

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**MARCH 2012**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

On 03/09/12, at about 2:44 PM, The Middleton Police Department Dispatch received a call from a woman who said she had just stabbed her boyfriend with a knife in the stomach at a residence on Nightingale Court. Responding officers took the woman into custody and rendered aid until EMS arrived. The victim underwent emergency surgery and was in critical condition. He is expected to survive. Niya Stuckey, of Middleton, was charged with *Attempted Homicide*.

### ***Orchid Heights Neighborhood, Burglaries***

Middleton officers investigated two daytime burglaries in the Orchid Heights neighborhood. Officers collected evidence, including fingerprints and a coffee cup which was later determined to have come from the nearby PDQ store. Fingerprint analysis from the in-house AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System), review of video from PDQ and old fashioned gumshoe investigation, led to the identification of two suspects and the location where they were staying. Detectives and officers executed a search warrant on Cedar Ridge Road, recovered numerous items of stolen property and arrested Calvin Crass and Ashley Quinn, of Middleton, on Burglary charges.

Each year, with the arrival of nice spring weather, the Police Department responds to a number of crimes which are considered “crimes of opportunity”. Criminals usually see more opportunities to commit crime during the spring time based on residents enjoying the nicer weather and getting a break from the grueling winter months. ***The Police Department would like to remind all residents that you should always secure your residence by locking your doors, shutting your garage door and by closing and locking all of your windows.*** Residential burglaries usually increase during the summer months and by taking these very quick and easy preventive measures, you will reduce the opportunity for a criminal to enter your residence and steal items of value.

## **CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES**

To participate in any of the Police Department programs, to schedule a Department tour or to request a ride-along, please contact Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at [thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us) or 824-7329.

MIDDLETON  
**BUSINESS WATCH**

**PROGRAM IN FORCE**



Middleton Business Watch is accepting donations at this time to help purchase video equipment. Payments can be sent to:

Middleton Business Watch Partnership  
C/O Carol Maki  
Middleton Community Bank  
3207 Parmenter Street  
Middleton, WI 53562

If you would like to join the Middleton Business Watch or need to update your contact information, please contact Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or [thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us).

Citizens can subscribe to receive Middleton Business Watch email alerts and other informational emails on the Police Department's website at [middletonpd.com](http://middletonpd.com).



VIPS assist the Middleton Police Department by performing tasks which free up officers to work on more important police matters. VIPS help at events like GNF (Good Neighbor Festival), National Night Out and Family Safety Day and with programs like Speed Watch and Safe Assured IDs.

Junior VIPS are teens age 14 to 17 years old. We also have an Associate VIPS program where family members of VIPS and civic groups can assist VIPS with events without having to become individual VIPS members.

If you are interested in the Middleton Police Department VIPS program, please contact Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or [thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us).



### **Safe Assured ID Kits**

Middleton Police will take reservations for having kits made. Kits are free for Middleton residents or MCPASD students.

If you would like to register, have the ID system at an event or if you would like to donate money for the purchase of more kits, please contact Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or [thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Community Awareness Fund**

Middleton Community Awareness Programs such as GREAT, Speed Watch, National Night Out, Citizens' Academy, Bike Safety Day, NSI Family Safety Day and Shop with a Cop are funded almost entirely from community donations. **We need your help!**

If you would like to donate money to the Community Awareness Fund please send a check or money order to "Middleton Volunteer Partnership Inc." or "MVP Inc.", 7341 Donna Drive, Middleton, WI, 53562.

**Together we can make a difference.** If you have any questions about donations or programs, please contact Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or [thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

### **Field Services**

In February, Middleton Officers handled 1,306 calls for service, 617 were field initiated, 689 were dispatched, issued 483 citations and 133 written warnings, made 16 criminal arrests and investigated 24 accidents.

In March, Middleton Officers handled 1,585 calls for service, 673 were field initiated, 912 were dispatched, issued 485 citations and 104 written warnings, made 15 criminal arrests and investigated 27 accidents.

### **Significant Events in March:**

MI12-1435, 03/05/12, 9:17 AM, Sweeney Drive/Fortune Drive, Hit and Run Accident with Injury

A man was waiting for a bus at the bus stop. A pickup truck was travelling north on Sweeney Drive and turned left onto Fortune Drive. The driver of the truck lost control and drove into the bus stop. The impact broke the bus stop off its posts and the wooden bench hit the man waiting in the bus stop, injuring him. The driver of the truck backed up, drove down the street, stopped, got out of his truck and looked at the damage, then got in and drove away. Keaton Taylor, of Middleton, was located and cited for Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed, Failure to Report an Accident and Hit and Run Causing Injury.

MI12-1436, 03/05/12, 1200 block North High Point Road, Theft from Vehicles and Burglaries

The Middleton Police Department responded to numerous reports of thefts from vehicles and entries into garages in the North Lake and Orchid Heights neighborhoods. On

03/05/12, officers investigated similar reports in the Fox Ridge Neighborhood. Investigation led to the arrest of Marquon Clark, of Middleton, and the search of his residence. Numerous stolen items were located.

