

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



APRIL 2008

ITEMS OF INTEREST

08-2109 4/11/08 3:07 PM 8301 University Avenue State Bank of Cross Plains - Robbery
A suspect entered the bank, presented a note to the teller indicating he had a gun and that he wanted money. The suspect was given an undisclosed amount of cash and fled on foot behind the bank. The suspect was described as a male white, early 20's, medium height, thin, wearing a black knit hat with a brim, silver sunglasses, black long sleeve shirt and jeans. The suspect is believed to have robbed the AmCore Bank on Odana Road in Madison on March 19. The picture below is from the AmCore bank and is being used because it is of superior quality. Investigation continues in this case.



CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events: Middleton officers were busy with a variety of community events and presentations in April.

On April 21, Community Awareness Officer Dave Kasdorf gave a safety presentation to the staff of St. Lukes Church. Following the safety presentation, Officer Kasdorf will be conducting a facility security survey and assist with safety training for other staff members.

Also on April 21, Sgt. Barry Reynolds gave a presentation to the local Boy Scouts troop concerning personal and internet safety. Sgt. Reynolds provided the troop members with internet safety contracts for the boys to sign with their parents, and the presentation resulted in some very good discussion questions about safety on the internet.

On April 11, Detective Craig Faga gave a presentation to West Middleton School on the preservation and use of evidence in criminal investigations. Detective Faga, one of the Department's most experienced evidence technicians, shared some of his experiences as an evidence technician and investigator.

On April 9, Officer Kasdorf met with the staff and employees of the Giallamas properties to give a presentation on building safety and security. Officer Kasdorf will continue to work with the Giallamas property managers to help improve the safety for their tenants.

The Department has begun scheduling many of the community events for 2008, such as National Night Out which is scheduled for August, and the second annual NSI/West Bend Mutual Family Safety Day, which is scheduled for September. If you would like more information or would like to involve the Department in a community presentation or event, contact Sgt. Barry Reynolds at 827-1017.

Middleton Business Watch: The Middleton Business Watch hosted the Spring 2008 Seminar on April 10 at the Wisconsin Trade Center – Mendota Conference Room. The program for the seminar was *Workplace Violence and other Hair Raising Employment Tales by the Bald Guy*, a presentation on workplace violence, hiring, and other employment issues by Attorney Bob Gregg. Despite the rainy weather, the seminar was well attended. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the presentation on DVD, contact Sgt. Barry Reynolds at 827-1017 or breynolds@ci.middleton.wi.us.

Citizens Police Academy: The Middleton Police Department completed the fourth session of the Citizens Police Academy in November. This program has been very popular and there is currently a waiting list for future academy sessions. The Citizens Academy is intended to give Middleton residents, or people who work in Middleton, a chance to learn about police practices in general and specific information about the Middleton Police Department. Topics covered during the eight week course include: traffic stops, OWI enforcement, radar/laser speed devices, investigations/crime scene processing, emergency vehicle operation (participants will drive police cars at the 151 Speedway), firearms (participants will have a chance to fire weapons at the MATC indoor shooting range and will participate in shoot/no shoot scenarios), defense and arrest tactics, learn about MIPD proactive and crime prevention programs and will have a session at the Middleton Fire Department and EMS. If interested in attending a future academy, contact Sgt. Barry Reynolds at 827-1017.

Middleton SCAN: SCAN is the Middleton **S**afety and **C**rime **A**wareness **N**etwork, an initiative of the Middleton Police Department and the Middleton Senior Center. The goal of **SCAN** is to develop a communication network within the Middleton community which can be used by the Police Department and citizens to share information on crime and crime prevention. **SCAN** will form partnerships with local residents, neighborhood groups, Middleton Outreach Ministry and church organizations, local businesses, and the local media, among others, to develop a fast and efficient means of communication to disseminate information. Following the success of the Middleton Business Watch partnership, **SCAN** will follow a similar model to keep residents more aware of crime and safety events within their community. For more information on **SCAN**, watch our website at www.middletonpd.com.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

PROBATIONARY OFFICERS

Officer Kim Olson is assigned to 2nd shift (3P to 11P) solo patrol.

Officer Chris Formby is completing his field training and is expected to be assigned to 3rd shift (11P to 7A) solo patrol in mid May.

Officer Ray Parent is still attending the Police Academy at Blackhawk Tech, expected to graduate on May 16. Officer Parent will begin orientation on 1st shift (7A to 3P), then will be assigned to train with Field Trainer Rich O'Connor on 1st shift.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Police Officer Jeremy Geiszler was named the next Police School Liaison Officer (PSLO) assigned to the Middleton High School. Candidates for the position went through an interview process and gave a "classroom presentation" scenario to two high school principals, a School Resource Officer from a Madison High School and the current Middleton PSLO. The candidates were also scored in an internal evaluation by members of the command staff and were interviewed by Chief Keil. Jeremy began training for the position with the current PSLO, Jerry Raffel, at the end of April until the end of the school year. He will take over the duties next September. Jeremy has been with the Department for five years and also served as an Intern here. Jerry Raffel has completed his three years in the school and will return to patrol in the summer. PSLO Jill Tutaj will remain at Kromrey Middle School for another school year.

Police Officer Dan Jones was assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau on April 30, although he will not officially begin his duties until mid-July. Dan will be assigned to the Dane County Gang and Narcotics Unit for three months, then return to Investigative Services. This is a 15 month assignment. Dan has been with the Police Department for six years.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN APRIL:

08-1933 04/03/08 3400 Block of Marino Court – Theft of Motor Vehicle

A 1993 Toyota Tercel was taken overnight from the driveway of the residence. The vehicle is still missing.

08-2108 04/07/08 9:52 PM 1000 Block of N Gammon Road – Burglary

Middleton Police Department received an alarm at Mystical Liquors, located in the 1000 Block of N Gammon Road. Upon arrival, officers determined that both Mystical Liquors and Klinke Cleaners had been broken into. Officers viewed video surveillance footage from Mystical Liquors and observed the suspect breaking into the store and stealing money. A description of the suspect was passed on to other patrol officers. An officer observed a suspect matching the description walking on Gammon Road and made contact with him. Derek L. Richards, age 41, of Middleton, was arrested for burglary.

08-2042 04/09/08 3000 Block of Northbrook Drive – Theft from Auto

A window was broken out of a vehicle and a GPS was taken overnight.

08-2045 04/09/08 2:48 PM 3303 Parmenter Street Phillips 66 – Alcohol Violation

A State Alcohol Inspector went to the business and determined that the only person on the premises was a 12 year old, but the business was open to selling alcohol. The business was shut down until a licensed person was on the premise and the owner was cited for allowing a non-licensed person as the only person on the premises.

08-2154 04/13/08 3301 Parmenter Street – Burglary

A burglary occurred at Falbo's Pizza. The suspect(s) entered the business by breaking the window at the front door.

08-2200 04/15/08 2227 Parmenter Street – Burglary

Three Sisters Restaurant was burglarized. Entry was gained by smashing a glass in the front door and gaining entry.

08-2371 04/21/08 1601 Ashton Commons – Theft

A report that suspects stole several empty half barrels of beer which were being stored outside of the business. A citizen reported the theft from a nearby office building. At least three other similar thefts of empty beer barrels have been reported.

08-2379 04/21/08 3810 Valley Ridge Road Orchid Heights Park – Battery to a Juvenile

A parent reported that their 12 year old son was battered while he was at Orchid Heights Park by an older male. Subsequent investigation determined the identity of the suspect, a 17 year old male from Middleton. He was arrested for battery to a juvenile, possession of Marijuana and was detained at the Mendota Mental Health Institute because of concerns of his well being.

08-2420 04/23/08 6202 University Avenue Chalmers Jewelry – Fraud

A fraudulent travelers check was used the previous day to purchase items.

Middleton Police investigated eight theft from autos in April. The target of these thefts appears to be GPS units. Police urge residents to not leave GPS units in their vehicle or at least make them not visible.

Police also investigated 13 gas drive offs in the month of April. With the cost of gas rising, this appears to be a more serious problem.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

April 12 to April 15, Sgt. Mueller attended the national Lifesavers Conference in Portland, Oregon, as part of the Director's Award he received in 2007 from the Wisconsin State Patrol and Wisconsin Department of Transportation. He attended numerous training sessions and visited with many vendors of safety products. He brought back information that is being shared with other officers in the Department. A traffic stop safety training video is being viewed by all officers as will be a traffic incident command training video. Information on helping to curb underage drinking was shared with the School Resource Officers. Child Safety Seat information from Volkswagen USA was provided to Sgt. Reynolds for his use in the upcoming child safety seat program. Motorcycle safety information will be provided by Sgt. Mueller at the Quaker Steak and Lube Bike Nights. Portland DOT personnel shared information on their Safe Routes to School Program and we will see what could be incorporated into our SRT program. Also at the conference were members of Safe Communities of Dane County and members of the Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety so the opportunity was used for networking with these safety professionals.

In addition, the Quaker Steak Bike Nights began in April. Officers use their time working at these events to discuss motorcycle safety with the attendees.

Directed traffic patrols were performed for 34 hours and 40 minutes. Streets targeted included: Allen Blvd, University Ave, N Highpoint Rd, N Gammon Rd, N Westfield Rd, Frank Lloyd Wright, CTH Q, Century Ave, school zones and crossings, Pleasant View Rd, Branch St, Maywood Ave, Amherst Rd/Pheasant La stop sign and Pheasant Branch/Old Creek stop sign.

