



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 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 #07-042427 (P.O. Morovic) – Shots Fired – 2900 block Coho St.

On 04/22/07 @ 9:46 p.m., officers responded to a report of a bullet being shot into a residence. The residents advised they were awakened by a muffled sound during the night and discovered the projectile and hole in their wall in the morning.

Officers had been dispatched to the area in the early morning hours for a report of shots fired, but did not locate anything at that time.

Case #07-043204 (P.O. S. Smith) – Disturbance/Arrested Person – 6400 block Bridge Rd.

On 04/24/07 @ 2:40 a.m., officers responded to a disturbance in an apartment. Upon arrival they could hear arguing and knocked/announced their presence. One of the persons inside then fled the residence by jumping out of a 2nd story window and into a nearby marsh area.

Additional officers arrived and a perimeter was set up and K-9 tracking dogs started a search for the suspect. The Monona Police Department responded with a thermal-imaging camera that can detect body heat and was able to locate the 22 year-old suspect who

was taken into custody and charged with related offenses.

Case #07-045715 (P.O. Winter) – Substantial Battery – 2000 block Taft St.

On 04/29/07 @ 11:45 p.m. officers responded to a disturbance. Upon arrival officers found an individual who had been severely battered. Injuries included a bite to the thumb, bruising, swelling and cuts to the head, neck and other areas.

The subsequent investigation indicated that the victim and another individual had argued and then became involved in a physical altercation.

The case has been assigned to Det. Matt Misener for follow up.

Case #07-045665 (P.O. Douglas) – Weapons Offense/Arrested Juvenile – 1900 block Fisher St.

On 04/29/07 @ 9:02 p.m., officer responded to a report of a person with a knife. During the subsequent investigation officers learned that an argument had occurred between a 13 year-old male juvenile and 12 year-old female juvenile. The male then retrieved a knife and threatened the female. The male was charged with a related offense.

Case 307-048564 (P.O. Ward) – Weapons Offense/Arrested Persons – 1900 block S. Park St.

On 05/05/07 10:30 p.m., officers were responded ref individuals entering a business and firing/striking three customers with paintball guns. The three victims were struck numerous times, including to the head, hand, thigh and arm which caused pain and swelling.

The suspects (2 adults/1 juvenile) were later located and charged with related offenses.

Case #07-047271 (P.O. Baldukas) – Found Weapons – 500 block Rolfsmeyer Dr.

On 05/03/07 @ 11:44 a.m., officers contacted a citizen who had located two handguns. The citizen advised he was mowing grass when he came across a small silver revolver and silver semi-auto handguns. The weapons could have been placed there some time ago as the area had not been mowed since last October.

Case #07-050758 (P.O. Dexheimer) – Disturbance/Arrested Person – 2400 block Cypress Way

On 05/10/07 at 7:32 p.m., officers were dispatched to a fight in progress. Upon arrival there was a group of 20-25 people including one individual who was noticeably upset.

When officers contacted this individual and attempted to ascertain what had occurred he was uncooperative, argumentative and attempted to leave the area. This subject was charged with related offenses.

Case #07-052051/Ref #07-034862 (P.O. Douglas) – 1000 block Magnolia La.

On 04/02/07 officers took a report from a female victim who had been battered by a male who had identified himself as an undercover police officer. On 05/13/07 at 4:42 p.m., the victim reported seeing her attacker in the Magnolia Lane area. Responding officers located that individual who was arrested for related offenses.

Case #07-050657 (P.O. Masterson) – Attempted Armed Robbery - 1100 block Milton St.

On 05/10/07 @ 3:25 p.m., officers responded to a report of an armed robbery. The victim reported the description of three suspects who had threatened the use of a handgun and demanded money.

Officers quickly located and detained the suspects who were charged with related offenses.

Case #07-051814 (P.O. Gummin) – Weapons Offense – 1100 block Ann St.

On 05/12/07 @ 9:56 p.m., officers were dispatched to a shots fired call. Upon arrival there were several people located, including individuals who had heard the shots. Officers located multiple spent casings in an unattended vehicle which

was seized. Case has been assigned to **Det. Alix Olson** for follow up.

Case #07-51917 (P.O. Gummin) – Substantial Battery/Arrested Persons – 2900 block Coho St.

On 05/13/07 @ approx 3:26 a.m., officers responded to a disturbance involving bats and knives. Upon arrival they located a female with facial injuries. She indicated she had been struck with a baseball bat to the mouth and identified her attacker. The subsequent investigation resulted in two females being charged with related offenses.

From the Captain:

South-Community Policing Team

The South-CPT has been very busy during the month of May. The Team has been involve in many activities to include traffic enforcement, problem-solving and special projects.

The Team conducted a few traffic initiatives during the month. The Team initiated speed enforcement on Speedway. They also conducted red signal enforcement on Park St. A total of 45 citations were issued along with 21 warnings.

Members of the team has also been conducting "Sound Wave" operations where the target of enforcement is excessive noise coming from "Boom Cars". They have also been following up on "Boom Car" forms that were dropped off at the District Station.

The Team worked on emerging issues in the Coho/Post Rd areas. By working with the management of some of the apartment units, they have been able to mitigate some of the problems that were beginning to develop.

Also of significance for the Team was the arrest of an Attempted Homicide suspect out of Missouri who was living in the Badger Rd and Park St area.

I must say that it is a pleasure for the District to have a CPT Team that is assigned exclusively to the South District. Previously we had a Team that was shared

with the West District. Although this was a shared Team, they spent a lot time dealing with critical incidents on the West side which is understandable due to the issues that were occurring there. But since we have had our own Team, we have been able to tackle emerging issues prior to them becoming entrenched in our neighborhoods. I am confident that they will continue to have a positive influence in the District.

CHRONIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE PROPOSAL

A chronic nuisance ordinance is working it's way through the Common Council. The ordinance is intended to help police hold landlords accountable for the behavior of the renters they bring into your neighborhood. Usually, if a problem develops with a renter causing ongoing problems in a neighborhood, the police contact the landlord and discuss options for changing the behavior or eliminating the source of the problem. But every once in a while, the police encounter a landlord who refuses to work with the police to solve the problem. Sometimes these landlords actually just refuse to talk to us or even acknowledge us. They are only interested in the income the renter generates and not the problems the renter causes for the neighborhood.

Under this new ordinance, we have developed a list of "nuisance violations" such as unreasonable noise, disorderly conduct, and battery. If a specific number of arrests are made at or near an address, the police will contact the landlord to try to stop this behavior. If the landlord is uncooperative, the police can declare the property a nuisance property. At that point the police will notify the landlord and the landlord is required by ordinance to work with the police to stop the behavior. If the landlord refuses to work with the police or fails to take the actions he promised, he or she is in violation of the ordinance and can be fined. In addition, if any additional arrest occurs at that property for a "nuisance violation", the landlord can be required to reimburse the City for the cost of the officers responding and making that arrest.

The most important part to remember about this ordinance is that it will only be applied when landlords or property owners refuse to work with police to solve a problem being cause by their renters.

That is all for now. Take care.