

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



NOVEMBER 2011

ITEMS OF INTEREST

On November 19, 2011, a burglary occurred at a residence on High Road in the City of Middleton. The suspect is described as a Hispanic or Middle Eastern male, in his 40's, 5'6" tall and of average weight. The suspect was last seen wearing a sweatshirt and a baseball cap. The suspect is further described as speaking with a heavy accent. The suspect was driving a gray, older model, boxy style station wagon.

The suspect made contact with the victim at her residence and stated that there was a tree in her back yard that needed to be cut down. While examining the tree with the victim, the suspect was continuously on his cell phone.

While the victim was in the backyard with the suspect, another suspect entered the home through the front door and burglarized the home. The victim stated there were other passengers in the vehicle when the suspect first made contact at the residence, so there may be more than two suspects. The suspect who made contact with the victim never entered the victim's residence.

This case is of particular interest as our press release on the incident uncovered similar open case files in Madison, Dane County and five Milwaukee suburbs.

Please contact Detective Quamme of the Middleton Police Department, (608) 824-7320, if you have had similar burglaries or have any more information on the suspects.

MI11-8149, 11/24/11, Middleton Hills/northwest side of Middleton, Theft from Vehicles/Burglaries

During the long Thanksgiving weekend, numerous unlocked cars and garages were entered and items stolen, including cash, electronics and credit cards. Credit cards were subsequently used in area stores to purchase several thousand dollars worth of merchandise. Middleton detectives have identified several suspects, searched two residences, arrested five suspects and recovered stolen items. The case is still under investigation.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Tuesday, November 1, Middleton Police made Safe Assured ID kits for children at the Middleton Police Department.

On Monday, November 7, Middleton Police gave a tour for local Cub Scouts at the Middleton Police Department.

On Wednesday, November 9, Middleton Police Officers and Middleton High School Key Club members served food to help raise funds for Shop with a Cop. McGruff was there as well.

On Thursday, November 10, Middleton Police gave a tour for local Cub Scouts at the Middleton Police Department.

On Wednesday, November 30, Middleton Police participated in a career day at Globe University in Middleton.

If you would like more information or would like to involve the Police Department in a community presentation or event, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 824-7323 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.



Middleton Business Watch is in the process of producing crime prevention videos instead of seminars to reach more businesses. They are also working on updating their web page.

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 Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 824-7323 or dkasdorf@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.



Citizens' Academy

The next academy is tentatively scheduled to start in April of 2012 and class size is limited to 12 students.

If you live or work in Middleton and are interested in attending a future academy, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 824-7323 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.



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.

In November, VIPS helped with the Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) turkey giveaway at St. Luke's Church.

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 Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 824-7323 or dkasdorf@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.

Middleton Police made kits for kids on Tuesday, November 1.

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 Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 824-7323 or dkasdorf@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 CAO David Kasdorf at 824-7323 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In October, Middleton Officers handled 1,528 calls for service, 559 were field initiated, 969 were dispatched, issued 376 citations and 103 written warnings, made 24 criminal arrests and investigated 23 accidents.

In November, Middleton Officers handled 1,475 calls for service, 663 were field initiated, 812 were dispatched, issued 505 citations and 123 written warnings, made 5 criminal arrests and investigated 40 accidents.

Significant Events in November:

MI11-7665, 11/06/12, 1500 Sunset Court, Burglary
Garage entered and bicycle stolen. Bicycle was recovered the next day on Grosse Point Drive.

MI11-7746, 11/10/11, 7500 Kenyon Drive, Fraud
Realtor reported that a home she has for rent showed up on Craigslist with a fraudulent broker.

MI11-7776, 11/11/11, Captain Bill's Seafood Restaurant, Fire
Flames and smoke were observed coming from the roof. The restaurant was evacuated and the Middleton Fire Department quickly knocked out the fire which was in the air handling equipment on the roof. Damage was minimal, but the restaurant was closed for several days.

MI11-7826, 11/14/11, Monks Restaurant, Theft
A patron of the restaurant reported his I-phone had been lost or stolen while he was there. He was able to track his phone, originally to a residence in Fitchburg, then to a residence in Middleton. An officer went to the Middleton residence and discovered a new roof was being installed. He assembled the roofers and eventually determined that one man lived at the Fitchburg address that had been tracked by the phone and worked for the restaurant where the phone was stolen from. When confronted with the facts, he admitted finding the phone and turned it over to the police. He was charged with theft.

MI11-7847, 11/14/11, 2500 Pleasant View Road, Theft
Snowmobile trailer taken.

MI11-7866, 11/14/11, 6400 Maywood Avenue, Burglary
Resident came home to find a patio door had been forcibly opened and electronics, cash and jewelry were missing.

MI11-7879, 11/15/11, Psychic Gallery, Fraud
A woman requested police assistance in retrieving money she had paid to the Psychic Gallery. Police were able to assist her in getting a partial refund.

MI11-7960, 11/18/11, Greenway Station, Sexual Assault
A woman reported she was sexually assaulted by an acquaintance in a mechanical room at the shopping mall. Marcel Taylor, of Madison, was charged with 4th degree sexual assault and jailed on a probation violation.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

November was the first month of our utilizing the two highway safety grants, one for Seatbelt enforcement and the other for Speed enforcement. The Seatbelt grant had eight hours of overtime and nine hours of straight time enforcement expended. A total of 29 enforcement actions were taken: Ten citations for Seatbelt, six for Speeding with one warning, three for Operating After Revocation/Suspension, one citation and one warning for Vehicle Registration and four Other citations. In addition, one warrant was served. The Speed grant had four hours of overtime enforcement and 12 hours of straight time. Twenty-nine enforcement actions were taken: 14 citations and one warning for Speed, three citations for Seatbelt, one Operating After Revocation citation, five Other citations

with three warnings and two warnings for Equipment. This is a good start to our yearlong effort to reduce traffic crashes in the city.

