

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

Officer McCormick was dispatched to WalMart reference a shoplifter detained by loss prevention officers. The suspect was observed selecting clothing items, memory sticks, and dryer sheets and concealing them in her purse. The suspect then went past the point of sale and left the store. As a result, Merihne Kihleng was arrested and charged with theft.

On 9/2 Sgt. Abrams responded to 2801 Cunningham regarding the theft of a car battery. The complainant stated that after shopping, he returned to his vehicle



and attempted to open the trunk. When it did not open electronically, he opened the hood and found the battery cables had been cut and the battery removed. WalMart Loss Prevention provided video, but the suspect could not be identified. Therefore, the case was suspended inactive.

A representative of Brenda-mour Warehouse reported that a former employee had stolen items from the warehouse. When confronted about the theft, the suspect admitted to stealing the items. A mattress and dolly were recovered and returned by the suspect. Following that incident, it was discovered that a Vizio television and personal safe were stolen from a shipment at the ware-

house. The complainant advised Officer McCormick that numerous other items have been discovered stolen, such as silver coins, jewelry, and pills. The items were stolen from customers that were employed by them to move their belongings. The complainant reported that thefts from moving jobs have increased noticeably. He also advised that other employees are noticing their personal property has been stolen as well. Detective Holloway continues to investigate the case.

Speedway reported that a female suspect pumped gas and failed to pay for same. The suspect, known to the employee, was given a half hour to return to pay for the gas. At the time of the report, Speedway did not wish to file charges, and the case was suspended inactive.

Aberdeen Express received 100 flat screen televisions for further shipping. When the trailer arrived at its destination, two of the televisions were missing. Case investigation continues.

Lt. Niehauser responded to The Sphere reference a disturbance. While on scene, Lt. Niehauser was contacted by the complainant who wanted to file a theft report involving his daughter's cell phone. The complainant stated that his daughter had her purse grabbed from her and the suspect fled the dance. The purse was later recovered by security, but the phone was missing. The only information available was that the suspect was a male, approximately

5'4" and looked to be 14-15 years old. Lt. Niehauser advised the complainant the case status would remain open. A request was made for the complainant to assist in obtaining any additional phone information that was not readily available at the time of the report.

Sgt. Lantry took a phone call from a complainant who stated that her daughter's cell phone was stolen while she was attending a dance at The Sphere. Her daughter stated that a group of individuals pushed her from behind and removed her cell phone from her back pocket. She was unable to identify any of the individuals, as it was dark and crowded. Pending further investigative leads, the case was suspended inactive.

Officer Titgemeyer responded to WalMart reference a theft. Loss Prevention observed the suspect selecting items valued at \$219.37 and attempting to leave the store without paying for same. Officer Titgemeyer arrested Brooke L. Kaplin and charged her with theft. She was then released to Springdale Police for an open warrant. Case closed.

On 9/8 Officer Ward responded to WalMart where a loss prevention officer was in the parking lot with a theft suspect. According to the loss prevention officer, the suspect pushed a cart out of the store containing electronic merchandise. The merchandise had not been paid for. Kristi Lee Waugh admitted to the theft and was arrested for same. Waugh was also found

to have eight outstanding warrants, four of which were for theft. After processing, Waugh was transported to the Hamilton Co. Justice Center.

WalMart Loss Prevention reported that a female subject entered the store, grabbed a cart, and on her way past the checkout lane took a plastic bag. She put grocery items into the cart, and then placed cosmetic items into the plastic bag she had taken. The grocery items were paid for, but the cosmetic items she placed in the plastic bag containing cosmetic items was put into a cloth bag. As she passed the point of sale, she was stopped by Loss Prevention. Officer Curry responded, arrested Renee Napier, and charged her with theft.

Officer Curry responded to National Starch & Chemical Co. at which time the complainant stated that a catalytic converter was taken from a work truck.



The complainant stated that the truck is not utilized often and an employee starts it every week. This time when the employee tried to start the truck, he knew what happened. All other trucks were checked, but nothing else was found missing. The company has no surveillance cameras, and there were no other leads on which to follow-up. Therefore, the case

was suspended inactive.

