

# EVENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT

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## *OUR MISSION*

*The members of the Evendale Police Department are committed to the principles that define democracy, including the protection of constitutional rights and equal protection under the law. We will at all times exercise the authority granted to us in an ethical, consistent and lawful manner.*

## ***THEFT***

Sgt. Abrams responded to 10680 Evendale Dr. and met with the complainant who stated that when he checked on the vacant building, he found that the copper piping and regulator had been removed from the building. Although it was a small amount of copper piping, it was ripped out of the wall. Total loss was approximately \$100. Due to a lack of investigative leads, the case was suspended inactive.

After shopping at WalMart, a victim discovered her purse missing after arriving back at her residence. She contacted WalMart who advised her that no purse had been turned in. Two days later, the victim received a phone call from a post office employee who had found the purse in a blue collection box at the intersection of Burnet and Erkenbrecher Avenues in the city of Cincinnati. When the victim picked up the purse, \$60 in U.S. currency and a \$300 Kroger gift card were missing. A WalMart receipt not belonging to the victim was found inside the purse. Officer Roach responded to WalMart to view video, however, the quality of the video did not allow for identification of the suspect. Lt. Niehauser contacted a case worker with the Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services to inquire about tracking the EBT number (electronic benefit transfer) which was used by the suspect prior to leaving WalMart. He was referred to an investigator with Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services. Case investigation continues.

A victim advised Officer Roach that she lost her cell phone at WalMart. When she went to customer service to see if it was turned in, she was told that someone else had turned it in, but when they went to find, it was gone again. Video showed that after the phone was turned in, it sat on the counter for six minutes at which time a female suspect was seen removing the phone and putting it in her purse. At the time of the report, the female suspect could not be identified. Therefore, the case was suspended inactive.

An employee of Brendamour Warehouse advised Officer Roach that he observed suspects removing merchandise from the warehouse and placing it into a vehicle. Both suspects were found by officers inside the building gathering merchandise. Neither suspect had permission from the owner to remove the property. Subsequently, Dennis D. Tallant and Russell D. White were arrested and charged with theft.

A female subject advised Lt. Phillips that while shopping at WalMart, she set her I-Phone on a shelf while looking at some items. A few minutes later, she noticed her cell phone was missing. Before obtaining a new phone, the complainant purchased a prepaid phone and called her I-Phone. An unknown person answered and sent several documented text messages indicating that she was going to give back the phone. During his investigation, Lt. Phillips made contact with the mother of the female juvenile

who engaged in texting with the complainant. The juvenile denied having the phone, but it is reasonable that she has knowledge of the phone's whereabouts because of admitting she sent the text messages. Investigation continues.

A doctor with Weis Chiropractic reported that an employee of the business committed credit card fraud wherein the business lost \$680 and the suspect benefited from the transaction. The suspect voluntarily responded

to the station and spoke with Detective Holloway regarding



the offense. The suspect advised that in addition to being an employee at Weis Chiropractic she was also a patient. She would receive regular treatments from the doctor and stated that sometimes he would charge her and other times he would not charge. Sometimes a fee ticket would be completed and other times a fee ticket would not be completed. The suspect also said that on occasion she inadvertently used her debit card to pay for services and that the refunds to her debit card reflected those instances. She stated she would send Detective Holloway records of her flex spending account documenting those instances.

A representative of Aberdeen Express reported to Officer

Parr that six Toshiba televisions were missing from a shipment of thirty. The televisions were shrink-wrapped on three skids. The shipment was counted and verified at the Evendale location, and then transported to the Aberdeen, Ohio facility. The load was dropped at the dock in Aberdeen with the trailer doors open. When day shift personnel unloaded the trailer the next day, six televisions were unaccounted for. Photographs seemed to indicate that the shrink wrap was tampered with. Detective Holloway is conducting an investigation.

On 4/9 Lt. Niehauser responded to the Avis Car Rental reference a theft report. The complainant stated that while working on the weekend deposit, she discovered \$100 was missing. The missing bills were believed to be two fifty dollar bills. At the time of the report, at least six employees were known to have access to the deposit money. A surveillance system taping at the front counter was functioning, however, the tape is controlled by ADT Alarm Systems and was not available at the time of the report. Detective Holloway conducted interviews with employees who could be possible suspects. He then met with the Avis manager and summarized the interviews with him. Detective Holloway explained that there was no specific evidence available to suggest further interviews or interrogations which would yield any more information. He also advised that unless one of the employees came

forward with an admission, that there was little else that could be done. The manager understood and agreed. Subsequently, the case was suspended inactive pending further investigative leads.

WalMart reported a theft to Lt. Niehauser on 4/9/11. At approximately 3:00 a.m., a suspect entered the store and after making a purchase, attempted to exit the store at which time she activated the security monitors. The greeter stopped the suspect and attempted to examine the contents of both the suspects' bags. The suspect was asked to step through the monitor holding one of the bags and did not activate the security monitors. When the remaining bag was pushed through, it again activated the monitors. The greeter then requested the assistance of the store manager and grabbed the suspect's purse. Before the manager arrived, the suspect fled from the store. DVD's recovered from the bag totaled \$185.84. They were photographed and released to WalMart. The suspect's purse which was left at the scene was confiscated as evidence. Surveillance video was recovered and placed into evidence. At this time, the case remains open.

A complainant reported to Officer Akers that unknown person(s) took her purse from her unlocked vehicle while parked at Landmark. The suspect(s) took her make-up bag and cell phone out of her purse and left them on the front seat. A search of the area was conducted, but nei-

ther the purse or suspect(s) were located. Pending further information, the complainant was advised that the case would be suspended inactive.

Officer Akers responded to Cincinnati Color Press for a theft report. Person(s) unknown took 45 gallons of diesel fuel valued at \$225 from a company delivery truck. There were no investigative leads, and the case was suspended inactive.

Evendale officers responded to WalMart for a theft in progress. The suspect was observed selecting eight shirts and placing them in his wife's purse. Both suspects walked past the



point of sale, but were stopped by WalMart Asset Protection. The male suspect fled the scene. The female suspect, Michelle Finn was arrested for theft and charged through Mayor's Court. Later the same day, David Finn, Jr. turned himself in and was charged with complicity.

On 4/14 a complainant advised Officer Titgemeyer that his 2010 Ford Fusion had been taken from the rear lot of Graphics Packaging. He bought the vehicle in March of this year and had made a \$5,000 down payment. He also stated that he made last month's payment on time and paid \$400 instead of the \$300 required payment. The complainant also said that his payments are due by the 20th

of each month, so he wasn't behind on the current payment. A review of the security video showed a tow truck tow the vehicle from the lot after the driver of the tow truck checked the vin number. Officer Titgemeyer went to Car Connection which is where the car was purchased. The car had not been towed back to their lot, and the business was closed for the night. Detective Holloway followed up on 4/15 and per Car Connection the vehicle had indeed been repossessed. The complainant was advised of same, and the case was closed.

A truck driver for Alliance Vending reported that he pulled onto the lot of Ohio Valley Beer and Wine and left his truck unattended to make a delivery. When he returned to his truck, he discovered the passenger side window had been broken out and a bag containing \$500 in U.S. Currency had been taken from the front console. Lt. Niehauser checked with Ohio Valley Beer and Wine as to availability of security video. He was advised that no video surveillance of that area of the parking lot was available. The complainant was advised of same, and the case was suspended inactive.

Speedway reported that a person drove off their lot without paying for gas which was pumped. A witness wrote down the suspect's license plate and stated that it was a Ford Explorer. When Officer Curry ran the plate, it matched the vehicle descrip-

tion. The investigation is pending.

A representative of Northland Ice Center reported to Officer Curry that on 12/16/10 a suspect wanted to purchase merchandise from the Pro Shop. The suspect called his girlfriend on the phone to obtain her American Express card information as she was going to buy the hockey equipment for him as an early Christmas present.



Total charges were \$1,139.50. Northland Ice Center was notified by American Express that they were denying the charges on 2/28/11 and crediting back the American Express card. At the time of the purchase, Northland did not get any information from the suspect and had no way of contacting him. On 4/20, the victim identified the suspect and merchandise originally sold on 12/16/10. Officer Curry spoke with the suspect who stated that he was unaware of the problem. Northland Ice Center stated that the suspect could either pay for the equipment or leave it. The suspect left everything except the skates, which Northland said he could send back. No further action was taken, and the case was closed.

An authorized representative of US Bank reported a \$1440 cash shortage from a teller drawer. The drawer shortage actually occurred on 1/20/11 and was not reported to US Bank Security until 2/25/11.

After conducting a number of employee interviews and examining internal bank records, the cash shortage was not located. The shortage was in the drawer of a teller who was terminated on 3/16/11. Detective Holloway continues the investigation.

WalMart Asset Protection observed a female suspect select various make-up items, take them to the Electronics Dept., and then conceal them in her purse. Another female suspect acted as a look-out while the first suspect concealed the merchandise. Both defendants left the store without paying for the merchandise. Asset Protection recovered the items which were valued at \$17.98. Megan Feltnier was arrested and charged with theft. Delaney Barton was arrested and charged with complicity.

A clerk from Speedway reported that a suspect pumped gas and drove off without making payment. Officer Parr located the vehicle at Aljoy Apartments in Reading, but the suspect was not there. A business card was left with the suspect's roommate who was advised to have the suspect contact Evendale Police and pay Speedway in full. A few days later, Speedway advised Officer Parr that they had received payment in full, and no longer wished to prosecute. Case closed.

A female suspect was observed by WalMart Asset Protection concealing merchandise in her purse and attempting to leave the store without paying for same. Officer Roach responded and arrested Celeste M. Miglio. She was charged with theft, and the case was closed.

A hub cap was stolen from a vehicle while it was parked in the rear lot of the Everdale Medical Center. There were no witnesses or suspects, and Lt. Phillips advised the complainant that the case would be suspended inactive.