Sgt. Mueller attended a training session at Hill Farms Department of Transportation offices regarding the process of filing monthly reports on the grants. Federal rules now require monthly paperwork to be completed for these types of grants rather than just at the end of the grants as in the past.

During the month, there were 39 reportable accidents with 31 on the streets and eight in parking lots. This compares to last year when there were 34 total with 28 on streets and six in parking lots.

In addition to our grant enforcement patrols, officers also performed approximately 34 hours of directed traffic patrol. One hundred six enforcement actions were taken: Speeding 50 citations and 12 warnings, Insurance 25 citations, OAS/OAR five citations, Registration four citations and one warning, Seatbelt two citations, No Driver's License two citations, one U-Turn citation, one citation and one warning for Fail to Stop at Stop Sign and one warning each for Equipment and Failure to Yield.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

During the month of November, 86 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, 11 cases were assigned to patrol officers and 20 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 5 - Bicycles Found
- 8 - Burglaries
- 1 - Child Abuse
- 1 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 2 - Death Investigations
- 6 - Domestic Disturbances
- 7 - Fraud
- 5 - Graffiti
- 1 - Issuance of Worthless Checks
- 15 - Larceny
- 1 - Juvenile Missing Persons
- 3 - Sexual Assaults
- 19 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 1 - Trespassing
- 8 - Uniform Controlled Substances

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School
Officer Travis Kakuske

During the month of November, there were 70 total police calls at Middleton High School (MHS). Some of those calls included 18 reports of lost property. In most cases, students reported that they carelessly lost track of their iPod or cell phone by forgetting or losing it in a classroom, in the lunch room, or somewhere else in the school. Several students also reported their phone or iPod falling out of their backpack or pocket somewhere in the school. Finally, a handful of those reports involved students having unsecured items taken from the locker rooms. In those cases, the missing item is considered lost property. Since the beginning of the school year, students have been blitzed with constant reminders about locking up their valuables and *never* leaving things unlocked, especially in locker rooms. Courtesy reminder notices have also been placed on dozens of backpacks found unsecured in an effort to get things locked up. Teachers also frequently remind students about theft. Still, more than 90% of the time when an item is reported stolen, it was not locked up. Efforts to educate students about theft will continue.

Some of the other call activity last month included seven assist citizen calls, six disturbances, and five thefts. One area of concern that increased last month was the theft of food from the lunch room. It was reported that a handful of students were frequently stealing food from the lunch lines. To address the problem, staff supervision was increased and a camera was re-positioned to better monitor the area. Several days later, two female students were caught stealing food. They were both criminally charged and suspended from school, and since that incident the theft issues have improved. Last month there were also several weapon violations at MHS and MASH in which three different students were found to have brought knives to school. In each case, the students were criminally charged and suspended from school.

From the calls for service, there were eight municipal tickets issued at MHS in November, including five for truancy, one for retail theft, one for theft, and one for possession of a controlled substance. In addition to municipal tickets last month, there were also seven charges referred to the Dane County District Attorney's Office, including possession of a dangerous weapon on school grounds (2), disorderly conduct (2), criminal damage to property (1), retail theft (1), and theft (1).

I was involved in other activities last month as well, including attending several Dean meetings with MHS administration. I also attended a tabletop exercise training with other officers and school district administrators. A tabletop exercise is a training tool used to simulate a critical incident. During the verbal exercise, a team of incident responders discuss what actions they would take during a particular scenario, as various pieces of information about the crisis is gradually shared with them. During the month of December, key school staff members from throughout the school district will be trained by officers using this method.

Last month I also participated in an all-school practice evacuation at MHS. During the drill, the building was successfully evacuated in less than ten minutes and a practice sweep of the building was completed.

Kromrey Middle School
Officer Matt Sherry

November was a busy month for me at Kromrey Middle School. I continued to teach G.R.E.A.T. to the 6th graders. Due to scheduling issues, I had to combine classes and move the standard days around that teachers had G.R.E.A.T. The teachers and students were very understanding and flexible with the changes. They did an excellent job with the changes. I also attended a facilitator training to learn how to facilitate a tabletop discussion. This was the first step in conducting school safety tabletop discussions that were held in the months of November and December. I attended the bi-monthly attendance review committee meeting and the weekly building consultation team meeting. I observed Northside Elementary school with their “hold” and “secure” drill. I gave the principal feedback on the drill and his staff and students did an excellent job. At the November staff in-service training, I was able to set up a guest speaker. Detective Joe Wagner from the Dane County Sheriff’s Office came and talked to the staff about gangs. Detective Wagner informed the staff on gangs, gang clothing, signs, and symbols, as well as what to look for in the school. Thanks to Detective Wagner for taking time to come to Kromrey. At the end of November, I conducted a school safety tabletop discussion with Sauk Trail Elementary school staff. This went very smooth and we received very positive feedback on the exercise.

The call volume at Kromrey in November was relatively slow. I took three total calls for service at Kromrey. One found property, one disturbance, and one assault. The assault resulted in a criminal arrest for battery. The disturbance resulted in a warning for disorderly conduct. I also made one traffic stop for a crosswalk violation at Kromrey. One citation for failure to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk was issued.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

23 Adults
34 Criminal Counts
1 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

13 Juveniles
21 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures