



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 #07-077433 (P.O. Wentzel) – Resisting Arrest – 1600 block Vilas Park Dr.

On 07/05/07 @ 8:52 p.m., officers responded to Vilas Park beach regarding a disturbance. Further details included that a male had attempted to steal a vehicle.

Upon arrival officers contacted an individual who grabbed another around the neck and would not release him. The suspect would not follow officer commands to release the other individual requiring them to physically control him. The suspect continued to resist and officers were required to use an electronic shocking device to gain control.

The suspect, a twenty-seven year old male, was charged with related offenses.

Case #07-077945 (P.O. Hartman) – Residential Burglary – 2000 block University Ave.

Officers responded to a burglary. The victim returned home to find that someone had cut a window screen and entered through a unlocked window. It was determined nothing was missing.

Case #07-079631 (P.O. Clark) – Attempted Rob-

bery – 900 block W. Badger Rd.

On 07/10/07, @ 4:37 p.m., officers responded to a report of an attempted robbery. The citizen reported that the previous day two individuals confronted him demanding money. After the victim advised he did not have any money the suspects struck him several times and went through his pockets. The victim then pointed out one of the suspects.

Officers contacted the suspect and determined he had outstanding warrants. The suspect was taken into custody after attempting to flee from officers. He was charged with related offenses.

Case #07-081444 (P.O. Kinderman) – Non-Residential Burglary – 800 block Knickerbocker St.

On 07/14/07, at 8:38 a.m., officers responded to a burglary of an area business. Entry was gained by using some type of pry tool to open a rolling metal shutter. A laptop computer and cash were taken.

Case #07-082412 (P.O. Kinderman) – Non-Residential Burglary – 1800 block Monroe St.

On 07/16/07, at 1:11 p.m., officers responded to a burglary of an area business. Unknown how entry was made. Stolen were coins, women's clothing and jewelry. (Coins/jewelry later recovered)

Case #07-081858 (P.O. Winter) – Noise Violation – 1800 Fisher St.

On 07/15/07, @ 3:40 a.m., officers responded to a loud music complaint. Residents at the problem address had been given a warning earlier in the evening due to a similar complaint and had turned the music back up after officers left the area.

Upon arrival the second time officers could again hear loud music. Residents were recontacted and issued a citation for a related offense.

Case #07-084056 (P.O. Dexheimer) – Residential Burglary – 100 block Lathrop St.

On 07/19/07, at 9:16 p.m., officers responded to a burglary. The victim reported her video game system was missing. She also reported that other items had turned up missing over the course of the past few days, includ-

ing cash, DVDs and a laptop computer. No signs of forced entry.

Case #07-084125 (P.O. McGill) – Drug Investigation – 2500 block Fish Hatchery Rd.

On 07/20/07, at 12:44 a.m., officers effected a traffic stop. As the vehicle pulled over, the driver exited and attempted to flee the area. The suspect was observed to be reaching into his waistband and pockets as if attempting to remove something. The suspect was apprehended with a large amount of U.S. currency in his possession. Officers also located controlled substances in the area where the suspect had been seen digging into his pockets.

The twenty-four year-old male was charged with related offenses.

Case #07-085643 (P.O. Kinderman) – Suspicious Vehicle – 2300 block Rowley Ave.

On 07/23/07, @ 8:12 a.m., a resident reported suspicious activity observed earlier in the day. Resident reported that between approximately 3:30 a.m. and 4:45 a.m., they observed an older full-size dark colored van drive up and down the street several times. Resident further observed that a passenger in the van was flashing a light into various driveways, as well as what appeared to be a laser pointer.

Resident was strongly encouraged to report suspicious incidents asap in the future.

Case #07-84897 (P.O. Chaney) – Entry To Locked Vehicle - 2300 block Cypress Way

On 07/21/07, at 2:18 p.m., officers responded to an entry into locked vehicle in progress. The victim provided descriptions of three suspects who were located in the area and detained. The suspects had in their possession screwdrivers and radio parts. All three suspects were charged with related offenses.

Case #07-85031 (P.O. Baio) – Strong-Arm Robbery – 2100 block S. Park St.

On 07/21/07, @ 9:12 p.m., officers responded to a report of a strong-arm robbery. Further information described the suspects as two black males, approximately 18-20 years-old with short hair, one about 5'8" and the other about 6'.

