

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.

RUN TINA, RUN!

On February 19, Officer Tina McCormick ran the Myrtle Beach Marathon in 4 hours and 16 minutes.

She has completed 40 marathons in 29 different states. Her next marathon will be

the Lake Charlevoix Marathon in Michigan in June of this year. Keep up the good work, Tina, and good luck in your next marathon!



THEFT

The co-manager of Speedway called the station to report a drive-off. A female suspect pumped \$40.18 worth of gas into a vehicle and left the lot without paying for the gas. Vehicle license plate information was obtained. Officer Wedig responded to a Reading address to follow-up on the last known address of the suspect. Upon arrival, Officer Wedig spoke with a female who stated that she is the mother of the suspect's boyfriend. She indicated that she had not seen her son or his girlfriend for the last few days. Officer Wedig requested that she inform both her son and the suspect that they are no longer allowed on Speedway property, and also asked that she have the suspect call him concerning the drive-off. Two other possible addresses were checked out, with no success. Speedway was advised of same, and the case was suspended inactive.

Officer Curry responded to WalMart for a theft report on 2/2. Upon arrival, he was ad-

vised that Jessica L. Smith pushed a cart of merchandise beyond the point of purchase. She made no attempt to pay for the merchandise valued at \$249.43. Smith was stopped in the parking lot of WalMart, arrested, and taken to the station for processing. She was then transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center.

A resident of Glendale-Milford Rd. received an e-mail from a friend requesting he send \$1860 via Western Union to an account in the United Kingdom. He believed this e-mail was from his friend and he sent the money. Later, he learned the e-mail was a scam, but the scam artist had already collected the funds. As a result, the case was suspended inactive.

A Swifty Gas Station attendant advised Officer Roach that a suspect pumped \$10 worth of gasoline, but stated he forgot his wallet and had to run to Sharonville to get money to pay for the gas. The suspect left his I.D. with the complainant, but after five days he had yet to pay for the gas. Attempts to locate the suspect were unsuccessful. Therefore, a theft warrant was issued for the arrest of Benjamin M. Brinker.



A resident of Woodleigh Ln. responded to the station to

report a theft. She told Officer Akers that she believed her daughter took from her residence property valued at \$300. The mother and daughter had been involved in an argument with each other a few days earlier. The complainant did not wish to pursue further action, and the case was closed. Central Tool reported that a subject rented welding cables and did not pay the agreed upon cost of \$152.53. As a result, Detective Holloway issued a warrant for the arrest of Anthony W. Moore.

An employee of Verizon reported to Officer Curry that while working alone on 2/12, two male suspects entered the store. One suspect was talking with the clerk at the rear of the store, while the other suspect put eight phones into a Game Stop bag. The suspect left the store walking in the direction of Game Stop. The phones were not discovered missing until approximately 2 hours later. One of the suspects went into Game Stop. Their video surveillance showed the suspect who put the phones into his bag while at Verizon. The investigation is in progress.

A female subject came to the station and advised Officer McCormick that her cell phone was stolen and she believed her mother to be suspect. Officer McCormick responded to Hollywood Motel where the complainant's mother was staying. The mother stated she did not steal the phone, nor was Of-

ficer McCormick able to locate the phone in the motel room. The complainant was advised of same, and the case was suspended inactive pending any further investigative leads.

Sgt. Lantry took a theft report from a juvenile victim who reported that his wallet was stolen from the locker room of The Sphere (formerly Sports Plus). He had left the wallet in his pants pocket inside a locker while playing hockey. When he returned to the locker room, the wallet was gone. Surveillance video provided no investigative leads, and the victim and his mother were advised the case would be suspended inactive.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PROPERTY

A representative of Time Warner Cable advised Officer Parr that a resident of Otterbein illegally accessed cable service without authorization or consent of Time Warner Cable. The suspect is a subcontractor of Time Warner who has personal knowledge of the manner and means to access the cable service. The complainant advised that Time Warner investigators were going to check the suspect property again, and if it was found to be in violation, they would re-open the case. Currently, the case is closed.

DRUG ABUSE

During a routine traffic stop, Sgt. Lantry detected an odor of marijuana in the vehicle. A 14.5 gram bag of marijuana was located partially under the front passenger seat. Subsequently, Brandon Truitt re-

ceived a minor misdemeanor citation for drug abuse.

After running a license plate query on a vehicle, Officer McCormick discovered that the license plates were expired. When the vehicle was stopped there was an odor of marijuana.

The driver stated he smoked marijuana approximately seven hours prior to his contact with Officer McCormick. He also showed a ticket that he had previously received from Evendale Police for the expired license plates. The driver advised that he did not possess any marijuana on his person or in his vehicle and gave verbal consent to search his vehicle. While conducting the search he told Sgt. Asbrock that there was a jar in the back seat where he stored his marijuana. The jar was located and contained marijuana. Subsequently, Daniel R. Foster was cited for drug abuse and give a warning for his expired license plates.

LOST/STOLEN PROPERTY

A complainant responded to the station to report that his wallet was lost or stolen. He told Officer Akers that he last saw his wallet at the Speedway in Evendale. There were no witnesses or suspects and pending further information, the case was suspended inactive.



Detective Holloway took a report from a complainant who reported that his concealed carry permit and California driver's license had been lost or stolen. He believes he lost them either at WalMart or a local restaurant. No further investigative leads were available, and the case was suspended inactive.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

At approximately 7:45 p.m. on 2/6, Officer Titgemeyer observed a vehicle traveling on N I-75 at a high rate of speed. The vehicle's speed was twice clocked by laser at 85 miles per hour. As the vehicle passed Officer Titgemeyer's cruiser, it slowed down for a moment, then accelerated again and passed the vehicle in front of him. When Officer Titgemeyer attempted to stop the vehicle, it slowed down and signaled as if it was going to pull over. However, the vehicle then accelerated again. Officer Titgemeyer then turned on his siren prior to the Sharon Rd. exit and continued to follow the vehicle just prior to the I-275 exit. At that point, Officer Titgemeyer called a traffic pursuit. The vehicle continued to drive between 80 and 85 mph, did not use signals when changing lanes, did not maintain lanes, and refused to pull over. The pursuit continued until it reached the Cincinnati-Dayton Rd. exit when Officer Titgemeyer was told to terminate the pursuit. License plate information identified the suspect, and Officer Titgemeyer later responded to his residence in Delhi Twp. Delhi police were requested to back-up Officer

Titgemeyer and were first to arrive at the residence. The suspect became agitated and did not want to cooperate. His parents said they did not feel safe with their son staying at home after the incident and requested that the defendant be taken to UC Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. Delhi Police made the transport and signed the paperwork to commit the defendant. Thomas J. Schroth was cited for speeding and failure to comply. Case closed.

CRIMINAL SIMUATION

Officer Wedig responded to Speedway reference a counterfeit bill. Upon arrival, he was advised that a clerk had marked the bill which indicated it to be counterfeit. The bill in question was recovered for further examination. Officer Wedig took the bill to the Evendale Fifth Third Bank, and with their assistance determined the bill to be legitimate. The counterfeit marking pen may have shown positive due to the age of the bill. Officer Wedig requested that Fifth Third remove the bill from circulation. They exchanged the bill and a new bill was returned to Speedway. Case closed.

A clerk from Speedway reported that a male suspect came into the store and purchased a pack of cigarettes. He paid with a fifty dollar bill, which the clerk marked and believed to be legitimate. It was later discovered that the fifty dollar bill was really a five dollar bill which had been "washed". Officer

Roach placed the counterfeit bill into evidence, and requested video surveillance. Investigation continues.

FICTITIOUS PLATES

Officer Titgemeyer stopped a vehicle for an expired license plate and fictitious plate. The plate came back to a 2002 Chevrolet, but was attached to a Hyundai Accent. The vehicle was towed and the license plate was seized. Anthony Ladon Roberson was cited for fictitious plates, and the case was closed.



MISUSE OF CREDIT CARD

Officer Akers responded to the police department for a misuse of credit card investigation. The victim reported using her credit card at the Evendale WalMart store on 2/13 at 7:00 p.m. The transaction was for \$50. On 2/14 at 2:00 p.m. the victim checked her credit card statement and found an illicit transaction of \$213.99 which occurred at a WalMart in Bedford Texas. No further information was available, and the case was suspended inactive.

ASSAULT

The parent of a student attending St. Rita's reported that her 13-year old son was scratched on his right arm and back with a key. The student who committed the assault has been bullying her son at school for several years. She advised Officer Shope that school intervention has not been successful. Case investi-

gation continues.

Officer Ward was dispatched to a Cooper Rd. address for domestic trouble. Upon his arrival, the victim was standing outside of the residence. He stated that his girlfriend slapped him several times in the face after an argument. She was questioned by Officer Ward who stated that she pushed the complainant once, but never slapped him. Both subjects were under the influence of alcohol. The complainant did not wish to pursue assault charges, but wanted his girlfriend off his property. The case was then closed.

CRIMINAL DAMAGING

A resident of Moorhill Dr. stated that he had words with a male subject in the parking lot at WalMart. After the verbal altercation, the complainant began walking into the store and looked back at his vehicle. He then noticed the suspect hovering around his car. When the complainant returned to his vehicle, he discovered a large scratch all the way down the left side. Officer Parr viewed security video, however, there were no leads as to the suspect's identity. Therefore, the case was suspended inactive.

TAMPERING WITH COIN MACHINES

While performing daily maintenance at E-Z Car Wash, the complainant noticed a ten dollar bill in the collection stacker with packaging tape and a string attached. He folded the bill in half to preserve fingerprints and then called Evendale Police. After

doing some checking, the complainant advised Officer Vonderhaar that he thought someone had been attempting to "fish" the auto cashier at the car wash. The ten dollar bill was placed into evidence for processing. The investigation continues pending the fingerprint processing.

NON-CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

On 2/21 a technician from Reading Heating & Air Conditioning came to the station and advised Lt. Niehauser that he had just been at a Moorhill Dr. residence which was "unfit for habitation". He further explained that an elderly female resident lived alone in the residence. The technician made a minor repair to the furnace to make it operational, but asked that someone check on the welfare of the resident. Sgt. Abrams responded and indicated that the condition of the residence was so bad that it raised concerns as to whether habitation would be safe. He also stated that arrangements would need to be made for a temporary residence for the homeowner. The resident's sister was contacted, and she made arrangements for a company to come in to clean the residence. The resident left willingly with her sister to live with her until other arrangements could be made. Job and Family Services was contacted and will be doing the follow-up on the case.

MISSING PERSON

At 7:40 p.m. on 2/23 an Evendale resident responded to the station to report his wife missing. The complainant stated that his wife had been feeling depressed and made suicidal threats to him and their daughter. After an extensive investigation, it was determined that the complainant's wife was not missing, but gone of her own free will. Therefore, the case was closed.