

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**AUGUST 2009**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

In November of 2008, a 25 year old Middleton man died of a heroin overdose. In previous monthly reports we have provided you with some information on this death and the overall scope of the heroin problem in Dane county. This death, and two subsequent heroin overdose deaths, resulted in the development of a multi-jurisdictional heroin task force. Agents from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, D.E.A., Dane County Sheriff's Department, McFarland, Sun Prairie, Deforest and Middleton Police Departments comprised this team.

This major investigation spanned ten months and eventually linked a group of eight Chicago street gang members to the heroin delivery organization. These individuals were responsible for the vast majority of all heroin sold in Dane County for the past several years. Detectives were able to establish this group's involvement in the three overdose deaths, dozens of additional overdoses and more than six kilos of delivered heroin.

This investigation resulted in the execution of numerous federal search and arrest warrants in early August. Two of these high risk warrants were executed in the City of Middleton. The investigation into this elaborate drug organization is continuing to date. The case should conclude with indictments in United States Federal Court in the coming months.

## **CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES**

### **Community Events**

On Saturday, August 1, a Middleton Police Motorcycle officer attended the Fitchburg Police Department's Annual Crime Day along with Middleton Business Watch President Marilyn Burke.

On Wednesday, August 5, the Middleton Police Department hosted our annual National Night Out Festival at Lakeview Park. The event was funded with help from Springs Window Fashions and the members of Middleton Fire Company #1. Volunteers from the Middleton Senior Center and VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) assisted. Our biggest crowd ever came out to visit with local safety personnel and businesses.

On Thursday, August 6, a Middleton Police Officer attended national Night Out Events in Waunakee and Sun Prairie. Middleton Business Watch President Marilyn Burke attended the Sun Prairie event.

On Thursday, August 13, a Middleton Police Officer gave a safety talk to Swim and Gym Camp kids at Keva Sports.

On Friday, August 28, a Middleton Police Officer and McGruff were at Lakeview Park for United Ways "Day of Caring" kids' event.

If you would like more information or would like to involve the Police Department in a community presentation or event, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Middleton Business Watch**

If you would like to join the Middleton Business Watch or need to update your contact information, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Police Citizens' Academy**

Due to budget cuts it is probable that the Police Citizens' Academy will not be held next spring.

### **Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)**

Our VIPS Speed Watch team continues to be active in the Parmenter Street and North High Point Road areas.

VIPS helped out with National Night Out and the Good Neighbor Festival parades.

Middleton Police plan to open up VIPS to the general public this fall.

If you are interested in the Middleton Police Department VIPS Program, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Safe Assured ID Kits**

Middleton Police are considering taking reservations for distribution of kits on Wednesday nights.

If you would like to have the ID system at an event, or if you would like to donate money for the purchase of more kits, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Community Awareness Fund**

Middleton Community Awareness Programs such as Speed Watch, National Night Out, Citizens' Academy, Bike Safety Day, NSI Family Safety Day and Shop with a Cop are funded almost entirely from community donations.

If you would like to donate money to the Community Awareness Fund please send a check or money order to “**Middleton Volunteer Partnership Inc.**” or “**MVP Inc.**”, 7426 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton, WI 53562.

**Together we can make a difference.**

If you have any questions about donations or programs, please contact CAO David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

In July, Middleton Officers handled 1923 calls for service, 958 were field initiated, 965 were dispatched, issued 655 citations, made 27 criminal arrests and investigated 21 accidents.

In August, Middleton Officers handled 1769 calls for service, 814 were field initiated, 955 were dispatched, issued 613 citations, made 30 criminal arrests and investigated 26 accidents.

### **Significant Events in August:**

**MI09-5610, 08/04/09**, 6200 Stonefield Road, Burglary

Entry gained to residence by removing window screen and forcing open window. Jewelry missing.

**MI09- 5545, 08/02/09**, 2:59 AM, Pachucos, Fight

Officers were called to Pachucos for a physical altercation between a man and a woman. Julian Castro-Nunez was arrested on charges of Disorderly Conduct, Battery and Strangulation. The victim was his sister-in-law.

