

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



SEPTEMBER 2008

ITEMS OF INTEREST

On 09/16/08, the bank robber who had robbed Middleton Banks three times as well as a bank in Monona and one in Madison, robbed the Anchor Bank in Madison near West Towne Mall. An alert customer in the drive up lane realized a robbery was occurring, notified 911 and directed the police to the suspect who was arrested without incident. He confessed to committing all the bank robberies to Middleton and Madison Detectives. The suspect is John B. Kowal of Madison.



CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Wednesday, September 3, CAO Kasdorf partnered with EMS Director Steve Wunsch to give a presentation on When to Call 911 for the Golden Kiwanis.

On Saturday, September 6, CAO Kasdorf, Officer Ray Parent and Officer Donna Hamilton, partnered with West Bend Mutual Insurance for their annual Safety Day at the Wisconsin Trade Center. There were numerous vendors with safety displays, demonstrations and presentations throughout the event.

On Saturday, September 13, CAO Kasdorf and Dispatch Supervisor Wendy McKnight (McGruff), partnered with Walgreen's for a Child ID event.

On Sunday, September 14, CAO Kasdorf attended the St. Bernard's picnic and let kids explore the inner workings of a police car.

On Monday, September 15, CAO Kasdorf parked a squad car inside Costco and handed out safety materials for International Safety Week.

On Thursday, September 25, CAO Kasdorf gave a fingerprint presentation for the Northside Cub Scout Pack meeting.

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

On Wednesday, September 24, CAO Kasdorf and MBW President Marilyn Burke attended the fall seminar "Ready Your Business Workshop" at the Alliant Energy Center.

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 Citizen's Academy

The Middleton Police Citizen Academy started on Wednesday, September 3, with an Orientation night. On Wednesday, September 10, the class learned about Traffic Law Enforcement. On Saturday, September 20, the class took a field trip to the MATC Truax Campus where they drove police cars on an Emergency Vehicle Operations course. On Wednesday, September 24, the class learned about Criminal Investigations and tried fingerprinting, casting a footwear impression and investigated a crime scene.

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

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Officer Ray Parent did not successfully pass probation and was terminated by the Department in September.

The Department is two officers short of our authorized 2008 strength, one officer is in field training and another officer is in military training leaving us four short of our normal staffing levels. A recruitment process was recently completed and the positions are expected to be filled this fall.

Officer Nick Stroik began field training in early September and is currently in phase I, assigned to 2nd shift with his field training officer Travis Kakuske. Nick is progressing well and is expected to move to phase II on 1st shift with Officer Engelhart in October.

Significant Events in September

Middleton Officers responded to 1,618 calls for service in the month of September, 711 field initiated, 907 dispatched. Officers issued 370 traffic citations, 157 warnings, made 22 criminal arrests and responded to 29 traffic accidents.

MI08-5678, 09/03/08, 1:51 AM, 2051 Allen Blvd. **Burglaries**

A resident reported that someone broke into his occupied apartment through the sliding glass patio door in the middle of the night. Responding officers located 29 year old Anthony L. Hayes of Madison. Hayes was taken into custody. Additional investigation revealed that three apartments had been entered and numerous stolen items were recovered. Hayes was jailed on a probation violation and the Department is awaiting forensic lab results for additional charges.

MI08-5688, 09/03/08, 12:34 PM, Middleton High School, **Theft from Vehicles**

On the first full day of high school, suspect(s) broke out windows on two vehicles in the school parking lots and stole wallets and electronics. A credit card from one vehicle was used later in the day on the east side of Madison.

MI08-5696, 09/03/08, Alterra Sterling House, **Theft of Prescription Drugs**

Oxycontin stolen from a patient.

MI08-5716, 09/04/08, 6300 block of Pheasant Lane, **Abduction**

MIPD was notified that a 16 year old woman was abducted, forced into a vehicle and that the woman's father had received a ransom demand. MIPD sought assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Further investigation revealed that the woman knew the man she left with and that she had left with him voluntarily. The woman was initially traced to Chicago, then California. The woman is now with her mother and the man in California and it has been determined that no crime occurred.

MI08-5833, 09/10/08, Middleton Springs Shopping Center, **Theft**

Three storm grates (typically stolen for scrap metal value) were taken.

MI08-5863, 09/11/08, 2600 block of Branch Street, **Rollover accident with injury**

A vehicle traveling northbound on Branch Street crossed into the other lane of traffic, struck a metro bus stop, MG&E pole and a fire hydrant, then flipped over. The driver was trapped in the vehicle and was extricated by Middleton Fire. Investigation showed the driver had a medical condition prior to the accident. The driver was not seriously injured, but was taken to the hospital.

MI08-6108, 09/20/08, 2:50 AM, Blockbuster Video, **Burglary**
Window broken and video games stolen.

MI08-6172, 09/22/08, 2060 Allen Blvd., **Robbery**
A man reported he was confronted in the parking lot and robbed of a necklace he was wearing.

MI08-6312, 09/28/08, 6210 Century Avenue, **Burglary**
Construction tools and scrap metal taken from the new CVS Drug Store construction sight. This follows a pattern of numerous thefts and burglaries to construction sights in Middleton and the surrounding area.

MI08-6328, 09/29/08, 2211 Parview Road, **Theft**
Construction sight theft, plumbing trucks broken into, copper tubing stolen.

MI08-6331, 09/29/08, 7974 UW Health Court, **Theft**
Construction sight theft, extension cords and scrap metal stolen.

MI08-6335, 09/29/08, 7601 Discovery Drive, **Theft and Motor Vehicle Theft**
Construction sight theft of scrap materials and the theft of a PDQ Corporation van. Suspect was identified and arrested.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Due to minimum staffing levels on second shift and a new method of assigning patrols on first shift that was implemented in September, there was minimal directed traffic patrols performed.

A total of four and one half hours were spent on directed traffic patrols in September. Ten enforcement actions were taken. Five citations were issued for Speeding and two citations for Failure to Obey Sign. Two warnings were issued for Speeding and one warning for Failure to Obey Sign.

Areas of directed patrol were: N High Point Rd at Westchester (stop sign), 7400 block Century Avenue, 2300 block Allen Blvd, Park Street by Cooper Avenue, 3300 Pheasant Branch Road and 2100 block Hwy 12.

Absent directed patrols, officers still conducted a number of non-directed traffic patrols as part of their daily expected pro-active duties. Overall, officers issued 370 traffic citations and 157 warnings in September.

TRAINING

Specialized

National Association of Field Trainers Conference, 32 hours, Engelhart

Courtroom Security, 4 hours, Kakuske
Ready Your Business Workshop, 8 hours, Kasdorf
Safety Kids Instructor, 8 hours, Tutaj
2008 CIB Technology Conference, 20 hours, McKnight
Investigating Alcohol Facilitated Sexual Assaults, 8 hours, Faust
Wisconsin Crime Prevention Association Conference, 32 hours, Kasdorf
Wisconsin Juvenile Officers Association Conference, 16 hours, Tutaj
Crime Prevention and Safety Expo, 6 hours, Kasdorf

Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, 400 hours, Hellenbrand.

Sgt. Hellenbrand began attending the ten week Police Staff and Command training course in Janesville at the beginning of September. He is expected to graduate in mid-November. The majority of the costs associated with this course are provided through a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Training and Standards Bureau. Sgt. Hellenbrand's attendance at this course furthers Chief Keil's goal of having members of the Command Staff (Sergeants and above) attend a law enforcement executive development "long course", either through Northwestern University, Criminal Justice Executive Development Institute, Southern Police Institute or the FBI National Academy. To date, the following members of the Command Staff have attended or are attending one of the above courses: Chief Keil and Lt. Foulke (FBI National Academy). Lt. Kakuske and Sgt. Hellenbrand (Northwestern University) and Sgt. Reynolds (Criminal Justice Executive Development Institute). Sgt. Hanson is scheduled to attend the Northwestern course in the fall of 2009 and Sgt. Britt is scheduled to attend the FBI course in early 2010.

In-service

September 18 and 30, October 3 and 9. Firearms qualification (two pistol courses and one rifle course) in the morning. Two simmunition scenarios and one classroom presentation of rapid response in the afternoon.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

The concerted effort of Middleton Police Detectives to clear their backlogged case files was continued during the month of September. Detectives were able to resolve four of these cold case files during the month of September. The most significant of these incidents was the string of related area bank robberies.

On March 19, 2008, a 23 year old white male began this series of bank robberies. The following is a list of robbery events involving this same individual:

March 19, 2008	Amore Bank	6698 Odana Road, Madison
April 11, 2008	State Bank of Cross Plains	8301 University Avenue, Middleton
May 7, 2008	State Bank of Cross Plains	6300 University Avenue, Middleton
June 17, 2008	M & I Bank	4711 Monona Drive, Monona

August 14, 2008 State Bank of Cross Plains 6300 University Avenue, Middleton
September 19, 2008 Anchor Bank 333 South Westfield Road, Madison

During these robberies, the suspect entered the bank alone and presented the nearest teller with a note. The note indicated that he was armed with a gun and that he wanted cash immediately. The subject gathered the note and the cash before fleeing the bank within seconds of his arrival.

The suspect wore a knit cap and dark sunglasses to disguise his identity. Middleton Police Detective Faust was assigned the robbery events which occurred within the City of Middleton. As the majority of the robberies occurred in Middleton, Detective Faust became the lead investigator for these serial robberies. With no physical evidence left at any of the crime scenes, efforts were focused on getting the suspect's image out to the public to assist with identifying him. The suspect's image was repeatedly broadcast on all local television stations and placed on nearly one hundred "Wanted" posters. In August, the Federal Bureau of Investigation got involved in the case as they were able to have photographs of the suspect broadcast from two Beltline highway electronic billboards.