The victim reported she had exited a local business with her purse over her shoulder when one of the suspects asked her for any extra change. The victim replied that she had none and the suspect then grabbed the purse and a struggle ensued. During this time the second suspect also grabbed the purse and pushed the victim to the ground. The strap on the purse broke and the suspects fled with it. The suspects were last seen running towards Penn Park. **Case assigned to Det. Jerry Johnson**

Case #07-085416 (P.O. Holum) – Strong-Arm Robbery and Stolen Auto – 2700 block Rimrock Rd.

On 07/22/07, at 5:02 p.m., the victim of the above offenses contacted the officers to make a report. The victim reported that two days earlier he had traveled to Madison intending to purchase controlled substances. He explained that he had located an individual who sold and shared drugs with him. The victim advised when he told the individual he was done using drugs he was struck in the face and his vehicle was taken.

Neighborhood Reports



**Sue Krause
Cypress/Magnolia NPO
577-5629**

Greetings to all who have a stake in the Cypress/Badger /Magnolia Neighborhood. It has certainly been an extremely busy summer in the neighborhood. The complaints from citizens and officers alike about trespassing, prostitution and open air drug dealing are on the rise. 2007 has seen greater occupancy rates in the heart of the neighborhood. Last year, the 2400 block of Cypress Way, 902 W Badger and 838 W Badger Rd were vacant or partially vacant. The great density of citizens and families has led to a busier neighborhood.

Several weeks ago, the South CPT worked with me on a

prostitution initiative designed to arrest females. A number of women were arrested as well as a variety of other charges (drugs, traffic). Patrol has been very pro-active in making arrests of prostitutes as well as "johns" in the neighborhood. 838 W Badger Rd has seen a significant spike in calls for service and arrests. Although very busy and call driven, patrol officers have been able to do also take on this address as a project, with zero tolerance for problematic behavior. I have also had some assistance from Task Force Officers Markham and Blackamore. It has been very helpful to have their expertise in identifying some of the higher level dealers who are now doing business in the neighborhood.

The criminal case regarding 910 W Badger Rd as a drug nuisance is still an open case, as the landlord did evict the problematic tenants. We are continuing to document problems at the building and are working closely with the City Attorney's Office on the investigation. We will not hesitate to utilize this tool with other buildings that are a nuisance.

South Police District Commanders met recently with landlords whose buildings are the source of nuisance behavior in the Badger/Cypress neighborhood. . The goal is to be clear about the problems we are seeing as well as to encourage the landlords to take responsibility for their properties. A meeting of landlords is planned in August in order that they may support each other, learn from each other and have consistent protocols for tenants.

The new splash park is a treasure! Families love it and the corner is often busy with very happy (and cooler) children. Many thanks to the people who made this special place happen.



**Tammi Droessler
Fisher/Baird NPO
220-7876**

Everyone is talking about how fast the summer is going by. I think this means that folks are enjoying the summer. I am happy to report that MSCR's programs (Pee Wee Playground Program and 3 On 3 Basketball Program) in Penn Park seem to have had positive effects on the criminal problems related to the park.

The numbers of program attendees are lower than we would like to see, but this is the first year and notification was a bit late getting out. The Pee Wee group has been

enjoying the park and doing several group trips to the Spray Park etc. We have 2 officers at the basketball games, which are Tuesdays from 6-8pm. Please let MSCR know that you like these programs and you want them back again next year.

The violence and calls for service in Penn Park are lower this summer. Even the violence in the park after dark seems to have lowered this summer. This is great news. People are also saying that there is less drug dealing on Dane St this year. I have noticed some displacement to 2000 Baird St. People are congregating more in this area.

We had some problem tenants at 1930 Baird St that are hopefully gone by the time this message gets distributed. They were having huge, late night parties that were disturbing the entire neighborhood. CPT made several vehicle stops for "Boom Cars" and I believe this has made a positive change as well. More problem tenants were evicted from 1853 Fisher.

Nat'l Night Out's theme this year is "Light a candle for the righteous community". Please come and join the fun at Penn Park August 7, 6-9pm. The Southside Raiders are set to start practices August 6, so come and watch our young talent compete.

