

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



JULY 2008

ITEMS OF INTEREST

On June 18, 2008, Jarrett M. James, 28, of Madison, was found guilty in Federal Court (Western District of Wisconsin) of two bank robberies occurring in Middleton after a three day jury trial. The case was prosecuted by Assistant US Attorney John Vaudreuil. Both robberies occurred at Bank Mutual on Century Avenue. The first robbery occurred on 03/16/06, the suspect pointed a gun at the tellers and obtained \$62,000.00. The second robbery occurred on 03/14/06, the same suspect again threatened the tellers with a gun and obtained \$59,000.00.

On July 17, a ceremony was held at the FBI Madison office, recognizing the successful work by the police, FBI and Federal Prosecutor.

Pictured below (l to r): Madison Police Officer Lester Moore, Middleton Detective Craig Faga, Assistant US Attorney John Vaudreuil, Middleton Detective Darrin Zimmerman and FBI S/A Josh Mayers.



Physical Fitness Test

In 2007, Middleton PD instituted a pass/fail physical fitness standard for new recruits. The test consists of 1.5 mile run within 15 minutes and 54 seconds, 300 meter run within 68 seconds, upper body strength test of bench press of .68x his/her total body weight one time or 25 push ups, 25 sit ups in one minute and minimum vertical jump of 15.5 inches.

While conducting research for entry level physical fitness levels, the Department came to the realization of the potential health benefits as well as the necessity for our current officers to be able to meet these same standards. In order to give an incentive to officers to maintain a healthy level of physical fitness, the Department requested money in the 2008 budget to award officers to maintain a healthy level of physical fitness. The

Department will hold two voluntary physical fitness assessments throughout the year, using the same standards as those used for new recruits. Officers passing both assessments will be rewarded between \$200.00 and \$250.00.

The first series of tests for police officers was held on two dates in June and July, with a makeup session planned in August. So far, Chief Keil, Lt. Foulke, Sgt. Britt, Sgt. Hellenbrand, Sgt. Zimmerman, Detective Faga, Officer O'Connor, Officer Jones, Officer Geiszler, Officer Wood and Officer Olson have passed the test. The second series of tests will be held in October.

Pictured below: Chief Keil finishing the 1.5 mile run at the Middleton High track and Sgt. Hellenbrand performing the vertical jump test.



CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community events:

On July 1, July 2 and July 3, Officer Dave Kasdorf continued with presentations at The Little Gym for their “Who’s Your Hero” summer camp.

On July 4, Officer Ken Smith led a children’s’ parade in the Stonefield neighborhood and Officer Kasdorf did the same for the Northlake neighborhood.

On July 13, Officer Dave Kasdorf attended the EAA Pancake Breakfast and Fly-In at the Middleton Municipal Airport (Morey Field). Officer Kasdorf had a squad car on display for the children to sit in and handed out Junior Police Badges and Brewer baseball cards.

On July 23, the Middleton Police Department along with the Dean Foundation held a press conference at City Hall to announce the new “Stop and Seat” child safety seat program.

On July 29, Officer Dave Kasdorf and Sherri Faust of the Dean Foundation were on the News 3 Noon Show to promote the “Stop and Seat” program. If you have any questions about this program or child safety seat rentals through the Dean Foundation’s “Every Ride a Safe Ride” program you can call Sherri Faust at Dean, 827-2327.

On July 31, Officer Dave Kasdorf and Middleton Business Watch President Marilyn Burke attended the Village of Waunakee's National Night Out with a Middleton Police car.

The Department has many upcoming events in 2008, such as National Night Out on Wednesday, August 6; the Second Annual NSI/West Bend Mutual Family Safety Day on Saturday, September 6, at the WI Trade Center; Costco International Safety Week on September 15; and Walgreen's Child ID Event on September 13. 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.

Middleton Business Watch

Middleton Business Watch is finalizing plans for the Fall Seminar which will be held at the Middleton Police Department on September 9. If you have any questions, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.

Police Citizen's Academy

The Middleton Police Department's annual Academy is tentatively scheduled to start Wednesday, September 3 through Wednesday, November 5. Participants will learn about police operations and have a chance to drive police cars at the 151 Speedway and fire weapons at the MATC indoor range. Participants will also attend sessions at the new EMS and Fire Department facilities. If interested in attending a future academy, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Significant Events in July:

In July, Middleton officers handled 1,755 calls for service, 794 were field/officer initiated, and 961 were dispatched. Officers issued 499 citations, made 34 arrests and investigated 39 accidents.

Officers investigated 8 burglaries, 7 bike thefts (lock your bikes!!!) and 11 theft from auto cases.

On 07/01/08 at 4:00 PM, witnesses observed a green van drive up to a vehicle in the 6300 block of Pheasant Lane. Four occupants got out and broke a window in the vehicle in an attempt to break into it. The witnesses quickly reported the incident to the police who arrived on scene quickly and arrested the suspects. They were cited for Criminal Damage to Property.

On 07/03/08, officers investigated a commercial burglary occurring at Pizza Hut on University Avenue. The glass window was smashed out and entry gained. Cash was taken.

On 07/08/08, officers executed a search warrant at 1260 Deming Way. Residents of the apartment building complained of the odor of burning marijuana coming from an apartment frequently and notified the police. Officers could also smell the odor and had a police dog smell the apartment from the hallway with positive results. Marijuana was located in the apartment and two men charged.