On September 19, 2008, the suspect robbed his sixth and final bank. A regular customer of this bank observed the robbery in progress from his vehicle in the bank drive-up. The customer immediately called the police, and then followed the suspect as he fled the area on foot. The citizen observer continued to follow the suspect until officers were able to respond to the area and take him into custody.

During a subsequent interview, the suspect, John B. Kowal, confessed to all six of the bank robberies. Upon his apprehension, it became immediately apparent how Kowal's relatively minor attempts to hide his identity were so very successful. Kowal's most predominate feature is his hair. When not concealed, Kowal's hair is blonde, long, thick and wavy. The sheer volume and overpowering style of Kowal's hair made it difficult for anyone but his closest friends to identify him in the bank surveillance photographs.

Kowal has been charged in United States Federal Court with the commission of these six felony robberies and is currently awaiting trial.

The State Bank of Cross Plains and the Wisconsin Banker's Association are currently in the process of awarding the entire ten thousand dollar reward to the local citizen who was the key to the suspect's apprehension.

During the month of September, Detective Faga was able to solve the nighttime burglary of Fitzgerald's Restaurant which had occurred in July. Using D.N.A. evidence recovered from the scene, Detective Faga was able to charge a former Fitzgerald's employee with this felony.

Also during the month of September, the Middleton Police Department investigated the possible abduction of a child. This investigation began as the child's family reported

their 15 year old daughter missing at 6:00 PM on 09-04-08. Shortly after 1:00 AM on 09-05-08, family members reported receiving a ransom demand for their child. Within hours of receiving this information, a task force was established. This task force consisted of members of the Middleton Police Department, Wisconsin Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. By 2:00 PM on 09-05-08, task force members were able to locate the general whereabouts of the missing child. It was determined that she was currently in Chicago, Illinois, and that she left Middleton of her accord. The child was eventually located and released to the custody of her mother.

During the month of September, 130 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, six cases were assigned to patrol officers and 22 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. This represents a nearly identical level of activity in the area of case assignment from the previous month. These case files include the following incident types:

- 2 - Assault
- 2 - Burglaries
- 1 - Death Investigations
- 3 - Domestic Follow-up
- 2 - Fraud
- 1 - Harassment
- 1 - Internet Fraud
- 4 - Larceny
- 1 - Runaway
- 1 - Sexual Assault
- 4 - Uniform Controlled Substances

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Kromrey Middle School – Officer Jill Tutaj

Meetings

Weekly BCT
Faculty Meeting
Dane County School Resource Officer monthly meeting
Meeting on new “high risk” freshman
2 w/school social worker on attendance
Peer Court

Presentations

2 Code of conduct
1 Mandated reporting
5 Introductions to 6th grade (role of police in schools)

Training

WJOA Conference
Safety Instructor

Incidents

Threats-High School
2 EMS
2 Missing juveniles
Disturbance Kromrey-warned for restraining order
Disturbance Kromrey-OWI/DC
Check welfare-child abuse
Battery
3 Traffic

Citations/Warnings

2 warning operating without DL
2 citations operating without DL
1 substantial battery
1 citation DC
1 Warning for DC
2 Warning for loitering

Middleton High School – Officer Jeremy Geiszler

The first month of school kept me busy in my new position. I attended deans' meetings, administration meetings, student services meetings, and the monthly Dane County school liaison meeting. On top of that, I was assigned to 47 incidents associated with the school. This included nine disturbances, six lost property calls, four information calls, four damage to property incidents, four EMS calls, two traffic complaints, two status offenses, two theft from autos, one found property, one drug offense, one missing juvenile, and ten theft calls. I also dealt with one disturbance call reported to me at the school which had taken place the prior day off campus.

By far, the biggest issue at the school was the ten theft reports taken. Ipods, cell phones, and bicycles are the most common items taken, and most thefts occur in the locker rooms. Students are provided a lock for a gym locker, but few use them. They instead leave their valuables out in the open, allowing the opportunity for them to be taken. Currently the locker rooms are locked after passing time, but most of these thefts are occurring during passing time when the students are changing. In an effort to prevent further issues, I have sent out an email to parents on the school's email list encouraging parents to have their children lock up their belongings.

As far as enforcement actions, 15 citations were issued, along with numerous warnings. The citations issued were three for disorderly conduct, three for resisting/obstructing an officer, two for prohibited daytime loitering, two for possession of a controlled substance, one for battery, one for theft, one for unauthorized presence on school property, one for driving with an illegal rider, and one for riding illegally on a vehicle. I also referred one criminal charge of disorderly conduct to the juvenile District Attorney.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

70 Adults
78 Charges
5 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

3 Juveniles
3 Charges
0 Civil Forfeitures

Municipal Court Citations Issued

331 Citations