MI12-1482, 03/07/12, 1:18 AM, Meadowcrest Lane/South Avenue, OWI/Eluding  
A concerned citizen notified the police of a possible intoxicated driver. The vehicle was observed, but when the officer tried to stop it, the driver sped away. Officers did not pursue the vehicle, but kept searching in the vicinity of where it was last seen. The vehicle was later located crashed into a tree in Madison and the driver had fled. With the assistance of the Madison Police Department and a tracking dog, Christopher Oleson, of Madison, was located and charged with OWI, 4<sup>th</sup> offense and Eluding.

MI12-1669, 03/15/12, 2:47 AM, 3300 Hedden Road, Fight/OWI  
Police were called to Hedden Road on a report of two women fighting. Investigation revealed that when the women arrived home from a bar, one woke the other, provoking a fight. One woman poured motor oil over the other, which then resulted in a physical fight. Molly Tate, of Bloomington, Indiana, was arrested for Battery and Underage Alcohol Consumption and jailed. Chelsea Lafferty, of Middleton, was charged with OWI and jailed.

MI12-1671, 03/15/12, Middleton Hills Neighborhood, Lewd Acts  
A woman jogger reported a vehicle drove past her and the male driver was naked and masturbating. The vehicle was described as a small, black, two door, possibly a Ford Focus.

MI12-1864, 03/21/12, 6600 block Century Avenue, Burglary  
A laptop, X-Box and camera were stolen out of an apartment.

MI12-2045, 03/29/12, 1200 Sweeney Drive, Vehicle Theft  
Police responded to a woman's apartment on a reported theft of a vehicle. While taking the report, the officer learned the vehicle had just been involved an accident in Madison. After comparing notes with the Madison Police Department and further questioning of the owner, it was discovered she had fabricated the story to protect a friend who had wrecked the car. Amy Kemnitzer, of Middleton, was cited for Obstructing the Police.

MI12-2047, 03/29/12, Harbor Athletic Club, Suspicious Activity  
A woman reported seeing a man in the women's locker room. Employees reported a similar incident occurred last November. Police were able to locate the suspect. Christopher Robbins, of Middleton, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

MI12-2062, 03/30/12, 3700 Lexington Circle, Burglary  
A home was entered and jewelry and checks were stolen. Police have identified a suspect and are actively seeking his arrest.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

From March 5 through March 7, Officer Kathleen Riffenburg and Sgt. Donald Mueller attended the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officers Convention in Green Bay. Traffic law updates and enforcement strategies were among the topics presented. On March 12, Sgt. Mueller attended the Madison Area Safe Communities Annual Breakfast where traffic safety issues were discussed along with upcoming traffic safety campaigns planned for 2012. On March 26, Sgt. Mueller attended a planning session at DOT Headquarters regarding a new concept for OWI enforcement in Dane County. Discussed was a concept of a county wide OWI task force based on a program initiated in Minnesota in which several local law enforcement agencies along with the Sheriff's Department and the State Patrol target a particular area of the county using mutual aid so that up to 20 officers are saturating the area. This program has been highly successful in Minnesota and has recently been tried in Wisconsin's Brown County with similar success. Numerous departments expressed interest in the program and the DeForest Police Department will head up the grant writing and management. More to come on this in future months.

In March, we had 20 reportable roadway accidents with seven parking lot accidents compared to 2011's 26 roadway and four parking lot accidents.

During the month, approximately 38 hours were spent on directed traffic enforcement. Streets targeted were: Allen Boulevard, Century Avenue, Branch Street/Maywood Avenue, N Gammon Road, N Highpoint Road, Parmenter Street, Parmenter Street/Kenyon Avenue, Pleasant View Road, Hwy Q and Hwy 12. One hundred eight enforcement actions were: 47 citations and six warnings for Speed, 17 citations Insurance, eight citations Seat Belt, seven citations and two warnings Fail to Stop for Sign/Signal, six OAS/OAR, three citations and five warnings for Registration, one citation each for OWI and Operating Without License, and one warning each for DL Not on Person, Expired DL and Unsafe Passing.

Our grant activity for the Seat Belt Grant was: four Speed citations, two other citations, four Equipment warnings and one other warning in eight hours of patrol. For the Speed Grant, the activity was: nine citations Speed, two citations OWI, one citation OAR, one citation Open Intoxicants, and eight other citations, one warning for Registration, one warning for Equipment and two other warnings in 18 hours of patrol.