### ***ENDANGERING CHILDREN***

Everdale officers responded to WalMart reference an infant left in a vehicle. The complainant/witness told Officer Akers that the infant was in the vehicle with no one around for several minutes. The infant was an 11-month old female. She was sleeping in her car seat. As a result, Javier Jose Solis was arrested for endangering children and cited to Everdale Mayor's Court. Contact was made with 241-KIDS regarding the incident.

### ***DRUG ABUSE***

A subject was stopped on southbound I-75 by Officer Titgemeyer with a traffic capias attached to the license plate. While talking to the defendant, Officer Titgemeyer saw something resembling a joint in the ashtray of the vehicle. When asked what it was, the defendant stated it was a marijuana joint. Officer Titgemeyer confiscated the joint and cited John D. Johnson for drug abuse.

Everdale Police received a phone call about a suspicious car in the area of 3570 Plainfield. Sgt. Asbrock located a vehicle parked across the street from this

address. After approaching the car, Sgt. Asbrock observed a clear baggie tucked partially under the left leg of the passenger. Subsequent investigation revealed the baggie contained approximately 3 grams of marijuana. Further investigation revealed a marijuana pipe in the glove box of the vehicle belonging to the owner/operator. The pipe contained marijuana residue. As a result, Christopher A. Baker and Jeffrey Dooley were charged with drug abuse.

Officer Ward conducted a traffic stop and detected an odor of marijuana coming from the defendant's vehicle. The subject was then questioned and produced two baggies of suspected marijuana from his pants pocket. Andrew T. Bere was subsequently charged with drug abuse.

### ***MAKING OR USING SLUGS***

The owner of the Pepsi machine at Everdale EZ Car Wash stated that person(s) unknown deposited slugs into the machine and received soda and/or cash without authorization. There were no witnesses or suspects, and no video was available. Officer Parr retrieved the slugs and submitted them to Detective Holloway for processing. The slugs were processed for latent prints. Prints were visible on nearly half of the slugs, but none of them were good enough for either AFIS submission or

comparison against a suspect. Therefore, the case was suspended inactive.

### ***MISUSE OF CREDIT CARD***

On 4/7 a victim stopped at the station to report unauthorized charges on his Sharefax Credit Union MasterCard. According to the victim, the Sharefax Fraud Department contacted him reference suspicious charges



on his account. The victim researched his bank statement and discovered four unauthorized transactions which amounted to \$179.90. The victim cancelled the card and was referred to our police department. Detective Holloway spoke with QVC inquiring about the purchases made with the victim's credit card. They advised that the order had been cancelled and that no shipping address was provided. QVC also advised that the IP address used for the transaction was from overseas, possibly Nigeria. Detective Holloway advised the victim and also told him to double-check his bank records for any other suspicious activity which might point to how the number was compromised. Sharefax was also notified in case other customers experience similar problems due to a possible compromise

through their network. Due to a lack of investigative leads, the case was suspended inactive.

### ***CRIMINAL DAMAGING***

Officer Parr responded to SBS Global on P.G. Graves reference a criminal damaging report. Upon arrival, the complainant advised that unknown person(s) propelled a paving stone through the glass front door of the business. The glass was shattered and the drywall inside the business was damaged when struck by the stone. Suspect(s) also applied epoxy to the locks of both front doors of the building. There were no suspects, witnesses, or video. Therefore, the case was suspended inactive.

### ***UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE***

A complainant responded to the station and reported to Officer Akers that he sold his 1995 vehicle to an acquaintance. The selling price agreed upon was \$3500 and the subject was going to make monthly payments. The acquaintance was given the vehicle on 1/7/11, but kept the title in his name and possession until the \$3500 was paid in full. To date, no payments have been made nor has the vehicle been returned. The appropriate paperwork was obtained so that the vehicle could be entered as stolen into RCIC. Pending further information, the case has been suspended inactive.

### ***SUICIDAL PERSON***

Officer McCormick was dispatched to the Hollywood Mo-

tel reference a female who attempted suicide. Upon arrival, the female subject was found in the motel lobby. She told Officer McCormick that she swallowed nine sleeping pills for the purpose of harming herself. The female agreed to sign herself in at the emergency psychiatric unit of University Hospital. Evendale Squad transported her and the case was closed.

### ***IDENTITY FRAUD***

On 4/20 a victim responded to the station to file an identity theft report. She advised Lt. Niehauser that she was contacted

by a collection agency concerning a closed account through Capital One Bank

which was in her name. The account in question was opened in her name in October 2007 and was closed with a remaining balance of \$1,855. The victim does have an open account with Capital One Bank, but it is a different number. Following her notification of the delinquent account, the victim checked her credit history and detected at least 16 fraudulently opened accounts in her name totaling \$32,845. The victim also had credit cards in her possession that had unauthorized transactions on them. All the accounts were opened between 2005 and 2009. Lt. Niehauser reviewed and provided a copy of the guide to identity theft. She was advised the case

status would remain open and the investigation would be ongoing. The case has been referred to Detective Holloway for follow-up