PO Krause and I teamed up with Kelly Preboski from MMSD for a summer enrichment CSI class. We attended her classes and spoke to the kids about police work. The kids learn about evidence and how to look for clues when solving a crime. The kids had a great time learning about police work. My thanks go out to Kelly for allowing us to see the special work she does. I hope to team up with the Boys & Girls Club for similar activities next year.



South-Community Policing Team
Sgt McClurg
225-1885

While the summer season is ripe for family adventures and a little R&R, South CPT has still been very busy and productive.

Officer Templeton continues to partner with landlords in

the Coho area to address issues which appears to be on the decline. Numerous evictions or voluntary move-outs have occurred. Utilizing a better screening process will make way for new tenants. Additionally, the development of relationships with landlords and tenants have gone a long way in assisting with the continued interdiction of problem properties in the area of Sunfish Ct.

Officer Wixom has worked hand-in-hand with Triangle Neighborhood Officer Stenson on issues of alcohol that continue to plague Brittingham Park. Continued education on acceptable behaviors, citations issued, and arrests for outstanding warrants have been served at the park. Illegal activity will continue to be targeted at Brittingham for as long as it exists. The upcoming Ethnic Fest, on August 19th, at the Triangle will be well attended by Officer Wixom and the rest of South CPT.

The prostitution that occurs in the Badger Rd corridor continues to be a concern and has been addressed by Officer Chalecki, who works closely with Cypress/Magnolia Neighborhood Officer Krause. South CPT has worked numerous prostitution investigations throughout the month of July. Bans have been placed on prostitutes arrested for soliciting in hopes of reducing the problem. Issues at the South Transfer Point have also ignited into low-level disturbances. Measures to enhance police ability to monitor the transfer point are being researched.

Officer Kobinsky has attended a number of meetings in the Lake Pointe Dr. area, and has been in regular contact with management at the Lake Point Terrace Apartments to address issues in the area. In addition, he continues to monitor a problem address off of Moorland Rd. and has been working with the property owner to ensure that the concerns of neighbors are addressed.

South CPT officers also played active roles in the Kelly Nolan search, the officer involved shooting, and the recent homicide.

Traffic was specifically targeted in the problem areas of Speedway Dr, Fish Hatchery Rd, and Monroe St for speeders. Boom car issues were addressed in the Fisher/Baird and Cypress/Magnolia neighborhoods. A total of 74 citations and 17 verbal warnings were issued for traffic violations during the month of July.

An additional 12 ordinance citations were given for charges typically related to trespassing and alcohol violations.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING
WITH KIDS?**

Are you or someone you know looking for a part-time job? As a Crossing Guard, you will be providing great service to your community as well as earning \$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 working outdoors to provide safety for our school children for the 2007-2008 school year.

Most shifts are 1 - 1 ¼ hours and fall between the hours of 7:00-8:45 a.m. and 2:30-4:00 p.m. with an earlier shift 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 Dept. Traffic Bureau at 266-4703 (Bob Olson or Patti Knoche) or Human Resources at 266-4615. A job description and application is also available at: www.ci.madison.wi.us/hr/jobopen.html.

SOUTH MADISON'S
National Night Out

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 6-9 P.M. AT PENN PARK

**LIGHT A CANDLE
FOR THE RIGHTEOUS COMMUNITY**

National Night Out is a time to emphasize the positive in the community. It was started by the National Association of Town Watch to let neighborhoods say: We take ownership of our community, and deny the right of crime and drugs to run it! We will create a healthy environment and be loving neighbors for our families and our children!



Festivities include:
Food, games and fun for children;
MCCCA-led drum circle; information tables; a police horse; Minority Apprenticeship Program information with the Carpenters' Union representative; Voices Beyond Bars; introductions by Police Chief Noble Wray and neighborhood officers; Club TNT; performances; and a candlelight march around the neighborhood at dusk.

**SOUTH MADISON'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION
WILL BE TUESDAY,
AUGUST 7,
FROM 6-9 P.M. AT PENN PARK.**

**COME, CELEBRATE THE COMMUNITY, LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBORS, AND HOLD A CANDLE TO THE DARK.**

National Night Out Sponsors: Bram's Addition Neighborhood Association; South Madison Anti-Drug Coalition; City of Madison; Target stores; Madison Police Department; St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center; Catholic Multicultural Center