## **TRAINING**

### **Specialized Training**

Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officers Training Conference, 16 hours, Mueller and Riffenburg

Dispatch Judo, 16 hours, Hoeksema

WAI Annual Conference, 8 hours, Endres

Sex Trafficking of Children, 4 hours, T Kakuske

Breath Examiner Specialist, 24 hours, Salinas

2012 Wisconsin Problem Oriented Policing Conference, 12 hours, Tutaj and Wilson

Patrol Writing, 8 hours, Raffel

### **In-service Training**

Second quarter in-service training began in March. Topics included firearms training and recognition, prevention and management of Excited Delirium and sudden in custody deaths.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

The month of March saw an increase of activity across the board for the Police Department. During March, the ISB unit reviewed 74 cases which included two major investigations. Both of these cases, an attempted homicide and two residential burglaries, were quickly solved by members of the ISB unit with assistance by other members of the Police Department.

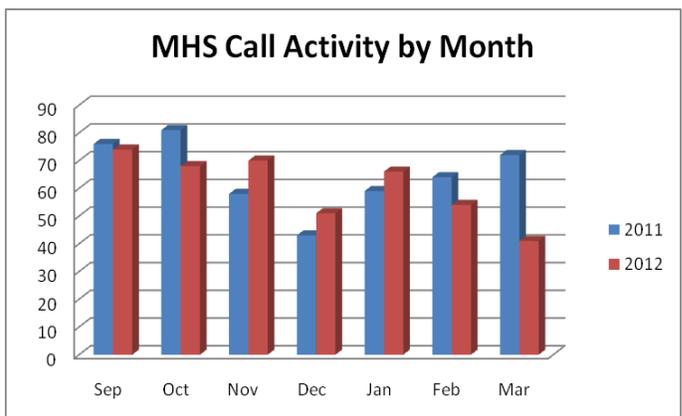
On March 9, the Police Department received a report of a stabbing which occurred in the 3300 block of Nightingale Court. The victim in this incident received one stab wound in the abdominal area which was life threatening. Detectives were summoned to the scene and spent almost 12 hours processing the scene, interviewing the suspect, gathering evidence from the victim and obtaining a search warrant. This investigation is ongoing and based on the preliminary information, it is believed there was a disturbance between the male victim and female suspect resulting in the female stabbing the male. The female suspect was arrested and charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide.

The second major investigation conducted by members of the ISB unit occurred on March 14. The Police Department received and investigated two daytime residential burglaries which occurred on March 13. Based on some excellent initial work by members of the patrol staff and by some research completed by a Middleton Dispatcher, two suspects were quickly identified. Detective Jones was assigned these two cases and was able to positively identify both of the suspects. Detective Jones was able to determine the current residence of the two suspects and to obtain a search warrant. The execution of this search warrant resulted in more than 50 items of evidence being collected and a large number of stolen items from the two residential burglaries being located.

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

Middleton High School  
Officer Travis Kakuske

During the month of March, there were 41 calls for service at Middleton High School (MHS). The number of calls was significantly lower than past months, partially due to the fact that students were



on spring break during the last week of the month. However, overall the call activity has been declining in recent months as compared to last year, which is likely related to the new block schedule system in place this school year (see chart).

Some of the specific calls in March included 13 property-related calls, five traffic complaints, three EMS calls, two thefts, two disturbances, and one drug-related call. From those cases, there were three municipal tickets issued at MHS in March, including possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), possession of drug paraphernalia, and disorderly conduct. The drug charges were the result of a search conducted after a student appeared to be under the influence of drugs at school. The search resulted in marijuana and a pipe being found in the student's backpack.

In March, I was involved in other activities as well, which included attending a half-day training on human trafficking in Dane County, giving testimony at an expulsion hearing, appearing in a video for MHS students, and attending the monthly Dane County SRO meeting at the Stoughton Police Department. I also attended weekly Dean meetings at the high school and the quarterly Detective meeting at the Middleton Police Department. Last month, following an internal selection process, Officer Scott Moen was named the new SRO at the Middleton High School. Officer Moen has been with the Department since 2009 and is currently assigned to patrol on the night shift. He will begin training full-time at the high school on April 30<sup>th</sup> through the end of the school year, and will take over the position effective next school year.

Kromrey Middle School  
Officer Matt Sherry

March was a slow month for call volume at Kromrey Middle School. The month was also shortened, due to spring break for the school district. I attended the bi-weekly attendance review committee meetings, the monthly Dane County school resource officer meeting, and the bi-weekly building consultation team meeting. Kromrey also held its Annual Spirit Night for students on March 16. The night was a success and there were no problems to report. I also trained my replacement, Officer Tom Wilson, for three days. I will train him again at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. I am at the end of my three-year term as a School Resource Officer.

I took three calls for service at Kromrey. I took a report of an accident that occurred over the weekend at Kromrey, a theft from the school of a cell phone, and suspicious activity that occurred when some students were walking home from school. These calls resulted in a citation for theft. I also conducted one traffic stop for failure to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk on Park Street at Brookdale Drive. One citation was issued for that violation.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

### **Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals**

36 Adults

65 Criminal Counts  
4 Civil Forfeitures

**Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals**

1 Juveniles  
2 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures