



# Madison Police Department

## SOUTHSIDE NEWS



June 2007

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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 #07-052473 (P.O. Becker) – Road Rage – West Beltline Highway**

On 05/14/07 @ 3:09 p.m., officers took a report of a road rage incident. Victim reported that driver of suspect vehicle struck victim's vehicle with milkshake and then produced handgun.

#### **Case #07-052621 (P.O. Richardson) – Reckless Endangering – 3000 Ashford Lane**

On 05/14/07 at 8:28 p.m., officers responded to a group of males disturbing. Upon arrival officers noted one individual who was extremely loud, acting in an erratic and manic manner and yelling incoherently. This individual moved towards officers in an aggressive manner. Officers attempted to control the suspect with verbal commands. After initially complying, he repeated his aggressive behavior and continued to yell and act in an erratic and irrational manner.

The suspect then struck a female bystander in the head. An electronic shock device was deployed, the suspect was taken into custody and charged with related offenses.

#### **Case #07-053515 (P.O. Richardson) – Battery – 800 W. Badger Road**

On 05/16/07 @ 9:56 p.m., officers were dispatched to a fight in progress. Upon arrival contact was made with a male battery victim and his female companion. The victim reported that he and his companion were contacted by two individuals who propositioned the female for sex. The victim reported that he and his companion then left that location and were contacted a second time at another location where he was attacked, including being kicked and struck in the face multiple times.

Suspect descriptions are:

**M/B 20 years of age, 6'2" with thin build**

**M/B 17 years of age, 5'5", with thin build wearing a blue sweatshirt, first name may be Marcus**

**Case #07-055912 (P.O. Fuhremann) – Arrested Person – 2900 block Coho Street**

On 05/21/07 @ 11:16 p.m., officers responded to a loud music complaint. Upon arrival they observed approximately 20 people and several vehicles. As the group became aware of the police they started to leave the area. This location is clearly posted for No Trespassing.

Officers contacted one vehicle and charged the occupants with related charges.

**Case #07-055997 (P.O. Baldukas) – Weapons Violation – 1100 block Petra Place**

On 05/22/07 @ 8:30 a.m., officers took an SPD walk-in report regarding the victim being shot at with a paintball gun. The victim advised he was inside a residence and observed an individual fire a paintball gun at the building, striking a window.

**Case #07-067728 (P.O. Radke) – Burglary Investigation – 2900 block Coho Street**

On 06/15/2007 @ 7:28 p.m., officers responded to a residential burglary report. The victim reported discovering their residence had been entered through a rear window and two laptop computers were missing. Witnesses reported observing a neighbor near the back window during the time the timeframe the incident is believed to have occurred.

Contact was made with the suspect who became disorderly and was charged with related offenses.

**Case #07-067686 (P.O. Dexheimer) – Burglary Inves-**

**tigation – 2000 block University Avenue**

On 06/15/07 @ 5:54 p.m., officers responded to a residential burglary report. The victim reported that their laptop computer was missing. No signs of forced entry.

**Case #07-067801 (P.O. Wood) – Disturbance – 2600 Fish Hatchery Road**

On 06/15/07 @ 10:24 p.m., officers were dispatched to a disturbance at the Sout Transfer Point. Upon arrival a female reported that her ex-boyfriend was stalking her and had been driving a vehicle that cut off the bus she was riding on. Officers obtained details from the victim who then left the area.

Shortly thereafter officers were dispatched to a fight in progress at a local convenience store. Upon arrival they found the above female victim being confronted by her ex-boyfriend. Officers engaged with the male who was uncooperative and a physical altercation ensued. During that time the suspect struck one officer with a fist. In order to take the suspect in custody electronic shock devices were deployed. The suspect was charged with related offenses.

**Case #07-068092 (P.O. Hartmann) – Disorderly Conduct – 1900 Fisher Street**

On 06/16/07 @ 3:29 p.m., officers observed a disturbance involving two groups of individuals. The subsequent investigation revealed that a dispute between the two groups had involved a beer bottle and golf club were used as potential weapons during the incident. A total of five individuals were charged with related offenses.

### Neighborhood Reports



**Officer Sue Krause**  
Cyress/Magnolia

The Cypress-Magnolia Neighborhood residents are happily enjoying the new SplashPark that

opened June 22. The hours are from 11am-7pm, with a lifeguard on duty during that time. There is no standing water, so it is safe for small children. The park also has a dry play area. Children and adults alike are enjoying the beautiful new facility.

On Tuesday, June 26, the PD hosted the South Madison Neighborhood Picnic on the grounds of Lincoln School "under the big oak tree". Numerous organizations were part of the planning and implementation including the Burr Oaks Neighborhood Assn, City/County Public Health Dept, Joining Forces For Families, Briarpatch, MFD, Project Respect, St Mary's Hospital, Meriter Hospital, UW Madison, JBM Security (financial donation), MPPOA (financial donation), MSCR, Amigos en Azul, Oscar Meyer, Youth Speaks (expressing feelings without violence/hate) and the Madison Center for Cultural and Creative Arts, City of Madison Parks Dept, Madison Street Team. Many officers also helped me that day. Special thanks to South CPT members LB Chalecki and Dave McClurg. Amelia Soto created posters in both english and spanish. NPOs Kelly Donahue and T Droessler also assisted.

We enjoyed a visit from Bucky Badger, hosted a drum circle as well as Art Cart and Youth Speaks. We enjoyed a wonderful cook out with hot dogs, chicken, fruit, chips/salsa, cookies and more. We estimate that 300 people took part.

I am working closely with South CPT to focus on the most troubled properties. We are incorporating not only zero tolerance for problem behaviors at these properties (cite and arrest) but also setting up landlord training and support meetings. CPT is utilizing surveillance strategies as well as undercover stings to assist me. We are focusing on 838 W Badger Rd and 918 Magnolia Lane. The drug abatement process for 910 W Badger Rd is ongoing, with the next court date July 12.



**Officer Tammy Droessler  
Fisher/Baird**

This month has been busy with fun activities on the South Side. We enjoyed the Second Annual South Madison Neighborhood Picnic June 26 behind Lincoln School. Neighborhood folks enjoyed good fun, good food and good weather. The Cypress SprayPark is

now open and you can hear the sounds of kids having fun. I have heard several adults say they wish they could play as well.

Penn Park was the site for the very popular Juneteenth Celebration on June 16. This was a huge success that saw thousands of folks celebrate and learn more about African-American heritage, history and achievements. Fisher and Dane streets were closed this year for the event. This provided a safer route for individuals coming and going.

MSCR has 2 new programs in Penn Park this year. The first is a Pee Wee Playground Program for kids entering grades 1 and 2. The program is M-F 9am-4pm. The second is a Youth 3v3 Basketball League. Games are played Tuesdays from 6p-8p.

You can tell by the sun, humidity and rising temperatures that summer is here. Summer means increased calls for police service. I have again received complaints about Dane Street. This is an area of increasing gang and drug activity where traffic can be blocked for up to 15 minutes or more. Groups congregate at this corner, hang out in the area and make contact with vehicles driving by and stop traffic. There are other illegal activities that are continuing to occur in the pavilion area.

We have seen the positive effects from people using Penn Park. I am continuing to work on getting more activities in the park. I encourage all of you to use the park, keep your eyes open and call police if you see problems. Each of you can assist us by being good witnesses. Remember to provide detailed descriptions of the events and persons involved.

Have a great summer



South-Community Policing Team  
Sgt McClurg

June has been a very busy month for your CPT. We have seen increased activity in many of the neighborhoods and have responded by increasing the time we spend in known problem areas. We continue to seek your input on any problems you are seeing. Often times we are unaware of problems unless they are brought to our attention through citizens.

Officer Templeton has spent considerable time working with management developing and implementing plans to deal with ongoing problems in the Coho Dr. area. The work done has been productive and reduced the number of problems in that area.

We also have been very involved in the Petra/ Badger/ Cypress/ Magnolia area and have run many operations to deal with specific issues of the area. We continue to work closely with the assigned Neighborhood Officers and area landlords to concentrate on specific addresses and people.

The area parks have also received our attention with complaints of drinking in Brittingham Park and sexual behavior in Olin Park. We have made numerous arrests in each park and continue to address problems as they present themselves.

Lastly we enjoyed taking part in Juneteenth and the South Side Picnic and continue to be very impressed with the involvement of the Southside community. We hope to continue to work with you to deal problems that have a negative impact on the community.

**Captain's Notes:**

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Please take the time to fill out this survey today.