**MI09-5609, 08/04/09**, 2600 Branch Street, Burglary

Resident reported the padlock to his storage locker was pried off and antiques stolen.

**MI09-5706, 08/08/09**, 12:44 AM, Pachucos, Fight

An officer was at Pachucos for an unrelated call and observed Security escorting a patron out of the bar. The officer learned that the man had attempted to enter the bar around 9:00 PM, but his ID showed him to be 20 years old, so they did not allow him inside. Twice during the course of the evening, Security spotted him in the bar. Security believed he snuck in through the smoking area door. They escorted him out both times, the second time was when the officer saw him. Amondo Ocampo Soto of Madison was cited for Underage Drinking. He was a .22 on the PBT. The officer could not prove he drank at the bar.

**MI09-5710, 08/08/09**, 2:16 AM, Pachucos, Fight

MIPD received a report of a fight in the parking lot of Pachucos involving 100 people. Responding officers described the crowd as “large” and “numerous”. Bertha Cruz

Herrera, 29, of Fitchburg, was cited for Disorderly Conduct. Maria Dolores Garcia-Anchondo, 23, of Madison, was cited for Disorderly Conduct. Eulogio Garcia, 33, of Madison, was cited for Disorderly Conduct and OWI. Many more arrests could have been made, but there were not enough officers. It is unknown what started the fight.

**MI09-5752, 08/10/09, Middleton Power Center, Theft**

A number of chain saws were stolen from the business over the last several months.

**MI09-5754, 08/10/09, Costco, Retail Theft**

Derrell Garrett, 30, of Middleton, was cited for stealing two bottles of Brandy.

**MI09-5863, 08/14/09, Hody Bar and Grill, Theft**

While the business was open, suspects entered five gaming machines by using keys and took several thousands of dollars in coins.

**MI09-5933, 08/16/09, 2:08 AM, Pachucos, Fight**

Officer reported that as he was going to do a bar check at Pachucos and he then observed a fight in the parking lot. Miguel Casas Pachero, 21, of Rockford; Custer Martinez Sotto, 26, of Janesville; and Cesar Velazquez Mariano, 26, of Madison, were cited for Disorderly Conduct.

**MI09-6116, 08/23/09, 2:00 AM, 6300 Pheasant Lane, Reckless Endangerment**

Middleton Police were called to Meriter Hospital at 7:15 AM to interview the victim of a stabbing who had come to the emergency room on his own. Investigation revealed that a 21 year old male had been involved in an argument with his 18 year old girlfriend, Rachel E. Geffers, in their apartment in the City of Middleton. During the argument, Geffers got a knife from the kitchen and stabbed the male once in the chest causing a puncture wound about two inches deep. The male drove himself to a relative's residence and the relative drove him to the hospital. Geffers was booked at the Dane County Jail on a charge of First Degree Reckless Injury-Domestic Related.

**MI09-6136, 08/23/09, 11:50 PM, 6500 Oakwood Pl, Reckless Endangerment**

During a disturbance, 18 year old Eliya Boissonnault threatened two males with a knife. She was arrested for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety.

**MI09-6400, 08/31/09, 11:36 PM, Family Video, Armed Robbery**

On 08/31/09, at 11:36 PM, Middleton Police were dispatched to Family Video, 5430 Century Avenue, for a report of an armed robbery. The suspect displayed a black semiautomatic handgun and demanded money. The clerk provided an undisclosed amount of money and the suspect fled southbound, last seen headed toward the Overlook Pointe apartment complex. The suspect was described as a 25 - 30 year old black male. He was approximately 5'8" tall with a thin build. He was wearing a white undershirt with a gray hooded sweatshirt over it. The suspect had pock marks on his face and a silver tooth on his upper right side. The suspect is believed to be involved in several other is same

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

During the month of August, 36 hours were spent on directed traffic patrols outside of the funded OWI program. Streets targeted were: Airport Road, Allen Blvd, Branch Street, Century Avenue, Deming Way, Hwy 12, Maywood Avenue, N Gammon Road, Pheasant Branch Road and Pleasant View Road. Enforcement consisted of the following: Speeding 37 citations with 11 warnings; Seat Belt 23 citations with 5 warnings; OAR/OAS 7 citations; Registration 4 citations with 7 warnings; Failure to Obey Sign 1 citation with 8 warnings; Driver's License Violation 1 citation; Wrong Way on Divided Highway 1 warning; Inattentive 1 warning; and Unsafe Lane Change 1 warning.