Sixty-seven enforcement actions were taken in addition to one misdemeanor warrant being served. Speeding - 22 citations and 12 warnings, various Registration violations - six citations and seven warnings, Failure to Obey Sign - three citations and three warnings, Equipment - five warnings, OAS/OAR - four citations, No Driver's License - two citations and Failure to Fasten Seatbelt - two citations.

TRAINING

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Competency Development, 8 hours, Tutaj.

2008 Lifesaver Conference in Portland, Oregon, 24 hours, Mueller (Sgt. Mueller was sent to this conference by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation because he was the recipient of the 2007 Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer of the Year Award).
Power Point for Public Safety, 16 hours, Hellenbrand.
FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, 40 hours, Foulke.
Amber Child Abuse Response Team, 40 hours, Reynolds.
Composite Drawing for Law Enforcement, 40 hours, Faga.
Cell Phone Legal Issues, 4 hours, Britt.
Introduction to Forensic Computer Crimes, 16 hours, Hanson.
SFST Certification, 24 hours, Formby.
Special Events Team Crowd Control, 8 hours, SET Team.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

2ND quarter in-service training was completed in April, firearms and OWI related legal update.
Planning for 3rd quarter in-service is underway, firearms at Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center and emergency vehicle operations/vehicle contacts at Columbus 151 Speedway.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

In April, the Investigative Services Bureau investigated 14 newly assigned cases, a decrease from the previous month. As winter comes to an end and the weather improves, the number of cases investigated typically increases. Among the new cases that we saw this month were: one bank robbery, two commercial burglaries, three larceny cases, three fraud cases, and one assault.

The major cases from April included a bank robbery which was reported on April 11. At 3:00 PM, Friday afternoon, a young man entered the State Bank of Cross Plains at 8301 University Ave in Middleton, approached a clerk, passed her a note demanding money, and indicated he had a gun. The man took an undisclosed amount of money and fled the bank, running southbound towards Greenway Station. No one was injured and the perpetrator remains at large.

The suspect was described as a male, white, approximately 19-20 years old, 508 to 510 tall, thin build, gold sunglasses with shiny lens, wearing a narrow brimmed tan or darker colored knit hat with ear flaps, dark shirt, and blue jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Madison Area Crime Stoppers at 266-6014, or the Middleton Police at 827-1000.

The Department has also seen an increase in the number of night time commercial burglaries. This trend began in December and matches a trend that has been seen for nearly all Dane County communities during that same time span. The burglars are typically targeting small businesses or strip malls, causing damage when entering the

businesses, and taking small amounts of cash or other small valuables. Middleton detectives are coordinating the investigation into these crimes with other local agencies.

The level of activity in April increased from the previous month, currently the detective bureau has 121 active cases, including the following:

Assault	4
Burglary	16
Child Abuse	2
Damage to Property	7
Death Investigation	6
Disturbance	9
Fraud	26
Larceny	17
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Sex Offense	3

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Officer Jill Tutaj
Kromrey Middle School

Meetings

Weekly BCT
SRO Meeting
Peer court meeting
Home visit for elm lawn
Glacier Safety Meeting

Teaching

8 presentations on Peer Court

Calls

Found Property
Theft Kromrey
Check person- Parisi Park
3 Disturbance-Kromrey
Fire alarm- North side
Check welfare-Kromrey
Disturbance-Elm Lawn
Fight – Kromrey
Drug Info- Kromrey
Theft- Kromrey
Check Person- Kromrey
EMS – Kromrey
Check welfare for Kromrey
Check welfare and home visit with social worker

Warnings

Verbal- for pulling alarm on field trip
Theft from book fair- North Side
Disturbance- Elm Lawn - kid hit teacher

Citations

3 for theft-state charges
1 Underage tobacco possession
3 Disorderly Conduct
1 Possession Drug
1 Possession paraphernalia

Officer Jerry Raffel
Middleton High School

Meetings - Classroom

-SRO's of Dane Co.
-Youth Trends of Dane Co.
-Deans meeting
-DAC Safety Meeting

Monthly Activity

16 documented incidents
3- Thefts: 2 Arrests 1 warning
1-911 disconnect
3- Prohibitive daytime loitering incidents: 3 warnings
1-Fraud: Student using a fake Social Security Card for a work permit
2-Disturbances: 1 Warning for Disorderly conduct (Autistic student out of control). 1
State referral for D.C. (Student made a list of "Students to Kill")
2-Assist Citizens
4-Alcohol /Drug incidents: 3 Alcohol related arrests; 1 report of student looking to
purchase some Marijuana.

COURT ACTIVITY**Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals**

56 Adults
86 Charges
8 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

3 Juveniles
5 Charges
0 Civil Forfeitures

Municipal Court Citations Issued

344 Citations