

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.

COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING AT ITS BEST!

Evendale Officers Akers and Wedig responded to a Winnebago Trail residence for a snake in the garage. Upon arrival, the snake was located and placed in a box. The residents took a picture of the officers with the snake which we thought we would share. After the photo shoot, officers relocated the snake to a land far, far away.



CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

On 5/1 during routine business checks, Officer Ward discovered graffiti on the rear of Penn Station. Person(s) unknown used black spray paint to paint indiscernible designs on the rear outside brick of the business. Due to a lack of suspects, the case was suspended inactive.

A representative for the Cooper Business Center advised Sgt. Lantry that person(s) unknown spray painted graffiti

along the northeast corner of the building. The writings included “street soul” and “American Satanist Pawns”. Pending further information, the case was suspended inactive.

DRUG ABUSE

During routine patrol, Officer Ward noticed an occupied vehicle behind a closed business, Kinetic Vision. A traffic stop was conducted at which time the driver stated he there because he was deciding where to go next. When Officer Ward asked to search the vehicle, the driver refused. A drug canine was then summoned to the scene at which time it indicated a positive drug ID on both the driver’s side door and front passenger door. A suspected marijuana roach was located in the vehicle’s ash tray. As a result, Josh Mounts was arrested and charged with drug abuse. The case will be heard in Mayor’s Court.

On 5/4 Officer Vonderhaar stopped a vehicle for an open warrant. Upon contact with the suspect, a strong odor of marijuana was coming from the vehicle. The suspect admitted to having a suspended license. Upon pat down, he stated that he had a small amount of marijuana in the pocket of his jeans which was rolled in a paper bindle. As a result, Tinelle Bell was cited for minor misdemeanor drug possession, DUS, and recited on two open capiases. Case closed by arrest.

Officer Titgemeyer stopped a vehicle for a headlight violation and noticed an odor of

marijuana coming from the vehicle. When asked if there was marijuana in the car, the suspect pulled out a smoked joint from the ash tray. He also had an open Budweiser bottle in the cup holder. The suspect stated the beer was his friend’s whom he had just taken home. He was check for sign of HGN, to no avail. Officer Titgemeyer poured out the remaining beer, and cited Henry Shields for drug abuse.

OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS

On 5/2 Officer Roach attempted to stop a subject matching the description of the person involved in a theft offense at WalMart. The juvenile suspect was eventually apprehended in the nearby open field. He was found to have two additional open juvenile warrants. At the request of 2020, he was cited and released to an adult relative. Case closed by arrest.

THEFT

A victim used his MasterCard debit card to withdraw money from the General Electric Credit Union. Later that evening, he discovered his card was missing. Upon contacting the bank, he discovered that eleven unauthorized transactions had been made with his card totaling \$1,068.39. The victim immediately closed the account. At the time of the report, the victim provided Lt. Niehauser with a copy of his bank statement highlighting the dates and times of the unauthorized transactions. The case was forwarded to Detective Holloway for follow

-up. Still photos were obtained from the CVS location where the card was used and video was also recovered from Walgreens where another transaction took place. The photos were shared with other agencies, however, there have been no responses to further our investigation. Pending further investigative leads, the case has been suspended inactive.

A complainant reported to Officer Parr that an unknown person made an ATM withdrawal of \$260 from his U.S. Bank account without authorization. The victim stated he was in North Carolina at the time of the transaction and would not have been able to make a withdrawal in Evendale. During his investigation, Detective Holloway was advised by U.S. Bank Security that this was not an unauthorized transaction, but a late posting from a transaction that had taken place a month prior. The victim was advised to contact the bank for details, and the case was closed.

Central Tool Rental reported that a suspect presented a check written on the account of another in the amount of \$265.19 for equipment rental services. The suspect used and returned the equipment, however, the check was returned for non-sufficient funds. The complainant spoke with the account holder and he identified his daughter as the person who presented the check. He stated he would contact his daughter regarding the matter. Central Tool was never contacted by the daughter and Evendale Police

have been unable to make any contact with the suspect. Therefore, a warrant was issued for Denise Angela Bassett for theft of services.

A male subject rented an air compressor and two roofing nailers from Central Tool Rental and failed to return same. The equipment is valued at \$850. Despite numerous contacts between the victim/law enforcement and the suspect, the suspect has failed to return the items or pay for the extended rental period. A theft warrant was issued for Brandon J. Basinger.

An employee of Graphic Packaging reported to Officer McKinney that both license plates were missing from his vehicle and the air had also been let out of tires. An interview with the nighttime security guard revealed no suspicious activity or persons in the area during the suspected time frame. Video footage was too dark and did not reveal anything identifiable about the suspect. Therefore, the case was suspended inactive.

WalMart Loss Prevention reported that two suspects were observed concealing items in their purses. Both suspects then attempted to leave the store without paying for the items. Officer Vonderhaar responded and arrested Charissa L. McVicker and Mary Alice Cates. Both were charged with theft. McVicker was also found to have a syringe in her purse which contained heroin residue. She was also charged with posses-

sion of a drug instrument. A complainant came to the station and reported to Officer Vonderhaar that someone cashed her father's social security check at the Evendale WalMart. According to the complainant, she has guardianship of her elderly father and control of his finances. The complainant believed that her brother may have cashed the check as he has been having financial difficulties. WalMart video showed the father with his son at the WalMart Customer Service desk cashing the check. After the transaction, the father counted out the money and handed it to his son. The two then left the store. As a result, Joseph G. Mannino was arrested and charged with theft.

An attendant for Swifty Gas Station advised Officer Akers that a female suspect pumped \$65 worth of gasoline and left the premises without paying for same. The suspect fled south on Reading Road in a van with unknown Montana license plates. The vehicle/suspect could not be located, and the case was suspended inactive.

A patron of WalMart left his vehicle unlocked in the parking lot for a few minutes, and returned to find that his car stereo and a box containing a Sirius Satellite radio kit had been stolen. Video did not provide investigative leads due to the vehicle's location in the parking lot. Therefore, the case was suspended inactive.

Officer Roach was advised by WalMart that a male suspect

attempted to return a car battery with an unreadable receipt. Store management refused to refund money, but did grant an exchange. While the male suspect was at the customer service desk, his female companion removed two car batteries and left the store without paying for them. Both suspects left in a Ford truck. The driver's license presented by the male suspect did not match the operator's license number. Pending investigative information, the case was suspended inactive.

A patron of The Sphere reported to Officer Vonderhaar that unknown person(s) entered her unlocked car and rummaged through her belongings. The only thing missing was her prescription bottle of Percocet with approximately 50 pills remaining. Due to a lack of investigative leads, the case was suspended inactive.

A patron of WalMart placed her purse on the counter near the self checkout scanners. She removed her wallet to pay for the items purchased, and upon completion of her transaction she left, forgetting her purse. Upon her return, the purse was missing. Officer Vonderhaar obtained store surveillance which showed a female subject pick up the purse and put it in her shopping cart. The suspect then left the store. Further investigation revealed that the suspect used her credit card to make her own purchase at the register located to the rear of the victim. The sus-

pect was identified and resulted in the arrest of Barbara J. Bailey.

Officer McCormick was dispatched to WalMart reference a theft. Upon arrival, contact was made with the juvenile suspect who concealed various items in her purse. She then exited the store without making payment. The juvenile was detained and transported to the station for processing. She was cited to Juvenile Court and released to her father.

MISUSE OF CREDIT CARD

A victim responded to the station to file a misuse of credit card report. According to the victim, he received a call from Discover Security inquiring about several suspicious transactions on his Discover Card. The transactions in question occurred at the WalMart in Evendale and amounted to eight transactions totaling \$843.52. Lt. Niehauser contacted WalMart Security and requested any video footage of the transaction. The victim further stated to his knowledge the credit card had never left his possession except to make purchases at a number of area restaurants. The card in question was also used the Target store in Springdale and McDonald's. All information has been forwarded to Detective Holloway for further investigation.

An account holder from GE Credit Union responded to the station to report credit/debit card fraud. The victim's MasterCard was compromised five times between 5/5 and 5/6 for a total amount of \$947.29. The transactions ap-

pear to have taken place on the Internet (Paypal). Officer Wedig forwarded the case to Detective Holloway for continued investigation.

TRADEMARK COUNTERFEITING

Evendale Police were called to WalMart reference a male subject selling items out of his car. Officer McCormick observed the vehicle leaving the premises and stopped the vehicle. Before the subject got out of the vehicle, Officer Curry observed him put what looked like copies of movies in a clear protective sleeve in the back seat. Consent to search the vehicle was obtained from the driver. Officer Curry located a black suitcase which contained 317 copied movies and a clear plastic baggie containing suspected marijuana. James R. Lewis was transported back to the station and read his rights. Lewis admitted that the suitcase was his along with all of its contents. He was charged with trademark counterfeiting and drug abuse. Officer McCormick then transported Lewis to the Hamilton Co. Justice Center.

CRIMINAL DAMAGING

A complainant called Evendale Police to report a broken window on the front of the building at 10800 Reading Rd., Suite F. According to the complainant, it occurred sometime overnight between 5/2-5/3. It appeared as if a rock had been thrown at the window. Due to a lack of investigative leads, Officer Vonderhaar advised the complainant the case would be suspended inactive.

The site manager for Mr. Clean Car Wash reported to Sgt.

Lantry that unknown person (s) broke out a rear window of the car wash. It appeared as though a large blunt object, possibly a rock, was used to break out the window. Access to the building was not gained. Value of the window was reported to be approximately \$350. There were no witnesses or suspects, and the case was suspended inactive.

DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

During routine patrol, Officer McKinney conducted a traffic stop. After observing the driver attempt to conceal an unknown object near the passenger seat side, Officer McKinney inquired about any contraband in the vehicle. The driver ultimately admitted to having a small baggie of marijuana on his person and a marijuana pipe in a bag on the passenger seat. Subsequently, John T. Harris was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officer Ward conducted a traffic stop at which time the passenger was found to have two outstanding warrants and was placed under arrest. Two glass crack pipes were located in her shirt sleeve and four Norco pills were located in a baggie inside her purse. She did not have a prescription for the pills. Case was closed with the arrest of Teryn D. Ray.

While conducting a traffic stop, Officer Ward discov-

ered that two of the vehicle's passengers had outstanding warrants. Lying in plain view inside the vehicle were multiple crack pipes, a hypodermic needle, and a spoon with residue. The female passenger had a small amount of crack residue inside her pants. Amanda Powers was charged with possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. Charles Francis was charged with possession of a drug abuse instrument and drug paraphernalia. They were processed and transported to the Hamilton Co. Justice Center.

FALSIFICATION

Alex M. Roberts responded to the station to voluntarily turn himself in to be recited for a court date after he failed to appear in Mayor's Court on 5/4 for a traffic violation. Upon gathering information, Officer McKinney noticed numerous inconsistencies as he provided the name, social security number and address for "Jamal Walker". Roberts repeatedly lied to officers about his identity and gave false information until he ultimately provided his true information which was verified by photo identification. Further investigation revealed that Roberts gave false information to officers at the time of his initial citation. Roberts was taken into custody and consequently taken to the Hamilton County Justice Center on a charge of falsification as well as open warrants out of Lincoln Heights.

PASSING BAD CHECKS

Officer Wedig took a report from a representative of Custom Cast Marble Works. The complainant advised that a male suspect passed a check in the amount of \$345.06 which was returned for non-sufficient funds. Notification to the suspect was made via certified mail. Numerous phone calls to the suspect did not prompt any response. The investigation is pending.

TLC Landscaping stated that a suspect came into the store and purchased items totaling \$114.15. The bank sent a copy of the check because they could not locate the account. When TLC called the phone number on the check, a woman answered stating that they were the third call she had gotten regarding bad checks. The woman said she did not know anyone by the suspect's name, but did tell TLC that Burger Farms in Newtown had called her as well. When TLC called Burger Farms, they gave the same suspect description and stated they had made a report with Newtown Police. Officer Curry took the initial report which is now being investigated by Detective Holloway.

OPEN CONTAINER

During a traffic stop, Officer Vonderhaar found the defendant to be in possession of an open container of Coors Light. Cody M. Trimnell received a minor misdemeanor citation for open

container and was cited to Evendale Mayor's Court.

Officer Vonderhaar received a call from Speedway reference what appeared to be a car load of juveniles drinking alcohol. Upon arrival, Officer Vonderhaar approached the vehicle and observed a male suspect passing a 750 ml bottle of "HPNOTEQ" Vodka from his front seat to the rear seats. During his actions, he realized Officer Vonderhaar was standing there and attempted to place the bottle of vodka back on the floor board. Subsequently, Kenneth Tyler Jones was arrested and charged with possession of an open container in a motor vehicle.

ASSAULT

A victim advised Officer Roach that she was east-bound on Glendale-Milford when a vehicle entered from the northbound collector ramp and almost ran into the side of the victim's car. When she got to WalMart she noticed the same vehicle parking. The victim stated she calmly said something to the driver of the vehicle about running her off the road, when the passenger started yelling at her. She said that the passenger then got very close to her and exchanged words and threw several punches, striking the victim. The victim stated she did not touch the passenger in any way. After observing video and speaking with witnesses, all officers agreed that the initial aggressor was the initial complainant. Officers agreed that no charges would be filed, and the case was

closed.

The mother of a female juvenile reported to Officer Vonderhaar that her daughter had been assaulted while at a teen dance at The Sphere. The girl was dancing with her boyfriend, when she was pulled from behind by a male juvenile. As she attempted to get away, she was punched by the male juvenile. Shortly after, the male texted the female stating "I'm not done with you, so be prepared". Pictures were taken of the female juvenile, and statements were obtained from the victim and her friend (witness). The victim's mother stated she wished to file charges. The investigation continues.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A victim reported that while driving her husband to work, they got into a verbal argument. During the argument, the husband put his wife into a headlock and began hitting her in the head and face which caused her to go left of center and almost lose control of her vehicle. Both subjects gave written statements. James J. Ritenour was arrested and charged with domestic violence. His wife was transported to the Clerk's Office to fill out paperwork and file for a protection order. Case closed.

CRIMINAL SIMULATION

McDonalds inside WalMart reported to Officer Roach that two male suspects attempted to purchase food with a twenty dollar bill. When the complainant marked the bill, it returned as counterfeit.

When the suspects were told it was fake, they left the bill there and left the store. The manager is to provide security video and the case remains under investigation.

MENACING

An employee of Food Mart advised Officer Titgemeyer that a male suspect kept calling and texting foul messages to her. Officer Titgemeyer contacted the suspect and advised him to stop contacting the complainant or he would be charged with menacing. Pending further contact, the case was suspended inactive.

**SCHOOL'S OUT!
PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY**