We participated in the 2009 Crackdown, Drunk Driving Over the Limit Under Arrest campaign from August 21 to September 7. Enforcement totals during that time were: 11 citations OWI; 19 citations OAR/OAS; 4 citations Open Intoxicants; 6 citations Registration; 2 citations Signal/Sign Violations; 44 Speeding citations and 19 warnings. In addition there were 2 arrests for Obstructing and 1 arrest for Possession of False ID.

There were 46 reported accidents in August of which 24 were reportable with 16 accidents in parking lots. Within the past week, we received the report on the accidents in the first three months of 2009 from DOT and it had some interesting figures. Estimated economic loss was \$2.6 million for on street accidents and \$292,000 for parking lot accidents. Middleton Police write citations at 85% of the accidents, a higher percentage than any other of the larger agencies within Dane County (Madison Police Department 76%; Dane County Sheriff's Department 53%; Wisconsin State Patrol 26%; Fitchburg Police Department 68%; Sun Prairie Police Department 62%; and Stoughton Police Department 56%).

## **TRAINING**

Contingency Test-out, 32 hours, Riffenburg and Sellek: Officers Riffenburg (Bakersfield, CA) and Sellek (Henderson, NV) were certified police officers in other states. They had to pass a written test and scenarios in order to be licensed in Wisconsin. Both are finishing up their field training (see below).

Breath Examiner Specialist, 24 hours, Riffenburg

Wisconsin Chief of Police Conference, 20 hours, Keil

Drug Recognition Expert Recertification, 8 hours, Riffenburg

Glock Armorer School, 8 hours, Hellenbrand, Geiszler, Dixon, O'Connor

GREAT Officer Training, 80 hours, Sherry: Officer Matt Sherry is the new School Resource Officer at Kromrey Middle School. He received training in the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program. Officer Sherry will incorporate this curriculum into classes he teaches in the elementary and middle schools.

### **Probationary Officers**

Probationary Officers Nick Stroik and Jessica Quamme are in Phase 5 of their field training. They have completed the basics of field training and are patrolling on their

own, but are still under close supervision by the field training supervisor and mentor field trainers. For the first time, MIPD has incorporated problem based learning exercises in Phase 5 of field training. Each officer was assigned an apartment complex and instructed to work closely with apartment management and tenants to learn what problems and issues they were experiencing and then work with fellow officers, city staff and other agencies to try to solve these problems. Officer Stroik was assigned to the Outlook Point Apartment Complex and Officer Quamme to the Arbor Lakes Apartment Complex. Both officers are preparing a presentation to field trainers, police administration and elected officials in September, detailing their efforts.

Officers Riffenburg and Moen were passed by field trainers to go on solo patrol at the end of August and Officer Sellek is expected to go on solo patrol in mid-September.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

During the month of August, 86 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, 11 cases were assigned to patrol officers and 25 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 1 - Alcohol Violations
- 1 - Battery
- 4 - Burglaries
- 2 - Death Investigations
- 11 - Domestic Follow-up
- 1 - Child Abuse
- 6 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 7 - Fraud
- 3 - Graffiti
- 1 - Harassment
- 18 - Larceny
- 1 - Missing Persons
- 1 - Sexual Assaults
- 9 - Found Bicycles
- 3 - Stolen Bicycles
- 2 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 9 - Uniform Controlled Substances

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

### **Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals**

42 Adults  
98 Criminal Counts  
6 Civil Forfeitures

### **Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals**

- 1 Juvenile
- 1 Criminal Count
- 0 Civil Forfeitures

**Municipal Court Citations Issued**

639 Adult Citations