

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.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT/CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

On 10/1 at 1:05 a.m., Sgt. Lantry observed a highly intoxicated and agitated male subject at the corner of Wycarver and Glendale-Milford. Other officers arrived and after much prompting, the subject went into his residence. He was told if he came back out onto the street he would be arrested due to his high level of intoxication. At 2:36 a.m. Evendale Police were notified by a passer-by that a possibly intoxicated man was acting strangely at the corner of Wycarver and Glendale-Milford. A short time later, officers observed the same highly intoxicated subject. He was attempting to dig up the stop sign, which was attached to the rear of his pick-up truck. Upon being arrested, the subject argued that the sign was on "his" property and he had every right to remove it. Case closed by arrest.

ASSAULT

Officer Shope was dispatched to The Sphere reference an assault. Officer Shope was met by the witness who was the brother of the victim. He stated that while playing basketball, he was called for a foul against the suspect. A physical altercation ensued between the witness, the suspect, and at least one other player from the opposing team. The victim attempted to intercede when he was knocked to the ground by the suspect. While on the ground, the victim was struck by the suspect several times. Evendale Squad transported the

victim to Bethesda North. The witness gave a description of the suspect, and Officer Shope made contact with the tournament sponsor who provided the name of the team and the suspect's first name. Further information is forthcoming. Case remains under investigation.

CRIMINAL TRESPASSING

WalMart Loss Prevention reported seeing a suspect inside the store who was warned not to return to WalMart or he could be charged with criminal trespassing. The suspect left the store in a vehicle which was stopped by Officer Akers. Walter S. Andrews was transported to the Justice Center and charged through Hamilton County Municipal Court for criminal trespassing.

THEFT

A male juvenile was observed by WalMart Loss Prevention taking a Sony headset valued at \$49.88 and six AAA batteries valued at \$4.47. He was charged with theft through Juvenile Court and released to a parent by Lt. Phillips.

A representative of Midwest Lift Truck reported that unknown person(s) stole a 55 gallon garbage can from the front property of the business. There were no witnesses or suspects; therefore, Officer Akers suspended the case inactive.

On 10/6 Officer McKinney was notified of a theft which occurred at WalMart. The complainant stated that he put down his wallet near a

blood pressure machine and then walked away forgetting to retrieve his wallet. When he returned to the area, the wallet was gone. A WalMart employee later located the wallet, however, \$235 in U.S. currency was missing. The case remains under investigation pending review of video surveillance.

Sgt. Asbrock responded to a Glendale-Milford address for a stolen license plate report. The victim advised that sometime between 7/1/11 and 10/7/11, unknown person(s) removed the rear license plate from his vehicle. On 10/9 the license plate was located on



a vehicle in Reading. Sgt. Asbrock removed the plate and held it as evidence. When Nick's Towing arrived to tow the vehicle, a female subject came out and stated the car belonged to her and that she took the plate from her stepfather's car. Her stepfather was unaware that she had taken it. When the complainant was contacted, he said that he did not wish to pursue charges and would handle the incident as a family matter. Therefore, the case was closed by exceptional means.

Three catalytic converter thefts were reported on 10/7/11. Officer McCormick responded to KDM, Taylor Warehouse, and Brendamour Warehouse. Taylor Warehouse had surveillance video which provided a possible suspect vehicle. A detective from West Chester P.D. provided the

name of a possible suspect in a catalytic converter theft in their area. The suspect travels in multiple vehicles and steals multiple converters from the same area. The cases remain under investigation.

A patron of Valley Thrift advised Officer Wedig that she inadvertently left her wallet in the restroom of the store. When she returned to retrieve it, the wallet was missing. Store video shows a female suspect enter the restroom and leave with what appeared to be the victim's wallet. Case remains under investigation.

WalMart Loss Prevention reported that a suspect put on a coat and ripped off the sales tag. The suspect then left the store without paying for the coat. Bernard S. James admitted to concealing merchandise inside a backpack as well as stealing the coat. Officer Akers arrested James and charged him with theft.

Prescription medicine was reported missing by a Fawn Run resident. The complainant advised Officer Titgemeyer that approximately 80 10 mg. and 60 30 mg. Opona pills and 50 10 mg. Valium pills had been taken from a locked safe sometime between 10/17 and 10/18. Possible suspect information was obtained and the case remains under investigation.



Officer Ward responded to

WalMart for a theft which had just occurred. Loss Prevention stated that the suspect selected merchandise from the clearance table and switched the prices. The suspect then paid the incorrect amount which resulted in a loss of \$83.25 for WalMart. Tammy L. Apking admitted to the offense, and was arrested and charged with theft.