WalMart Loss Prevention observed a suspect at the self check-out counter who was not scanning some of the items in his cart. He was putting those items into his bag. The items were valued at \$99.56. Upon arrest, Kevin Helton had a pill bottle with multiple pills which included 8 Loratab, 3 Vicodin, and 2 Valium. Helton was arrested and transported to the Hamilton Co. Justice Center.

A complainant reported to Officer Akers that unknown person(s) took copper ground plates valued at \$200 from inside the locked fenced area of the cell tower located at 3102 Exon Ave. The combination locks were locked and it appeared the suspect(s) climbed the fences. Crown Castle leases the fenced area to T-Mobile and Sprint. Both T-Mobile and Sprint are missing two copper ground plates each. The complainant advised that it will cost the cell phone companies approximately \$1000 to weld/repair all plates in question. There were no witnesses/suspects. Therefore, the case was suspended inactive.

On 9/21 Sgt. Abrams was dispatched to WalMart for theft suspects. Loss Prevention observed two subjects conceal merchandise in their purses and attempt to leave the store without making payment. Lisa Miles was arrested and charged with theft. A search of Tonya Miles' purse revealed a pill bottle with four types of prescription medication. She was arrested and charged with theft and drug

abuse.

Two subjects were observed by WalMart Loss Prevention concealing items in the female subject's purse. The male subject was concealing a scarf around his neck. Both attempted to leave the store without paying for the items. As a result, Vicki A. Dunaway and Benny L. Poynter were arrested and charged with theft by Officer Vonderhaar.

WalMart reported that a subject had a grocery cart full of grocery items and merchandise. He entered the shoe department and bagged the items. The suspect then attempted to leave the store through the general merchandise door, but was stopped by the WalMart greeter. The greeter asked to see his receipt, to which he responded his baby's momma had it in the car. He

was told he had to leave the cart until he could show the receipt. At that point the suspect pulled the cart from the greeter's hand, walked toward the grocery side doors and exited the store. Video showed him running out to the parking lot pushing the cart. Loss Prevention called Evendale Police and said the suspect placed the items in a vehicle and drove off. License plate information was obtained, and Officer Curry responded to the corresponding address. Craig J. Douglas was arrested without incident and charged with theft.



On 9/24 WalMart advised police that they had three juveniles detained for theft. Two of the juveniles had removed BB guns from their packaging. A third juvenile was with them. WalMart requested Evendale Police's assistance in identifying the juveniles. They did not wish to pursue charges, but wanted the juveniles returned to their parents. All three juveniles were transported to their mother's homes by Lt. McDaniel and Officer Wedig. Case closed.

Sgt. Asbrock responded to Kids R Fun for a vehicle smash and grab offense. Upon arrival, the victim stated that an unknown person(s) entered her vehicle and stole her purse. The purse was later located behind Kroger's on Mitchell Avenue. The only items recovered were a social security card, house keys, insurance card, and checkbook. There were no further investigative leads, and the case was suspended inactive.

Another smash and grab offense occurred at Kids R Fun when suspects broke a driver's side window and grabbed the victim's purse. This victim's purse was shoved inside another victim's purse located at Kroger's on Mitchell Avenue. Items recovered were a Lowe's card and an empty wallet. No further investigative leads were available, and

the case was suspended inactive.

A representative of World Wide Equipment advised Officer Akers that there were some suspicious transactions on one of their company gasoline cards. The last person to be in possession of the card was an employee who was terminated on 8/31/11. The card has been used repeatedly throughout the area amounting to \$5,514.43 worth of gas. Officer Akers contacted the suspect ex-employee who admitted to taking a tank full of gas. He said he would turn himself in that day, but called back and stated he could not get a ride to the police department. Officer Akers spoke with the suspect again at which time he admitted to using the card on ten of the charges. He is supposed to turn himself in on 10/7 at 8:00 a.m. If he does not, Officer Akers will go to the suspect's residence. Case remains open pending the suspect's arrest.

A patron of Northland Ice Center reported to Lt. McDaniel that unknown person(s) had removed her cell phone and charger from a bench seat in the lobby of the ice rink. Lt. McDaniel provided possible suspects, but the owner of the ice rink was unable to identify them as the suspects that were in the rink at the time of the theft. Therefore, the case was suspended inactive.

CRIMINAL DAMAGING

A complainant responded to the station and reported to Officer McCormick that un-

known person(s) had damaged her house on Inwood. She stated that the suspect(s) broke two windowpanes on each side of the front door. The house is currently empty, but contains property belonging to the complainant and her son. An extra patrol was initiated. Due to a lack of witnesses or other investigative leads, the case was suspended inactive.

A complainant responded to the station to make a criminal damaging report. He told Sgt. Asbrock that person(s) unknown had damaged his driver's side mirror and stole same. The offense occurred while the victim was inside WalMart. Sgt. Asbrock viewed security video of the parking lot, but was unable to locate the victim or his vehicle on the video. Case closed by exceptional means.

UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION

After responding to a single car auto accident, Officer Titgemeyer located a subject near the accident who stated he was a passenger in the car, but could not identify the driver of the vehicle. He had a strong smell of alcohol about his person and was found to be 20 years of age. He admitted to drinking five beers at a bar in Reading and blew a .166 BAC on the PBT. Spencer T. Wisecup was charged with underage consumption.

CRUELTY TO COMPANION ANIMAL

Officer Ward was dispatched to WalMart reference a dog left in a vehicle in 91 degree heat. Upon arrival Officer Ward

found a pit bull in the rear seat of the vehicle with the rear windows rolled down approximately 4 inches. The dog

was barking and panting heavily. The



owner of the dog and car was not around when Officer Ward proceeded to take pictures of the dog. A few minutes later, the owner came out of the store and stated the dog was fine and that he had only been in the store for 5 to 10 minutes. The witness who called police stated that the dog had been left for at least 29 minutes. Subsequently, Luis A. Morgan was arrested and charged with cruelty to companion animal.

BREAKING & ENTERING

The Director of Maintenance at Quality Carriers called the station to report that sometime over Labor Day weekend, unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the mechanic's bay portion of the business and used a pry tool to force open an employee door. Once inside, the suspect(s) removed several commercial truck tires and rims. Officer Wedig contacted Detective Holloway who responded to the scene. Fingerprints were taken, but none were identifiable. Since this is an automotive shop, there was a great deal of grease and oil present making a poor environment for the preservation of latent

prints. Detective Holloway also photographed tool marks on the door and frame at the point of entry, however, there was nothing unique about them. Pending further investigative leads, the case was suspended inactive.

While performing extra patrol, Officer McCormick observed evidence of a breaking and entering offense on Inwood. She observed a cellar door lifted off the frame, the entry way to the cellar open and exposed; the front door was wide open and the windowpanes on the right side of the door were all shattered. Glass was scattered on the inside and outside of the entrance. A boot print was observed on the front door. Lt. Phillips and Officer McCormick went through the house and no suspects were located. The house was severely dilapidated and appeared to be unoccupied for a very long time. The owner was contacted and her son met Officer McCormick at the property shortly thereafter. The owner's son stated that both doors were secured the last time he was on the property, and the house contains useless items with very little value. He stated that nothing appeared to be missing. He advised that he would put boards over the shattered windowpanes by the front door. The cellar door was re-secured while officers were on the scene. The case was then suspended inactive.

The Inwood Drive residence mentioned above was once again broken into on 9/29. Entry was gained to the cellar where approximately forty feet

of copper was removed. Damage was also done to the front door frame of the house. The case was suspended inactive pending further leads.

ATTEMPTED THEFT

A patron of Storybook Kids reported that after shopping in the store, she returned to her vehicle and after starting it, stated that it didn't sound right. She then discovered that while her vehicle was parked at the business, person(s) unknown attempted to cut off the catalytic converter, but were unsuccessful. Damage is estimated to be \$320. Due to a lack of investigative leads, Officer Curry advised the victim the case would be suspended inactive.

On 9/30 Evendale officers responded to U.S. Bank for a possible bank fraud in progress. Upon arrival, a customer began the process of opening accounts when she voluntarily disclosed to the bank employee that she was opening this account at the suggestion of another person, and that she believed the other person was going to use the accounts to commit fraud

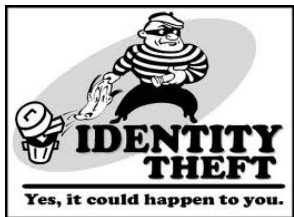


and theft against U.S. Bank. A short time later, several suspects believed to be involved in transporting the customer and directing the fraud were discovered and detained in the lot of Wal-

greens. A fraud investigator with U.S. Bank identified one suspect as the person suspected of an extensive fraud investigation with a significant loss to U.S. Bank. Case investigation continues.

