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# City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
2007-0082	Communication	In Committee
Police Chief communication regarding City of West Allis crime statistics and major crime report for December 2006.		
Introduced: 2/20/2007		Controlling Body: Safety & Development Committee

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION File

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**SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER**

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## COMMON COUNCIL ACTION **PLACE ON FILE**

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February 11, 2007

Mayor Bell and Members of the Common Council  
West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

RE: Major crime report for December

Dear Mayor Bell and Members of the Common Council:

Listed below are the crime statistics compared to the previous year. Calls for service have increased and violent crime was at an all time high.

<u>Violent Crime</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Murder	4	0
Rape	17	1
Robbery	82	108
Aggravate assault	99	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>241</b>
<u>Property Crime</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Burglary	481	465
Theft	1,953	2,007
Motor Vehicle Theft	226	239
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>2,711</b>

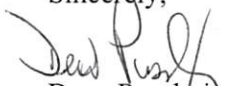
In 2006, violent crime was up 19 percent and property crime was up 2 percent. We cleared 65 percent of the violent crimes and 27 percent of the property crimes. This is much better than the State of Wisconsin average, which was 47 percent for violent crime and 22 percent for property crime.

In the last few years, due of staffing cuts in our Crime Prevention Bureau; we have lost approximately 20 percent (100 groups) of our Neighborhood Watch groups. However, we are doing the best job we can of controlling crime and other types of criminal activity.

In an effort to reduce crime, meetings were held on a regular basis with community groups and business organizations to address crime issues and problems in the community. These meetings include: crime problems in individual neighborhoods, Block Captain meetings, meetings on cruising issues, problems at State Fair, Liberty Heights and McCarty parks.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Dean Puschnig  
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Dear Mayor Bell and Members of the Common Council:

In January, our officers responded to 3,803 calls for service. This includes: 20 violent crimes, 379 property crimes, 10 weapon complaints and 260 traffic crashes. It should be noted we made 1,551 arrests, including traffic violations during the month. The following is a summary of major crimes reported and investigated during the month.

**1. Registration of Sex Offenders**

During the month, three sex offenders were registered. On January 25th, approximately 125 people attended a community notification meeting at West Allis Central High School. We received information at the meeting and were able to work in cooperation with the Department of Corrections to arrest this man. Based upon several violations the Department of Corrections is seeking to have his parole revoked.

**2. Armed Robbery**

On January 2nd at 12:15 pm, a business owner was robbed in the 1900 block of S. 102nd Street. As he exited his car two men approached and demanded money. One man reached inside his car and grabbed a bank bag that was hidden by a brief case. The victim had just left Associated Bank located at S. 71st and Greenfield Ave. He carried a bank bag in open view and in retrospect now realizes he possibly saw the suspects in the alley behind the bank. We believe we arrested these two men later in the month during another robbery.

**3. Sexual Assault - Unfounded**

On January 4th, a student from Central High School report that she was sexually assaulted at a home in the 2200 block of S. 90th Street. After several interviews it was determined that the girl made up the entire story. Many times unfounded cases like this take 10 hours or more to investigate and are a drain on our resources.

**4. Disorderly Conduct - Crime cleared by arrest**

On January 6th, an Investigator from our Sensitive Crimes Unit followed up on a case where a man gave his hair stylist nude photos of himself. The man was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct.



**5. Attempted Robbery**

On January 10th at 12:53 pm, officers responded to an attempted robbery of some type in the gas station parking lot at S. 96th and W. National Ave. The victim stated that she was from Chicago and came to Milwaukee to view some investment property. She was told to bring \$7,000 for a down payment and given a ride to the area. The driver of the vehicle pulled into the gas station and attempted to steal her purse. The victim was very adamant that she didn't want any contact with the police. Based upon the information provided we're not sure what happened. This could have been a drug deal of some type.

**6. Sexual Assault / Indecent Touching - Case closed**

On January 11th, a woman informed us that she was sexually assaulted at West Allis Memorial Hospital in the X-Ray Department. She claimed that while she was being treated for a hip problem the male attendant touched her inappropriately. The attendant denied anything other than positioning her left leg so the x-rays could be taken. The attendant stated he told her he would have to place his hand on her upper pelvic area. The woman confirmed this but felt he went to far. We determined that this was not a sexual assault and should be followed up by hospital administrators.

**7. Sexual Assault**

On January 12th, an Investigator from our Sensitive Crimes Unit followed up on a possible sexual assault that occurred at an apartment building located in the 700 block of S. 92nd Street. This apartment complex has assisted living quarters and the victim is cognitively disabled. The victim claimed that approximately one year ago her friend visited along with her friend's boyfriend. While everyone was at the residence the male forced himself on her.

**8. Sexual Assault – Referral to Children Court Center**

On January 12th, we investigated an alleged sexual assault of a 12 year old female. The girl claimed she had sexual intercourse with a juvenile male at a residence in the 2100 block of S. 84th Street. This act allegedly occurred sometime in the last year. After a lengthy investigation we determined that both parties were 11 years old at the time and this was a consensual act. Both juveniles were ordered to Childrens Court Center.

**9. Strong Arm Robbery**

On January 12th at 1:56 pm, officers responded to a residence in the 5700 block of W. Fillmore Drive to investigate a robbery. An elderly female had just returned home from the bank. The victim pulled into her garage and was still in her car when a man reached into her car and grabbed her purse. The suspect fled on foot down the alley and left in a silver Toyota. She was unable to obtain his license plate because it was covered with cardboard. Investigators checked with the bank for any surveillance video that might be of value but there does not appear to be any footage applicable to this case.

**10. Strong Arm Robbery**

On January 12th at 9:19 pm, officers responded to the Dollar Tree Store located at 6756 W. Greenfield Ave to investigate a robbery. They were met by a female employee who stated that she had just closed the business and was walking to her car when she was approached by two men who demanded the bank bag she was carrying. She was able to obtain a license plate from the suspect's vehicle as they fled the area.

#### **11. Sexual Assault**

On January 15th, a possible sexual assault occurred in the apartments located in the 10800 block of W. Morgan Ave. A 4 year old girl wandered into the hallway and when a man knocked on the door she let him in. The man exposed himself to the girl and possibly placed his penis in her mouth. Due to the age of the victim we have had a hard time getting any type of description.

#### **12. Sexual Assault**

On January 15th, a woman reported that her former boyfriend sexually assaulted her at his residence in the 3000 block of S. 99th Street. The woman was out drinking with the offender and several other friends. The victim became intoxicated and eventually left with the man. At some point he took off her clothes and attempted to have sexual intercourse with her.

#### **13. Armed Robbery**

On January 16th at 12:34 am, an armed robbery occurred at the Speedway Gas Station located at 9130 W. Oklahoma Ave. Two female employees stated a man with a handgun and black ski mask entered the store. The employees opened the registers and the suspect removed the money. Officers were able to collect some possible evidence near the scene.

#### **14. Purse Theft**

On January 17th at 2:47 pm, a woman reported that her purse was stolen from the shopping cart at the Goodwill store located at 11000 W. Oklahoma Ave. She stated that she was approached by a woman who kept her busy while someone else stolen her purse. Some of her purse contents were discovered in a parking lot at N. 76th St and W. Good Hope Road. This case is connected to three other similar cases.

#### **15. Pointing and Aiming - Crime cleared by arrest**

On January 18th at 1:17 pm, a fight occurred in the 1100 block of S. 86th Street. The dispute concerned a cell phone and a personal debt. One man pulled out a gun and threatened the other. He was later arrested and charged in the District Attorney's office with Disorderly Conduct.

#### **16. Armed Robbery - Crime cleared by arrests**

On January 18th at 11:47 am, an armed robbery occurred at the Council for the Blind located at 6721 W. Greenfield Ave. A Milwaukee police detective on another assignment observed this crime. We chased the suspects and eventually caught them in the 1100 block of S. 65th Street. They were charged in the District Attorney's office with armed robbery PTAC and Felon in Possession of a firearm.

