

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



NOVEMBER 2009

ITEMS OF INTEREST

In October of 2008, Middleton Police Detective Faust began a simple fraud investigation that turned into a yearlong endeavor. The case began with the report of a check being stolen from the outgoing mail at Middleton High School. This check was eventually cashed at a local bank. As the case developed, dozens of local area businesses were found to have had valuable items stolen from their outgoing mail. Detective Faust eventually enlisted the assistance of U.S. Postal Inspectors.

Detective Faust followed a prospective suspect lead which took her and Postal Inspectors to a private residence in a Chicago suburb. After months of further investigation, the chain of fraudulent activity led to United Mailing Services. United Mailing Services is a private firm that processes mail for area businesses, eventually transferring the items to the United States Postal Service.

It was determined that United Mailing Services employee Ceria Parker, a 27 year old Madison resident, was the individual taking items of value from the outgoing mail of area businesses. Parker stole cash, checks, and gift cards from dozens of individuals over a two year period. Parker would fraudulently process these items into cash and merchandise for her personal benefit.

As a result of this investigation, Ceria Parker has been charged in Dane County Circuit Court with multiple counts of Uttering Forged Documents, Unauthorized use of Personal Identifying Documents, Theft and Mail Fraud.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Tuesday, November 3, Middleton Police Officers participated in a fundraising event at Culver's Restaurant during lunch and dinner time. Culver's generously donated 10% of their sales that day to the Police Department's Community Awareness Fund.

On Thursday, November 12, Middleton Police gave a tour and presentation on fingerprinting and keeping safe at home to a local Cub Scout group.

On Saturday, November 21, Middleton Police gave a tour and talked about what police officers do with a group of Cub Scouts.

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

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.

Police Citizens' Academy

The Middleton Police Citizens' Academy has been cancelled for 2010 due to construction of the new Police Department and budget cuts. The Citizens' Academy will start up again in the spring of 2011.

The Academy runs for ten weeks and is open to adults that live or work in Middleton. Class size is usually limited to 12 students.

If you live or work in Middleton and are interested in attending a future academy, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

VIPS assisted with traffic control for the St. Luke's Annual Turkey Giveaway event on Monday, November 23.

The Police Department will be honoring the VIPS with an appreciation dinner on Wednesday, December 2.

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.

Safe Assured ID Kits

Middleton Police are also looking at taking reservations for kits being done one Wednesday night a month.

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.

Community Awareness Fund

Middleton Community Awareness Programs such as GREAT, 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.

Thanks to all the local groups that have stepped up and helped us fund our new GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program!

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.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In October, Middleton Officers handled 1568 calls for service, 766 were field initiated, 802 were dispatched, issued 475 citations, made 30 criminal arrests and investigated 20 accidents.

In November, Middleton Officers handled 1460 calls for service, 687 were field initiated, 773 were dispatched, issued 503 citations, made 21 criminal arrests and investigated 20 accidents.

Significant Events in November:

MI09-8193, 11/02/09, 7:00 PM, Copps, Retail Theft

Store employees noticed that expensive alcohol was missing from the shelves and conducted an inventory which indicated the alcohol had not been purchased. They reviewed video and were able to view when the theft occurred. It was determined that 13 bottles of alcohol valued at \$400.00 was taken, along with a cart full of food of unknown value. A suspect has been developed in this case based on video evidence and MO. A warrant for the suspects arrest is currently in place.

MI09-8210, 11/04/09, Hardees, Fraud

Employees of Hardees Restaurant reported receiving a counterfeit \$100.00 dollar bill the previous day.

MI09-8227, 11/05/09, 12:05 AM, Club Tavern, Disturbance

Staff reported a fight between two men in the parking lot. When police arrived, one subject was driving away. Forty-five year old David Howes was cited for 3rd offense OWI and 30 year old Shane Olla was cited for Battery and Disorderly Conduct.

MI09-8291, 11/07/09, 2300 Block of Deming Way, Burglary

Report of a theft of a computer and printer from a construction trailer.

MI09-8342, 11/09/09, 2100 Block of Allen Blvd., Burglary

A woman was house sitting for her uncle while he is serving in Iraq. She reported leaving the residence for one hour and upon her return a 42 inch flat screen TV had been stolen. The reporting party has been charged with Obstructing the Police for filing a false report, but the TV has yet to be recovered.

MI09-8422, 11/12/09, Tiedeman's Pond, Dog Bite

A man walking on the paths near Tiedeman's Pond was bitten by another dog. Because of a past history of dog bites, the dog was declared a dangerous animal and returned to the owner only after a signed agreement where the owner agreed to keep his dog on his property or muzzled when off property.

MI09-8566, 11/17/09, 12:32 PM, Pheasant Branch Conservancy, Lewd Behavior

Two women walking in the nature preserve came upon an adult male masturbating. He asked the women if they wanted to join him. They declined and called the police. An 18 year old male was arrested for Lewd and Lascivious Behavior.

MI09-8601, 11/18/09, 2300 Block of Parmenter Street, Burglary

Employees of a business reported discovering a burglary when they came to work. Electronic equipment and money was taken.

MI09-8624, 11/19/09, 2300 Block of Deming Way, Theft-Construction site

Welding leads and power cords were stolen overnight from a construction site.