On 07/11/08, police responded to a reported underage drinking party on Apprentice Place. Officers observed a large number of young people inside who were drinking. Police received permission to enter the residence and cited 59 underage people for alcohol related offenses.

On 07/15/08, officers investigated a burglary and auto theft at Enterprise Car Rental on Airport Road. A window to the business was broken and the suspect(s) entered the business and took the keys to two vehicles. They then stole the vehicles off the lot. One vehicle was located abandoned in Madison. The second vehicle was stopped by the North Carolina Highway Patrol on 07/17/08 and three suspects arrested.

On 07/18/08, officers investigated three residential burglaries which occurred in the middle of the night to occupied homes. Entry was gained by the suspect(s) entering the homes through unlocked patio doors. In one case, a purse and contents were taken, but later recovered on Gammon Road.

On 07/21/08, officers investigated a burglary at Weaver Auto Parts on Allen Boulevard. The front glass door was smashed and cash taken from the till.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

July SMART patrol on Hwy 12 was performed for only eleven and one half hours due to other pressing needs for the assigned officers. Thirty-three enforcement actions were taken. Three Speeding citations were issued, two OWI citations, one OAR citation, one Expired Registration and one citation for Permitting Unauthorized Person to Drive. In addition one warrant was served.

Directed traffic assignments were performed for 50 hours. Seventy-seven enforcement actions were taken. Thirty-five citations and 17 warnings for Speeding, three citations for OAR/OAS, five citations and five warnings for various Registration violations, one citation and six warnings for various Failure to Obey Sign/Signal violations, and one warning each for FTY to Emergency Vehicle, Equipment, Expired Driver's License, Failure to Fasten Seat Belt and Failure to Notify DMV of Address Change.

Streets with directed traffic patrols were: Hwy Q, Hwy 12, Allen Blvd, Airport Road, Branch Street, Century Avenue, Elmwood Avenue, Greenway Blvd, Maywood Avenue, Mendota Avenue, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, Parmenter Street and Valley Ridge Road.

Mark Opitz held an open house at the Library for those interested in the proposed Middleton bicycle and pedestrian plan. Sgt. Mueller also attended and answered citizens' questions.

TRAINING

Criminal Street Gang Identification, 24 hours, Hanson, Olson, Smith and Hamilton
FBI National Academy Conference, 20 hours, Foulke
Evidence Tech School, 40 hours, Jones and T Kakuske
School Resource Officer School, 40 hours, Geiszler

Middleton's newest officers are still in training. Officer Ray Parent is currently in Phase II of field training, paired with Officer Donna Hamilton. Officer Nick Stroik is currently in the Police Academy at Fox Valley Technical College, graduating August 29. Wisconsin Department of Justice reimburses local police departments for all expenses associated with Academy attendance.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

The month of July has brought significant changes to the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB). The ISB is an eight person unit which is lead by a police sergeant. The unit is comprised of four detectives, two school resource officers and a community awareness officer.

Three of the four detectives serve on a long term basis with their indefinite appointment to ISB being contingent upon personal job satisfaction and an on-going evaluation of their individual job performance. The fourth detective serves on a 15 month rotating position. The two school resource officers and the community awareness officer each serve on a staggered three year rotation.

On July 14, 2008, Sergeant Steven J. Britt assumed command of the Middleton Police Department's Investigative Services Bureau (ISB). The lateral assignment to serve as the ISB supervisor will be a three year commitment.

The months of July and August will also bring two additional new staff members into the ISB. Officer Daniel Jones has been awarded the rotating detective slot beginning July of 2008 and, with the beginning of the new school year in August, Officer Jeremy Geiszler will embark on his three year assignment as the school resource officer.

The objectives for the planned movement of personnel from the Patrol Unit into the ISB, and back again to Patrol, are to support the cross training of personnel in all aspects of department operations, to provide a fresh perspective and to provide opportunities for

career growth for newer members of the Department. These objectives are constantly being evaluated and balanced against the Department's need for experienced investigators in key positions.

The Middleton Police Department's Investigative Services Bureau is currently being staffed as follows:

Steven Britt	- Detective Sergeant
Craig Faga	- Detective
Patricia Faust	- Detective
David Haselow	- Detective
Daniel Jones	- Rotating Detective
Jill Tutaj	- School Resource Officer (elementary and middle schools)
Jeremy Geiszler	- School Resource Officer (high school)
David Kasdorf	- Community Awareness Officer

The focus for the ISB during the next several months will be to examine each detective's backlog of cases and make a concerted effort to resolve as many of these case files as possible. The three long term detectives began the month of July with a combined total of 89 cases assigned to them. Each of these previously assigned cases are in the process of being individually analyzed and evaluated. Cases with open avenues of investigation will be pursued, while those that have been worked to their logical conclusion will be inactivated. The goal of this push is to clean up a backlog of stagnant files in an attempt to free detectives to more aggressively pursue the constant influx of new cases.

During the month of July, 26 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 6 @ Domestic Follow-up
- 6 @ Fraud
- 5 @ Larceny
- 3 @ Death Investigations
- 3 @ Burglaries
- 2 @ Uniform Controlled Substances
- 1 @ Sexual Assault

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

48 Adults
93 Charges
7 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

2 Juveniles

2 Charges

0 Civil Forfeitures

Municipal Court Citations Issued

466 Citations