvenile – 1800 block Beld St.**

On 03/06/07 @ 2:35 p.m. officers responded to a suicidal person who was holding a knife to their chest. Upon arrival contact was made with the another resident who had convinced the suicidal

person to turn the knife over.

During the subsequent investigation it was determined that the individual had been upset during the incident with the knife, but had not intended to cause harm to themselves. The suspect was charged with a related offense.

### Neighborhood Reports



Officer Sue Krause

The kids in the Cypress-Magnolia neighborhood have "Spring Fever" as do I! With warmer weather, families are out and about, kids are on their bikes and new faces are in the neighborhood. I am planning the southside community picnic for Tuesday, June 26 at 2-4 pm on the grounds of Lincoln School. I am working together with Joining Forces for Families, Fit City Madison and MSCR on this project.

PO J Papalia recently trained officers on the "boom car" ordinance. I will be training my neighborhood association on this additional tool in mid-April. Members of the neighborhood association currently do get me plates of vehicles with very loud stereos, and other undesirable behaviors which result in a letter being sent to the registered owner.

It has been helpful to have the South CPT on board. I feel particularly fortunate to have PO Chalecki as my liaison due to her work ethic and tremendous organizational skills. We have been doing activities ranging from surveillance and stops to planning future prostitution stings.

I continue to be in contact with landlords about emerging problem tenants. It is my belief that the nuisance abatement ordinance will give us yet another tool to encourage property owners to take responsibility for their buildings.

Officer Sue Krause

Cypress/Magnolia



Officer Jean Stenson

My name is Jean Stenson and after 19 years as a patrol officer I am now the Triangle Neighborhood Officer. Since January 2007. I am replacing Officer Jane Lombardo who retired in January. I have been learning the ins and outs of the neighborhood and it has been a good transition. I have been welcomed warmly by the staff and residents and believe this year is going to be a rewarding one. I also hold the position of South District Mental Health Liaison. My job is to read the officer reports regarding police contacts with individuals appearing to have mental health issues in the district and to follow-up with assistance by way of referrals and fostering officer awareness of individuals living in the district who have those kinds of issues.

If you need assistance or have information regarding the Triangle or its residents please feel free to contact me at 266-4866

The Triangle Community Health and Resource Center located at 755 Braxton Place celebrated their grand opening on March 26<sup>th</sup>. CDA Director Agustin Olvera gave the welcome. Speakers included Alice Fike, CDA resident; Stuart Levitan, CDA Board President; Darcy Luome, Senator Kohl's Office and Mayor Dave Cieslewicz. Tours of the new center and refreshments followed.

On April 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30PM Bayview will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at 601 Bayview for the children in The Triangle area.

Be sure to put the Ethnic Fest on your calendar of events for the summer. It will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 6PM on Braxton Place. Food and crafts provided by the many different ethnic groups that are represented in the Triangle will be on sale. Games and activities are being planned for the children. There is also a large stage for entertainment. Bring your families and enjoy the activities.

**South Community Policing Team**



Sgt Dave McClurg

During the first months of 2007 we have learned problem buildings, houses, businesses and people. We have also met many good people working hard towards dealing with the problems that they encounter in their neighborhoods. We have contacted and talked with owners of addresses with reported drug problems and we have contacted their neighbors and asked their help in dealing with the problems. We weekly have performed surveillance on addresses and businesses reported to us as problems.

Since January 16,2007 we have written 154 citations both traffic and city ordinance. We have directed traffic enforcement in areas where citizens have labeled as problems. We have run three speed waves in the 1700 block of Fish Hatchery Rd. near Wright School. We have one red light initiative at Park St and Badger Rd an area marked for enforcement because of the number of accidents. Officers have also run special initiatives in the Todd Dr and Monroe St. area.

Each day for the past several weeks officers in the South CPT have spent the first few hours of their shift concentrating on safety, and traffic around West High School, Lincoln Elementary or one of the other area schools.

As problems arise we encourage you to contact us at our office phone or via e-mail. I have listed our names and the CPT officers assigned to various areas of the South District.

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### **We need you help**

**MADSION POLICE NEEDS YOUR HELP SOLVING A HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED AT S. PARK ST. AND REGENT ST. LEAVING A MATC STUDENT IN CRITICAL CONDITION.**

On March 10th at 2:18 in the morning, a MATC student was crossing the street when a vehicle struck him. The victim suffered severe life-threatening injuries.

The vehicle fled the scene without stopping. This vehicle is described as a dark colored mini van with a tinted rear window and no luggage rack. The vehicle would have front-end damage and a cracked windshield. This damage may have been recently repaired. It was last seen traveling southbound on S. Park St.

If you have any information concerning a possible suspect or suspect vehicle please contact Traffic Specialist Rodney Wilson at 266-5981.

Take Care