

# 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***

WalMart Asset Protection observed a male subject select trading cards and conceal them in his jacket pocket. He then attempted to leave the store without paying for the items. Officer Vonderhaar responded and arrested the subject. Paul W. Montgomery was charged with theft and cited to Evendale Mayor's Court.

A representative of the Avis Budget Group responded to the station to file a theft report. The complainant stated that the suspect, an employee of Avis, rented a vehicle for personal use. The rental was billed to Cincy Transmission. The vehicle was contracted to be returned on 2/28. The suspect, David Arragaw, was terminated by Avis on 2/15. When the vehicle was not returned, Avis contacted Cincy Transmission and discovered that the company never rented the vehicle. The complainant then responded to David Arragaw's address in Lexington, Ky. The vehicle was parked in front of his residence and was subsequently towed back to the Avis office. To date, Avis is out \$850 in rental fees. Lt. Niehauser advised the complainant the case status would remain open and investigation into the matter would continue.

The manager of Swifty Gas reported to Lt. Phillips that a male subject attempted to pay for gas with a counterfeit ten dollar bill. The suspect said he would be back and left his Ohio state identification card. A check of his last known address revealed that he had moved. License plate informa-

tion provided the identification of the registered owner of the vehicle. That person was contacted, advised that his vehicle was used in the offense, and subsequently made good on the \$10 worth of gas taken by his friend. Case closed.

A victim called the station and spoke with Lt. Niehauser about the theft of his vehicle's catalytic converter. The vehicle was parked on the lot of 2630 Glendale-Milford Rd. at the time of the offense. There were no witnesses or suspects, and the case was suspended inactive.



A representative for The Sphere reported that a suspect manager took \$1,980 in cash receipts over a six-week period. The coordinator for the Working Man's Hockey League collected fees from the teams on a weekly basis and forwarded cash to the suspect. The suspect kept the monies without authorization. An internal investigation is ongoing, and at its completion, the complainant will decide if he wishes to pursue criminal charges.

Officer Parr was dispatched to WalMart reference a theft in progress. Upon arrival, Asset Protection had the suspect in custody. John Peskin was read his rights and admitted to bagging various food items and attempting to leave the store without making pay-

ment. The items were valued at \$200.21. Peskin was then charged with theft and criminal trespassing and transported to West Chester Police Department reference warrants out of their department. Case closed.

Lt. Niehauser responded to a Boxwood Circle residence for a theft report. Upon arrival, the victim stated that unknown person(s) removed approximately \$8 worth of change from his vehicle. The vehicle was unlocked at the time of the offense. Due to a lack of witnesses/suspects, the victim was advised that the case would be suspended inactive.



An employee of the Thomas Kidd Center reported that unknown suspect(s) entered his vehicle and removed his wallet. The wallet contained several credit cards and debit cards through Kemba Credit Union. Also inside the wallet was his driver's license and social security card. When the victim called Kemba to cancel the cards, he was told the cards had been used. At the time of Officer Vonderhaar's report, the amount taken from the victim's account(s) was thought to be approximately \$400. Investigation continues.

Officer Akers took a theft report from an employee of Arby's on 3/26. The victim advised that \$315 was taken from her purse which was

left in her vehicle while parked in the Arby's parking lot. Video surveillance showed another employee of Arby's take the victim's car keys from the manager's desk on three separate occasions. Each time, the employee held the keys out and hit the key fob to unlock the victim's vehicle, walking out the east dining room door. Detective Holloway continues the investigation.

The manager of Swifty Gas Station reported to Sgt. Abrams that an unknown male suspect pumped \$16.65 worth of gas and told the attendant that he would return because he forgot his wallet. The suspect drove off and never returned. License plate information provided the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle. When Sgt. Abrams drove to the address, neither the owner or the vehicle were there. Case investigation continues.

A resident of Fawn Run reported to Officer Vonderhaar that sometime between 3/23 and 3/26, suspect(s) unknown broke out the passenger side window of his vehicle and removed his daughter's purse and its contents. Inside the purse were the victim's driver's license, a prepaid American Express card and various gift cards totaling \$100. On 3/25 at 7:15 p.m., Officer Vonderhaar recovered the purse on the fairway near #15 in Blue Ash. Upon returning the purse, the victim said the only property missing was the American Express Card and several gift cards. Ameri-

can Express was contacted and they advised there had been no account activity. Due to a lack of witnesses/suspects, the case was suspended inactive.

On 3/25 a resident of Sherbrooke Dr. reported to Officer Shope that he parked his vehicle in his driveway at approximately 4:00 p.m. When the victim's brother borrowed the car on

3/26 he noticed that the vehicle's speakers and an I-Pod Touch were missing. The victim reported locking the vehicle. Officer Shope observed scratches along the trim of the front driver's window, possibly indicating an entry tool was used to gain access to the vehicle. No physical evidence was present on the vehicle itself. Due to a lack of investigative leads, the case was suspended inactive.



A resident of Brinton Trail reported to Lt. Niehauser that unknown person(s) removed approximately \$12 worth of change from her vehicle. At the time of the offense, the vehicle was parked in her driveway. The vehicle was locked, however, a rear window had been left open. There were no known witnesses or suspects, and the case was suspended inactive pending further information.

WalMart Asset Protection officers observed two suspects conceal various items of clothing and make-up without paying for same. Both juvenile defendants were stopped by

the officer and the property was recovered. Value of items taken was \$194.93. Officer Shope released both juveniles to one juvenile's mother, as he was unable to make contact with the second juvenile's guardians. Case closed by arrest.

Officer Shope responded to WalMart for a theft suspect in custody. Upon his arrival he was advised that the suspect concealed various clothing items and went past the point of sale without paying for the merchandise. The property, valued at \$51.37, was recovered but was damaged. Subsequently, Tabitha Fehrenbach was transported to the station for processing. While at the station, Officer Shope observed the defendant acting suspicious in the booking room in the area of the toilet. Upon entry, he observed a syringe in the exact area where the defendant was standing. Officer Shope asked the defendant what she was doing to which she replied "trying to get rid of that". The syringe was seized and placed into evidence. Further investigation revealed that Fehrenbach had three active felony warrants issued by Hamilton County. Officer Shope charged Fehrenbach with theft and possession of drug instruments. She was then transported to the Hamilton Co. Justice Center.

### ***ATTEMPTED THEFT***

On 3/17 Sgt. Abrams was dispatched to the Brendamour Warehouse reference an attempted theft report Upon arrival, Sgt. Abrams met with the complainant who stated

that someone attempted to steal his catalytic converter between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on 3/16. He reported the total cost to repair his vehicle was \$1200. Due to a lack of suspects, the case was suspended inactive. Extra patrol of the area is being conducted.

### ***DECEPTION TO OBTAIN DANGEROUS DRUG***

The WalMart Pharmacy reported that a suspect presented a written prescription for Ultram 50 mg. issued by Dr. Dheenan. The presented prescription was for 100 tablets; however, after a conversation with the physician, the pharmacist determined that the prescription had been issued for only 10 tablets. Officer Roach spoke with the suspect who denied altering the prescription. The officer then contacted the Pharmaceutical Diversion Investigator for DART who was familiar with the suspect. He took possession of the evidence and will follow-up. Case closed.



### ***MISSING PERSON***

A complainant responded to the station to report his wife missing. He advised Officer Vonderhaar that he had left his wife at the Evendale Walgreens. He then left to take his daughter some place. When he returned to the store, his wife was missing. At that time, a critical missing person entry was made. Approximately seven hours

later, his wife called him and asked him to pick her up at the Kroger in Woodlawn. She was safe and well, and the critical missing was cancelled. Case closed.

### ***FELONIOUS ASSAULT***

On 3/2 at 11:59 p.m. Officer McCormick observed a female walking on Cunningham Dr. Despite the cold temperatures, she did not have on a coat. She appeared frantic and upset. When asked by Officer McCormick what she was doing, she stated that she stabbed her boyfriend in room 20 of the Hollywood Motel. She said she used a kitchen type knife to stab her boyfriend in the chest. Subsequently Mickey L. Sullivan was placed under arrest, transported to the station for processing, and transported to the Justice Center. Case closed by arrest.

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

A member of the GE Credit Union advised Lt. Phillips that he lost his debit/ATM card at an unknown location. GE Credit Union directed him to Evendale Police to report that unknown person(s) had used the card five times at various locations. The total amount put on the card was \$1956.28. Case investigation continues.

### ***PASSING BAD CHECKS***

On 1/26/11 a female subject drove onto a concrete island on Reading Rd. in Evendale. Nick's Towing towed the vehicle, and the subject paid the business with a check. The check was later returned by the bank. Sgt. Abrams contacted the suspect who ultimately

made good on the check. Case closed.

A representative of CDC Distributors advised Officer Parr that they received two bad checks. The bad checks were in the amounts of \$1,251.54 and \$1,300. The company is allowing the suspects time to honor the checks before pursuing criminal charges. Therefore, the case was suspended inactive.

### ***NON-CRIMINAL COMPLAINT***

Sgt. Lantry was dispatched by the county reference a male subject with cut wrists at the Evendale Speedway. The call was then upgraded to a suicide attempt. Upon arrival, the suspect was sitting on the curb next to the side of the building being aided by the person who made the original call. The suspect had cut both of his wrists with a box cutter. Evendale Squad arrived and transported the subject to University Hospital for a psych hold. Officer Vonderhaar accompanied the squad and signed and completed the appropriate paperwork. Case closed.

Evendale Officers responded to a Glendale-Milford Rd. address for domestic trouble. Upon arrival, the complainant stated that his wife threatened to hurt herself with a knife. The knife was not in anyone's possession upon officers' arrival. The incident occurred after the couple had an argument over Facebook. The complainant's face was scratched by his wife as she tried to grab the telephone when he was calling 911. Evendale Squad transported the female to University Hospital for a psychological evaluation. The case was closed by Office

Akers.

### ***LOST/STOLEN PROPERTY***

A male subject responded to the station and reported to Officer Vonderhaar that his temporary Ohio plate was either lost or stolen. He was unsure as to where the plate was lost/stolen. The tag was entered into RCIC and pending further information, the case was suspended inactive.

A patron of WalMart advised Officer Akers that her wallet was lost/stolen. She last remembered seeing it on the counter of McDonald's inside the store. The complainant called back later and advised that she found her wallet at WalMart and all contents were inside. As a result, the case was closed.

### ***PHONE HARASSMENT***

Officer Akers met two complainants on station reference phone harassment. They advised that a suspect called both of them in the early morning hours of 3/9 and left harassing statements on each others voice mail. The suspect was terminated from GE in 2008 for illicit behavior involving drugs. The complainants were the suspect's union representatives in 2008, however they were unable to reinstate his employment. Based on that, the complainants believed the phone calls too be a credible threat. Officer Akers contacted the suspect who stated that he made the phone calls which were a

lapse in judgment. He stated he reached a breaking point and made the harassing phone calls. The complainants did not wish to pursue charges, and the case was closed.

### ***FRAUD INVESTIGATION***

Officer Akers responded to Fifth Third Bank for a fraud investigation report. Upon arrival,

the complainant/victim

stated he was selling a hot water heater on Craig's List for \$800. A subject responded and sent a check in the amount of \$3,995. The additional funds were to pay the "moving agent" and \$70 was for the victim to keep. He received the check on 2/9 and deposited \$870 in the Evendale Fifth Third Bank. The remaining \$2,935 (\$195 wire fee) was transferred to the "moving agent" via Western Union. On 2/14 the victim realized the check was returned because it was fraudulent. Detective Holloway attempted to develop and identify latent prints, to no avail. Due to the lack of useable latent prints and the fact that the suspect lives out of the area, it is unlikely that any further investigative efforts would identify the suspect. Therefore, the case was suspended inactive.



### ***DRUG ABUSE***

On 3/13 Lt. McDaniel stopped a vehicle and ar-

rested the driver, Zachary H. Wilfong, for OVI. During a search of the vehicle, 2 grams of marijuana and 3 marijuana pipes were found. Wilfong was charged with drug abuse and possession of drug paraphernalia along with the OVI charge. The case will be heard in Hamilton Co. Municipal Court.

### ***AGGRAVATED MENACING***

On 3/16 Officer McCormick was dispatched to Formica for a menacing report. Upon arrival, the V.P. of Human Resources reported than an employee had made threatening comments to other employees at the plant. Apparently the employee has been in a company process including counseling and investigation for misconduct and poor work performance. The final results call for the firing of the employee. The employee told his union steward "If I am terminated, I am going off my meds and coming in and going to shoot everybody and plead insanity". In another instance, a fellow employee questioned why the suspect had a photo of the Formica Safety Committee on his cell phone. He responded, "Just in case I need to make a hit list". The employee was due to be terminated via telephone on 3/17 at 2:30 p.m. At the time of the report, no charges were filed due to a lack of a prosecuting witness. Case investigation continues. Extra patrol was assigned to the IUE AFL-CIO

Local 757 Union Hall. An off-duty detail was also initiated for Formica.

### ***FORGERY***

A complainant advised Officer Akers that she co-signed a car loan for her daughter through GE Credit Union. The loan was signed for by both parties on 4/2/08. In April of 2009 a loan modification/update was completed to change the terms of the legal obligation. The complainant reported that someone signed her name on the loan modification without her knowledge. The loan is now outstanding and the car is in bank repossession. Case investigation continues.

Fifth Third Bank called Evendale Police reference a male subject attempting to cash a check which was reported stolen. Officer Vonderhaar responded and was advised the suspect was attempting to cash the stolen check in the amount of \$100. Upon Devon Watkins' arrest, he was found to be in possession of a second stolen check. Watkins was arrested and charged with forgery and receiving stolen property.

Peg's Pub accepted three third party checks which were returned for non-sufficient funds. The three checks amounted to \$935. Detective Holloway contacted the account holder who stated that the checks, which were presented to Peg's Pub by her ex-boyfriend, were not written by her nor did she give her ex-boyfriend permission to write the checks. The case remains under investigation.