WalMart Loss Prevention reported that a suspect took \$261.72 worth of groceries past the point of sale. Subsequently, Elliott M. Powell Jr. was arrested and charged with theft. Powell was also charged with criminal trespassing as he had been warned in 2010 not to return to WalMart.

Sgt. Asbrock responded to 10671 Evendale Drive for a theft report. Upon arrival, the complainant advised that he secured his truck at 9:00 p.m. on 10/21. Upon his return on 10/22 at 11:30 a.m., a DVD player and three prescriptions were missing. There was no forced entry. Due to a lack of investigative leads, the case was suspended inactive.

WalMart Loss Prevention observed a juvenile steal a BB gun from the store. The suspect was observed leaving the parking lot on a bicycle with several other juveniles. The suspect was eventually located at Radio Shack and transported back to WalMart for processing. He was eventually released to his aunt. While transporting the juvenile back to WalMart, Sgt. Asbrock observed another subject on a bicycle at Homer's. The juvenile in custody stated

that person was also involved. As he pulled into the lot of Homer's, Sgt. Asbrock observed the suspect remove a BB gun from under his coat and place it in the bushes. When asked where he got the gun, he stated he got it from WalMart. This juvenile was also in possession of a stolen nylon "Bengals" bag which contained a plastic BB gun and a metal BB gun. That juvenile was transported to his home. Both juveniles were charged with theft. A third juvenile also admitted involvement. He left his items in the store; however, they were damaged. No charges were filed against him at the request of WalMart.



Officer Shope stopped two female juveniles in relation to the above thefts. They were found riding bikes on the west side of the 5/3 Bank parking lot. Contact with the suspects was made behind Mr. Clean Car Wash. Officer Shope observed one suspect throw something into the tree line along the Mill Creek. He also observed a backpack lying at the edge of the tree line. Further investigation revealed that the suspect concealed an air pistol valued and left WalMart without paying for it. The other female suspect concealed an air rifle and air pistol and left the store without making payment. Both juveniles were arrested and charged with theft and released to guardians.

On 10/23 Sgt. Abrams received a call advising that two male suspects were cutting the telephone cable in front of Michel

Tire. The caller stated that one male was cutting the wire, and the other was pacing up and down the street operating as a "look-out". Sgt. Asbrock and Officer Shope responded and found the defendants at the corner of Reading and PG Graves Lane. Officers found a 10 foot piece of telephone wire in the parking lot of Michel Tire. The witness who called Evendale police described the suspects and their actions, and completed a witness statement. Cincinnati Bell was contacted. A repair team leader stated that the cost to repair the damage would be anywhere from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The cost of the wire is minimal, but the repair costs are tremendous. During the booking process, both suspects admitted to the offense. Subsequently, John N. Strohm and Todd Clark were charged with theft, criminal damage, and possession of criminal tools.

Evendale Police responded to WalMart reference a theft. Upon arrival, Loss Protection had in custody two suspects who concealed items and walked past the point of sale without paying for same. As a result, Officer Akers arrested Israel Armstrong and Ashley Smith and charged them with theft.

WalMart Loss Prevention observed two female suspects take various clothing items and conceal them in their handbags. Officer Roach responded and arrested Crystal Brady and Jill Ritchie and charged them with theft.

Scott Lawson and Laura Mullen were arrested by Officer McKinney for theft at WalMart. Both concealed merchandise and left the store without paying for same. Lawson and Mullen were charged with theft and cited to Evendale Mayor's Court.

On 10/28 a male suspect was observed at WalMart taking two Cobra walkie talkie sets and concealing them in a plastic bag. He then walked past the point of sale without making

any attempt to make payment. The witness called the police department and provided a description of the suspect. Moments later a Reading Police Officer located the suspect at the intersection of Reading and Cooper Roads. Officer Titgemeyer then responded and detained the subject. Upon arrival he located two Cobra walkie talkie sets with no receipt in a plastic bag. The suspect was arrested and transported back to the WalMart Loss Prevention office for processing. While at the office, the suspect gave false identification information. His true name was later discovered and verified by fingerprint comparison through AFIS. Subsequently, Alfred Bingham was transported to the station where he was processed for theft and obstructing official business. Bingham was then transported to the Hamilton Co. Justice Center.