MI09-8642, 11/20/09, 12:58 AM, SCATZ Nightclub, Weapons Violation

Employees of SCATZ nightclub observed an argument between two men over a pool game. One man pulled up the front of his shirt, displaying the butt of a pistol. The man was kicked out and the police were notified. A Cross Plains man was arrested for Disorderly Conduct, the gun was a facsimile weapon.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

During the month of November, there were 38 reported accidents, of which 12 were in parking lots. This is a great reduction from the 67 reported during November 2008.

During the month, about 75 hours of directed patrols were performed on Airport Road, Allen Blvd, Amherst Road, Branch Street, Century Avenue, Hubbard Avenue, Maywood Avenue, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, Parmenter/Kenyon, Parmenter Street, Park Street, Parklawn Place, Parmenter Street, Pheasant Branch Road, Pleasant View Road, Stonefield/Boundary, University/Bristol, University Avenue, Westchester/N Highpoint and Highways Q and 12.

There were 155 enforcement actions taken. Speeding nine warnings and 65 citations, Registration/Title 13 warnings and 20 citations, OAR/OAS 12 citations, Failure to Obey Sign/Signal three warnings and 13 citations, Seat Belt violations one warning and nine citations with three additional citations for Child Seat violations, one citation for No

Driver's License, five Equipment warnings and one warning for Failure to Yield to Pedestrian.

Sgt. Mueller was unable to attend the regional Traffic Incident Management Committee Meeting due to illness. Mark Walther did attend and briefed him on the proceedings, which included what types of problems may be encountered during mass evacuation procedures.

Although Middleton Police Department's motorcycle unit is not specifically mentioned in an article in the fall issue of The Mounted Officer magazine there was recognition of mounted officers' efforts in assisting the annual Safe Harbor Motorcycle Ride to Benefit Kids that ended at Quaker Steak and Lube in Middleton. It is always nice to have the City of Middleton recognized in a nationally distributed magazine. There also was an accompanying photograph.

TRAINING

Specialized Training

Building Effective Safety Programs/Measuring Safety Performance, 8 hours, Foulke
Major Case Investigation, 24 hours, Foulke, Britt, Faga (also an instructor), Faust, Haselow
TI Shooting Simulator demonstration at MATC, Hellenbrand, Dixon, O' Connor and Kasdorf

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

During the month of November, 62 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, four cases were assigned to patrol officers and 21 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 6 - Burglaries
- 1 - Death Investigation
- 2 - Disturbances
- 3 - Domestic Follow-ups
- 3 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 1 - Fire
- 2 - Fraud
- 1 - Graffiti
- 2 - Harassments
- 12 - Larceny
- 4 - Missing Persons
- 3 - Found Bicycles
- 2 - Stolen Bicycles
- 1 - Stolen Automobile
- 6 - Thefts from Automobiles

- 6 - Uniform Controlled Substances
- 1 - Weapons Violation

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School

The month of November continued to be active at Middleton High School (MHS). As I enter my fourth month as a School Resource Officer, I have found the level of overall activity to be consistently high from month to month. Specifically last month, there were 56 police calls for service. Some of the calls included three disturbances, three fights, three thefts, six lost properties and 16 status offenses.

Associated with the calls for service, there were 27 tickets issued at MHS in November. Some of those included: one for possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), one for possession of tobacco, one for unauthorized presence on school grounds, four for daytime loitering, five for disorderly conduct, and 11 for truancy. In addition to municipal citations, I also referred one count of battery and one disorderly conduct charge to the Dane County Circuit Court.

Five counts of theft were also referred to the Circuit Court as well, after a female student was found to have stolen multiple electronic items from a girl's locker room. In that incident, several female students reported items stolen from the locker room while they were in gym class. An immediate review of video surveillance outside the locker room produced two likely student suspects who had been in the locker room for no apparent reason. Upon questioning, one confessed to taking part in the thefts, and the other admitted to being an accomplice. In the end, both students were charged and \$1,094 in property was recovered, including four iPods, a cell phone, and a camera.

I was involved in several other activities last month as well, such as attending three Deans' meetings, and taking part in a camera training session hosted by Boldtronics, the company that oversees the video surveillance system at MHS. I also gave testimony at an expulsion hearing at the District Administration Center, resulting in a student being expelled for possessing drugs and drug paraphernalia at school. I also taught three Health classes in November, presenting information on drugs and alcohol. Finally, last month I also referred five students to truancy court to discuss their poor attendance with the Middleton Municipal Judge.

Kromrey Middle School

November continued to be relatively slow with call volume at Kromrey. I documented four calls for service for the month, including two disturbances and one drug-related call. One information call was taken regarding a student not wanting to come to school. One citation for disorderly conduct was issued, as well as a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of tobacco products by a minor, and possession of fireworks.

I continued to teach G.R.E.A.T. to the 6th grade students. I also went into Northside Elementary school and taught Keeping Safe to students in Kindergarten through 4th grade. I taught Keeping Safe at Elm Lawn Elementary as well.

I volunteered at Culver's in Middleton by helping to serve food to patrons. Proceeds for the day went to the Shop with a Cop program. I also attended the weekly Building Consultation Team meetings. I also attended an attendance meeting. Due to G.R.E.A.T. scheduling, I was not able to attend the monthly School Resource Officer meeting.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

44 Adults
141 Criminal Counts (one case = 78 counts)
5 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

8 Juveniles
16 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures

Municipal Court Citations Issued

462 Adult Citations