IDENTITY FRAUD

An Evendale resident reported to Officer McCormick that a suspect committed identity fraud by using her name and social security number.



The suspect used the victim's information to file a false tax return on money invested with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. As a result, the IRS contacted Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. who then placed a levy on the victim's assets. The victim reported that the IRS is currently investigating the matter and was advised to make an official police report. Case remains under investigation.

RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY

An Evendale resident reported that his daughter's cell phone was stolen from the band room at Roger Bacon High School. His daughter stated that she set the phone down while changing out of her uniform, and when she returned the phone was gone. The complainant was able to use the phone's GPS to obtain its location. He stated he did not wish to file charges if the phone was recovered, but did intend to inform the school principal about the theft. Officer Titgemeyer responded to the

phone's location and spoke with the suspected student regarding the phone. The student stated he did have the phone, but that it was given to him by a male football player. When asked why he didn't return the phone or give it to an adult, he said he was going to turn it in the next day. Officer Titgemeyer recovered the phone and returned it to the complainant. The case was closed.

LOST/STOLEN PROPERTY

A complainant responded to the station and advised Sgt. Asbrock that she left a black tote containing \$2500 cash, a set of keys and some mail in her shopping cart at WalMart. Video surveillance showed the bag was left in her cart in row 7 of the parking lot. Approximately 10 minutes later an unknown subject removed the bag from the car and entered a silver colored minivan. The video shows the subject leave the lot in an easterly direction approximately 20 minutes later. The vehicle and subject's identity are unknown, and the case was suspended inactive.

DECEASED PERSON

Sgt. Asbrock responded to the Hollywood Motel for a possible deceased person. Upon arrival a motel occupant was attempting CPR on the female subject who was lying face up on the bed. Evendale Squad arrived and took control of the victim. Initial investigation revealed that the deceased was found dead by her boyfriend. There were no signs of foul play. The coroner's office was notified, and the case was closed by exceptional means.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT

Officer Curry responded to the area of Glendale-Milford and Giverny reference a female being struck by her husband's vehicle. The victim was taken to the station so that a report could be completed. She stated that she was eastbound on Glendale-Milford approaching Giverny Blvd. when she noticed her husband's vehicle coming out of Giverny Blvd. heading toward Glendale-Milford Rd. She noticed that he had their 2 dogs with him. She exited her vehicle and was standing on the passenger side by the rear wheels of her vehicle telling her husband to take the dogs back home. His windows were up, but he was responding to her. He then started to back up and she thought he was going to back into the private drive and turn around to take the dogs back home. The victim then stated he put the vehicle into drive and floored it attempting to drive between her vehicle and the island on Giverny Blvd. In doing so, she was struck and knocked to the ground. He made no attempt to slow or stop for crossing traffic, cutting off the witness driving eastbound on Glendale-Milford Rd. In fleeing the scene, he made no attempt to ascertain if the victim was hurt or injured. The victim and witness then awaited the arrival of police. The victim had visible injuries to her left elbow, left shin, both hands. She complained of pain and soreness on her left hip. Even-

dale Squad was called to look at her injuries. Squad personnel photographed the left hip injury. Subsequently, a warrant was issued for the arrest of the victim's husband for felonious assault. He turned himself in and was transported to the Hamilton Co. Justice Center.

the vehicle was running in the parking lot of U.S. Bank. Lawrence M. Gates was charged with open container and cited to Evendale Mayor's Court.

FORGERY

A representative for Downtown

Property Management responded



to the station to report a check scam. He advised Officer Wedig that several forged checks have been cashed throughout the Cincinnati area. One of the forged checks was cashed at Walmart in the amount of \$881.29. The case is under investigation.

OPEN CONTAINER

While on routine patrol, Officer Vonderhaar stopped a vehicle for speeding. Upon approaching the vehicle, he noticed several open cans of Modelo beer along with a partial 6 pack on the rear floorboard. As a result, Gabriel Mendez Flavio Jorge was charged with open container and cited to Evendale Mayor's Court.

On 9/28 Officer McCormick observed an open can of Milwaukee's Best in the center cup holder of a suspect's vehicle. The suspect was sitting in the driver's seat while