Officer Roach was dispatched to WalMart for a shoplifter being detained by Loss Prevention. Upon arrival, he was advised that a female suspect concealed a scarf in a WalMart plastic bag and then attempted to leave the store without paying for it. Once she was stopped by Loss Prevention, she admitted that she had other items in her purse for which she had not paid. Officer Roach arrested Rhonda J. Kidwell and charged her with theft.

Bill Kanelopoulos was arrested and charged with theft after removing several DVD's from their packaging and concealing them in his pocket. He then attempted to leave WalMart without paying for same. Kanelopoulos will answer to the charge in Evendale Mayor's Court.

Officer Vonderhaar responded to WalMart for a theft suspect. Loss Prevention observed Michele Gregory concealing make-up in her purse and failing to pay for it. Gregory was processed at the station and cited to Evendale Mayor's Court.

WalMart reported that a female suspect concealed items in a diaper bag for which she failed to pay. Officer Vonderhaar responded and arrested Nichol Brown for theft.

A complainant advised Lt. McDaniel that her daughter's cell phone was stolen while she was attending a dance at The Sphere. The phone is an Apple I-Touch and is valued at \$300. Pending further leads, the case was suspended inactive.

Another complainant advised Lt. McDaniel that her daughter's cell phone was taken while she was attending a dance at The Sphere. The phone is an LG, Ally Android and estimated to be valued at \$300. Pending further investigative leads, the case was suspended inactive.

PASSING BAD CHECKS

Mike Albert Leasing advised Officer Parr that a suspect gave them a bad check in the amount of \$1700. After numerous failed attempts to contact the suspect by phone, the complainant made a criminal offense report. Officer Parr made contact with the suspect and he made a partial payment. Mike Albert is allowing the suspect until 11/3/11 to pay the remainder in full. The case was then suspended inactive.

Watson's reported that they received a starter check in the amount of \$1500 which was returned "refer to maker". Upon contact with PNC Bank it was determined that the person who signed the check was not the accountholder. Prior to learning the check was bad, merchandise was shipped to the suspect who signed the check. Detective Holloway continues to investigate the case.

A representative for Sysco Foods reported that the company was issued two checks which were returned for non-sufficient funds. A letter requesting restitution was sent via certified mail. Sysco received no response to their request. Officer Shope contacted the company and

spoke with the president who stated he would make full restitution. Sysco was advised of same. The case remains open pending notification by Sysco that restitution has been made.

The Credit Manager for Sysco Foods came to the station and spoke with Officer Wedig regarding a bad check. She advised that a check was issued to them on 7/26/11 in the amount of \$1,435.94 and was returned for non-sufficient funds. In addition to the bad check, there was an automated clearing house transaction in the amount of \$357.07 that failed to clear. Sysco's total loss amounted to \$1,793.01. Officer Wedig made contact with the suspect who advised that he wanted to pay off the amount owed to Sysco and agreed to pay \$1,435.94 by 11/8/11. The suspect was advised that if he fails to do so, Sysco will pursue criminal charges. The suspect also realizes that he will have an outstanding balance of \$357.07 after the 11/8 payment. Officer Wedig then advised the complainant of the agreement and the case remains open pending notification of payment by the suspect.

LITTERING

A business on Spartan Drive reported that person(s) unknown discarded eleven used tires behind his business. He also advised Officer



McCormick that several more tires have been discarded around the business complex. Extra patrol was initiated. Due to a lack of suspect(s) or witnesses, the case was suspended inactive.

CRIMINAL SIMULATION/DRUG ABUSE

Evendale officers responded to Burger King for a theft in progress involving a silver SUV. The manager of Burger King advised that a suspect attempted to purchase items with several different prepaid gift cards. All of the cards were invalid, and the suspect fled to Gold Star Chili. There the suspects also attempted to pay for food, but were again denied. They cut their food order in half and paid in cash. Upon stopping the vehicle, Officer Wedig observed 3 grams of marijuana in plain view next to the rear right passenger. Two grams of marijuana were also found in the passenger's pocket. Subsequently, Amanuel O. Tesfazgi was arrested and charged with drug abuse. One suspect had several prepaid gift cards in his possession. None had been registered/activated and all carried a zero balance. All of the cards were seized as evidence. The manager of Burger King had written down the card number and pin number of the card presented at Burger King. This card was not found on any of the suspects. The suspect stated he got the cards from a friend, and then later stated he found them in the truck. The other two suspects were released after investigation.

IMPROPER HANDLING OF FIREARM

When stopping a vehicle for a traffic violation, Officer McKinney noticed a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A field investigation ensued, and after speaking with the driver alone outside of the vehicle, he stated that his passenger had a firearm in his possession inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded Phoenix Arms .25 semi-automatic handgun inside of a bag owned by the passenger. Jacob K. Baker admitted that the firearm was his and that he did not have a permit. He also stated he did not know the weapon was loaded. Baker was taken to the station for processing and transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center.



DRUG ABUSE

While on routine patrol, Officer McKinney stopped a vehicle for a moving violation. Frank L. Taylor was driving the vehicle, and upon contact, there was a strong odor of marijuana coming from his vehicle. Taylor admitted that there was marijuana in his vehicle. A search revealed 10 grams of marijuana inside a paper bag beside the driver's seat. Taylor was cited to Evendale Mayor's court and released.

BREAKING & ENTERING

On 10/13 @ 1:45 a.m., the cleaning person for the Even-

dale Medical Center reported that the front door to Quest Diagnostics was propped open, and that the circumstances were suspicious and unusual. She indicated that no one else should have been in the building at that hour. The Patient Services Manager for Quest Diagnostics arrived a short time later and confirmed that two desk top computers and keyboards were missing. There were no signs of forced entry, and no other property was missing. Two other cleaning people observed two suspicious persons at approximately 8:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Neither person recognized the two gentlemen. Sgt. Abrams was called in to process the scene. The entire crime scene was photographed and multiple shoe prints found in the office were processed. The investigative leads did not provide information on possible suspects, and the case was suspended inactive.

Sgt. Abrams was dispatched to a residence on Plainfield Rd. reference a break-in. The victim stated that the back door of the residence had been kicked in and four pieces of copper piping had been removed from the basement. No one has been living in the residence for six months, as it is being rehabbed for re-sale. The victim stated he checks on the residence on a weekly basis. Sgt. Abrams observed a broken window, but that is not where



entry was made. The back door was kicked in and the jam was broken, but the lock did not fail. He walked through the residence and observed some shoe impressions that the victim stated were new. In the basement, Sgt. Abrams observed where the piping was removed from the ceiling and some Styrofoam insulation which was removed from the copper piping. The entire crime scene was photographed. The victim was advised that the case would be suspended inactive due to the lack of suspects/witnesses.

CRIMINAL DAMAGING

A complainant reported to Officer Curry that when he arrived at Express Container Service to pick up a tanker trailer, he noticed the trailer had no lights. Upon further inspection, he noticed wires and brake lines had been cut. The complainant stated that an out of state driver dropped the trailer the day before and probably parked it on the west side of the lot along the fence line because there was an empty spot. He also advised that the local drivers are aware that the unwritten rule is that Enterprise Transportation Co. drivers park their trailers there. Enterprise Transportation has been there the longest and is the biggest client, so they do ask other drivers to park in back. There is also a small sign that reads "Parking for Enterprise". Officer Curry spoke with the terminal manager for Enterprise. He

stated they probably had about 10-13 drivers coming in and out overnight, and could not imagine that any of his employees would have done something like this over a parking spot. He also stated that if he found out that they did, they would be fired. There were no other investigative leads, and the case was suspended inactive.

While conducting business checks on Reading Road, Sgt. Abrams observed four windows that were shattered at Valley Thrift. The business was checked and found to be secure. Sgts. Abrams and Lantry inspected the windows and found only the outer pane to be damaged. Some windows were shot more than once, but the projectile did not penetrate through the whole window. The area was searched for pellets and BB's, but none were found. Reading Police reported a similar incident on Reading Rd. approximately an hour later. Due to a lack of suspects/witnesses, the case was suspended inactive.

AGGRAVATED MENACING/DISORDERLY CONDUCT/FAILURE TO COMPLY

On 10/21 Officer Ward attempted to stop a vehicle in relation to a possible unauthorized use complaint. The operator of the vehicle initially pulled over, but then fled. Officer Ward briefly followed, but discontinued the chase due to department policy. A short time later Officer Ward located the vehicle in the parking lot of Star-

bucks. Upon pulling up behind the vehicle, he ordered the driver to get out. The suspect sprung from the vehicle and charged at Officer Ward. Ignoring Officer Ward's commands, the suspect continued to act in a very aggressive and unpredictable manner, forcing Officer Ward to utilize his taser to get the suspect under control and into custody. After the taser cycled, the suspect continued to act aggressively and resist. With the

assistance of several other officers,

Michael Jeremiah Barnes was eventually taken into custody and transported to the station for processing. After speaking with the suspect, victim, and witnesses, it was determined that Barnes had driven to Starbucks with the intent of kidnapping his ex-girlfriend who is an employee of Starbucks. Case closed by arrest.

