



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>

Case Summaries



Lieutenant Wayne Strong

Case#06-33726 - Armed Robbery - 346 Kent Lane - 3/29/06: Victim cab driver was picking up a fare at this location when he was robbed by two suspects. Victim was violently beaten and as a result suffered multiple facial fractures. A similar robbery occurred in the North district under case #06-33700. Similar suspect information. Suspects are described as m/b, 20-30 with heavy builds wearing all dark clothing. Contact Detectives Jerry Johnson and/or Cory Nelson with any information.

Case#06-34523 - Armed Robbery - 2613 W. Beltline Hwy(Verlo Mattress) - 3/31/06: Suspect entered store and displayed a small, black handgun, demanding money from the clerk. Suspect was described as m/b, mid 20's, 5'9, wearing a black hoodie with a doo rag and baggy blue jeans. Contact Detective Alix Olson with any information.

Case#06-36565 - Home Invasion - 2929 Turbot Drive - 4/5/06: Juvenile victim was babysitting when 2 masked gunmen entered the apartment and held the victim at gunpoint. Suspects are described as 2 m/b, 5'8 and 6'3 respectively. Victim was not injured. Contact Detective Jerry Johnson with any information.

Case#06-33039 - Exposure - Pike Drive near Coho

Street - 3/28/06: Juvenile victim was walking home from school when she observed a vehicle drive past her. Victim indicated that as the vehicle drove past her she observed that the driver had his hips lifted and was exposing his penis exposed. Suspect was described as m/w, 25-30, 5'10, with short, black hair. Contact Detective Misener with any information.

Case #06-34369 - Burglary(non-res) - 3126 Watford Way - 3/31/06: Large drill valued a \$2,000 stolen from a construction site. No suspect information.

Case #06-33932 - Bomb Threat - 30 Ash Street (West H. S.) - 3/30/06: Threat was located in a third floor boys bathroom that a bomb was going to go off at 2pm. School was evacuated for 30 minutes.

Case #06-36954 - Residential Burglary - 402 S. Mills Street - 4/6/06: Residence was entered a laptop computer was taken. No suspect information.

Case# 06-45218 - Residential Burglary - 2029 Greenway Cross - 4/25: Victims report the suspect (s) entered residence and stole a Nikon camera valued at \$300, a Canon camera valued at \$650 and some costume jewelry. No sign of forced entry or suspect information.

Case# 06-45234 - Residential Burglary - 2217 Cypress Way #6 - 4/25: Victim reports that suspect(s) entered through front window of apartment and removed forty(40) compact discs of various titled artists. No suspect information.

Case# 06-45332 - Residential Burglary - 3110 Pelham Road - 4/26: Victims report suspect(s) entered through open garage door and removed a \$1500 set of various golf clubs and a black canvass bag along with a 12 pack of beer from the garage. No suspect information.

Case #06-46366 - Residential Burglary - 1810 West Lawn Avenue - 4/28: Victim reports that his home was entered and the following camera equipment was stolen: a Canon camera lens w/ model #182100867 valued at \$1309; a camera lens w/

model #28-300 and serial #31905 valued at \$2399. Camera equipment was taken off of a dining room table. No sign of forced entry or suspect information.

Case #06-46887 - Non-residential Burglary - 3126 Watford Way (Monona Plumbing) - 4/28/06: Construction site at 1133 Moorland Road was entered through unlocked door. Two Milwaukee hammer drills valued a \$1,000 and a Milwaukee portable band valued at \$200 were stolen. No suspect information.

Case #06-45179 - Theft - 326 Kent Lane - Victim reports that she believes she has misplaced her handgun or it was possibly stolen from her bedroom closet. Weapon was last seen in 10/05 and is described as a black, semi-automatic Browning Buckmark with a serial number of 515MY11221.

Case #06-44533 - Criminal Damage to Property - 6433 Bridge Road - 4/24: Victim reports that his pick up truck was parked in the lot when all four tires were slashed. Numerous other vehicles in the immediate vicinity sustained damage as well. Suspect information has been obtained.

Case #06-44877 - Prowler - 1717 Monroe Street - 4/25: Victim reports that she heard tapping and what sounded like someone prying at her rear window of her residence at 2:50 am. Area checked - nothing found.

End of Summary

Neighborhood Officer Reports

Cypress/Magnolisa
Sue Krause



The Cypress/Magnolia Neighborhood has warmed up along with the weather. The Transfer Point, fortunately, has been more calm so far this year. Some of the problems may have been displaced to Penn Park. The new Burr Oaks Community Garden (located on Lincoln School property behind 926 Magnolia Lane) has a full complement of gardeners and it set to be plowed any day. SPD's neighbor, the Early Start Childcare Center, will also have a plot in the garden and plan to sell at the South Madison Farmer's Market. A member of the neighborhood made a bench/storage shed from reclaimed materials from the now torn down 902 Magnolia Lane. The Southside Community Picnic is set for Monday, June 12 from 2p-4p. Set on the grounds of Lincoln School, the picnic is for children and their families, focusing on healthy foods and activities. We are partnering with Fit City Madison, Boys and Girls Club, Family Voices, Joining Forces for Families, Madison Fire Dept, the Madison Center for Cultural and Creative Arts, and UW Athletics. Some of the activities planned include a drumming circle, dance troupe, healthy cook-out, football/basketball/soccer skills clinics and jump rope demonstrations. Stop by for some BBQ chicken. Several buildings continue to be busy including 910 W Badger Rd, 918 Magnolia Lane and 837 Hughes Place. Command staff is working with me along with city attorney J Zilavy to press forward with nuisance abatements. I continue to find that the most problematic subjects in my neighborhood are on probation. It has been difficult to get assistance from the agents thus far. PO Droessler and I are helping to put on a landlord training Monday evening, May 8 at the Catholic Multicultural Center. A landlord association is doing the training. Our neighborhood associations are co-sponsoring the event and have agreed to purchase the snacks/beverages for the training. If you have officers that could benefit from the training (to include crafting leases, fair housing law, eviction process and more) please have them contact me. We think it will be very helpful training for officers and landlords.

Warm regards,

PO Sue Krause
577-5629

Fisher/Baird

Tammi Droessler



Spring is upon us and everyone seems to be enjoying the warmer, sunny weather. It was nice to see those that joined in on the Neighborhood Clean-Up. I had one small boy come help me pick up trash on Beld St. He thought it was a great idea to do this and we chatted and picked up trash together. I thanked him for his help and I thank all those that helped.

Activity has also heated up at Penn Park. Several weeks ago, I started to notice large numbers of teens hanging out at the park. Some are enjoying the basketball courts and playground areas. Others are engaging in criminal activity. I am concerned about the gang, drug and criminal activity in the park.

Officer Krause and I contacted several kids playing dice and gambling. This activity is illegal in the park. This activity has continued. Last week I did arrest a juvenile in the park for gambling. He was issued a citation and taken home. Another juvenile was issued a citation for a separate offense.

Last week 3 young girls approached Officer Krause and I in the park. These girls reported drug activity at the pavilion. This activity is obvious due to the plastic baggie corners left behind. I also noticed large amounts of trash and alcohol containers. Kids engaged in criminal behavior scatter when police pull into the park. On the other hand, kids playing basketball don't care about police and keep playing.

I believe the residents of Bram's Addition need to come together and "Take Back the Park". I am afraid the park is being overtaken by criminal activity and gangs. This activity intimidates those that want to come use the park for fun and play. I believe the community can effectively change this atmosphere and turn the park back into what it was intended for.

Pastor Jones from Mt Zion Church and the Boys & Girls Club are willing to help. We need the neighborhood to join together to help as well. Please take stock in your park and see what is happening to it. Please become involved in your community and in your neighborhood as-

sociation. Together, we can and will "Take Back the Park".

PO Tammi Droessler

Todd Dr
Dave Samson



Greetings

I hope all of you are having a pleasant spring with minimal hail damage to your cars and personal property. You have probably noticed fencing around buildings in the Todd Dr. Frontage road area. This will be a continuing trend, as we get closer to the redevelopment project. For those of you with children, please take the opportunity to talk with them about staying out of the fenced areas. These buildings are old and somewhat dilapidated and when demolition begins trespassing within the fenced areas could be very risky for children and adults.

Overall crime in the area continues to be low. However, there was an armed robbery at the Verlo store, which is still under investigation. With summer months right around the corner, I urge everyone to adhere to the posted speed limits and stop signs. Speeding and Arterial Stop violations continue to be a problem on Todd Dr. With the amount of young children in the neighborhood this is unacceptable and expensive if you're caught.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you have a neighborhood question or concern. My normal hours are 3p to 11p, however I have my work phone 24/7. My phone number is 577-5728, in case of an emergency call 911.

I hope you have a great summer

Regards

Neighborhood Police Officer

David Samson

Traffic Report

Please see the document attached to the email for a list of enforcement activities in the South Police District.

Gang Information

Madison Police Department and Project Hugs Strategies for our neighborhoods to combat gang activity

- 1) **Identify resources in your neighborhood that provide safe and positive alternatives to gangs.** *Neighborhood groups may want to make up flyers identifying the resources available in their area, send them to residents and list them on the neighborhood websites. Once neighborhoods identify their area resources they should be shared with other neighborhood groups to make this a citywide effort. If there aren't any positive alternatives in your neighborhood... create some. Always remember every one of you can be a resource.*
- 2) **Report Graffiti in your area.** *Take a photo and remove the graffiti as soon as possible. If the graffiti has been crossed out, letters backwards or ends in a K this is a sign of disrespect within the gang culture and should be photographed and reported to police. If you are unsure if the graffiti is gang related contact your Neighborhood Police District and ask to speak with the gang liaison to see if a report should be taken.*
- 3) **Develop a Neighborhood Watch Program to address ongoing problem areas within your neighborhood.** *Make contact with the police officers assigned to your neighborhood. They can be a resource in finding ways to deal with these problems. Problems can include better lighting, late night gatherings at parks, open-air drug traffic, etc. Develop a system in your neighborhood that allows people to report these types of incidents and remain anonymous.*
- 4) **Visit the schools in your area.** *Get to know the staff, students and educational resource officer (ERO) assigned to the school. (If you have children in the schools this is essential.... but you don't have to*

have children there to be needed.) Get involved with your schools. Volunteer to read to elementary students, are you bi-lingual?.....tutor a student. Talk to the residents of your neighborhood and convey concerns to the school staff and school board. Support Anti-Gang Programs in your schools if they exist....if they don't exist.... help to get them started.

5) **Provide monthly educational/training programs to residents in your area.** *This can include researching resources that are already available in your area, but need to be more widely publicized. Also finding topics of interest and asking individuals or agencies to come and talk to your neighborhoods, such as: Computer Training (I-Safe America), Great Program (Gang Resistance and Education), developing language courses (Where is that bilingual resident?), Madison Police Department (What are city curfews? How can we make your home more secure? and so on.*

6) **Assist the police by reporting Curfew Violations, Trespass Violations and Disturbances.** *Don't assume someone else is going to report the incident. If information is not reported it makes it impossible to identify the problem and find resources to deal with the problem.*

7) **Neighborhoods should consider developing liaisons to assist with direct contact and outreach to all residents in their area.** *Family activities are a wonderful way to engage young people as well as parents. Plan a neighborhood picnic, holiday party or any event that will allow parents to network and families to enjoy time together.*

8) **Parents need to be involved to make a difference.** *If neighborhoods can assist parents with transportation, childcare or resource opportunities to help them become more involved with their children. Take time to get to know members of your neighborhood.*

9) **Your neighborhood will reflect the actions of the people in your area.** *If only a few individuals are creating the problems unfortunately your neighborhood may be reflecting the actions of just those few. If others create problems and you expect others to solve the problem, you will be waiting a long time to see change. Address the issues and focus on the problems, do not allow outside influences to cloud the true issue you are trying to address. Hold individuals accountable*

for their actions.

10) **Everyone is being asked to do more with less today. Be Creative, Stay Focused, Work Together and Be Alert and Make People Accountable for Their Behavior!**

Final Notes

I am proud to announce that Neighborhood Police Officer Sue Krause will be receiving a community service award from the Exchange Center on Friday May 5 at the Concourse Hotel. Since becoming the Cypress/Magnolia neighborhood officer, Sue has worked tirelessly to make positive changes in the neighborhood. By looking at the number of projects that Sue is a part of, you can see that she firmly believes in community policing and works co-actively with the community and other service providers. The projects that Officer Krause has participated in are too numerous to list here. Please read the attached nomination memo to see what Officer Krause has done in the community.

Thank you.