#### **17. Purse Theft**

On January 20th at 4:41 pm, a purse was stolen from the Big Lots Store located at 10909 W. Oklahoma Ave. The victim stated she was approached by a woman who began asking numerous questions about cereal. While she was distracted, another unknown person took her purse from her shopping cart. There was immediate activity on her stolen credit card at the West Allis Target Store. Investigators are following up with store video surveillance images.

**18. Purse Theft**

On January 20th at 5:25 pm, another distraction type purse theft occurred at the Goodwill Store located at 11000 W. Oklahoma Ave. The woman saw what was happening and yelled that her wallet was just stolen. Another customer stopped the suspect outside and walked her back into the store. Unfortunately, the victim told her that she only wanted her wallet back. It certainly would have been nice if someone notified us before these thieves left the area.

**19. Child Pornography - Crime cleared by arrest**

On January 22nd, we received a call from a Probation Agent who informed us that one of her clients may be involved in downloading child pornography from the internet. This person lives directly across the street from an elementary school. A search warrant was obtained and we confiscated 7 computers. This is a very lengthy investigation involving police and IT personnel.

**20. Burglary and Theft Investigations – Numerous crimes cleared by arrests**

On January 23rd, employees at West Allis Salvage located at 1909 S. 80th Street called to report two men were attempting to turn in aluminum ladders for cash. Another man who just happened to be at the salvage yard spotted his own ladder that was previously stolen from his yard. Through this investigation we cleared five burglaries and eight thefts. We recovered two snow blowers, various ladders, numerous power and other miscellaneous property. The men responsible were charged in the District Attorney's office with Burglary and Theft.

**21. Sexual Assault - Crime cleared by arrest**

On January 26th, an Investigator from our Sensitive Crime Unit followed up on a report from a 16 year old female who stated that she has been having sexual intercourse with her 19 year old boyfriend. She was only 14 years old when this activity started. The man was arrested and ordered to the District Attorney's office.

**22. Armed Robbery**

On January 27th at 9:04 pm, a man robbed the Cousins Sub Shop located at 9124 W. Lincoln Ave. The suspect entered the business concealing his identity with gauze wrapped around his face. He displayed a black handgun and demanded cash from the register.

**23. Sexual Assault - Crime cleared by arrest**

On January 29th, an Investigator from our Sensitive Crimes Unit followed up on a possible sexual assault in the 11000 block of W. Oklahoma Ave. The 16 year old victim stated that she has had sexual relations with her boyfriend who is 18 years old. He is now threatening her because she wants to break off their relationship. The man was arrested and will be charged in the District Attorney's office.

**24. Robbery**

On January 30th at 7:00 pm, an elderly woman was robbed of her purse as she was about to enter her home in the 2600 block of S. 86th Street. The investigation determined that she had just returned from the Potawatomi Casino. The female victim won some money and went to the teller to cash in before leaving. She placed the winnings in her purse and we theorize she was followed home. Investigators are working with the casino to review surveillance videos.

**25. Robbery**

On January 30th at 10:51 pm, two men reported they were robbed in the area of S. 108th and W. Greenfield Ave. The information we received was brief and very sketchy but a bus driver confirmed that she may have witnessed this crime occur.

**26. Sexual Assault - Case closed**

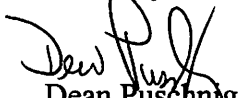
On January 30th, a student from Dotke Alternative High School stated that she was sexually assaulted by her sister's boyfriend. The assaults occurred years ago, and started when she was seven and continued until she was thirteen. It appears that the assaults took place in Cudahy, Oak Creek and Milwaukee. There was possibly one assault in West Allis, but we have to contact the grandparents to verify this information. The main part of the investigation was turned over to other law enforcement agencies.

**27. Disorderly Conduct / Threat to Harm - Case closed**

On January 31st, the staff at Rogers Hospital called to report a patient had threatened to shoot someone at his school in Milwaukee. The child is confined to inpatient treatment at the hospital for being overly aggressive. A nurse overheard him talking about shooting another student at his high school.

In addition to these investigations, we continue to follow up on other crimes that previously occurred. Many of these investigations were very time consuming and in some cases involved several investigators. If you would like more specific information on crime statistics, calls for police service or any other problems in your aldermanic district, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

  
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Chief of Police

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