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City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
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2007-0631 Communication In Committee

Police Chief communication regarding City of West Allis crime statistics and major crime report for the month of August 2007.

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Controlling Body: Safety & Development Committee

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

File

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>10/2/07</u>			Barczak				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

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 Chair Vice-Chair Member

COMMON COUNCIL ACTION

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September 23, 2007

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

RE: Major crime report for August

Dear Mayor Bell and Members of the Common Council:

In August, our officers responded to 5,292 calls for service. This includes: 28 violent crimes, 444 property crimes, 54 domestic violence incidents, 9 weapon complaints and 247 traffic crashes. It should be noted we made 1,822 arrests, including traffic violations during the month. The following is a summary of major crimes reported and investigated during the month.

1. **Stolen / Recovered Property - Assist FBI with several arrests**

On August 1, 2007 an agent with the Milwaukee office of the FBI called and asked for assistance in investigating the theft of 1.8 million dollars of electronics from the Chicago area. The thieves were attempting to sell 200 flat screen TV's to a business located at 11739 W. Dixon. Our investigators assisted the FBI by staking out this business and eventually stopping a vehicle delivering 68 stolen flat screen TV's. With our help they recovered an additional 200 TV's and arrested several people.

2. **Sexual Assault - Unfounded**

On August 2nd, the station received a call of a sexual assault in the 6200 block of W. Mitchell Street. The victim alleged she was grabbed by a male, pulled into the alley and sexually assaulted. After a very lengthy investigation it was determined the girl lied because her boyfriend gave her a hickey.

3. **Robbery - Crime cleared by arrests**

On August 3rd at 8:43 am, an officer observed two men running from a business located at 6132 W. Burnham Street. The officer started to chase the suspects when he heard a woman shout that they had stolen her purse. The officer caught both men and after a tense confrontation they complied with the officers orders. Both men were arrested and taken to the District Attorney's office.

4. **Attempted Robbery**

On August 6th at 5:32 pm, an attempted robbery occurred near the Fair Park. A vender who sells beads and Fair tickets informed officers that two men pushed him to the ground and attempted to steal his money. They fled when he shouted for help. The victim had some minor scrapes on his arm but refused medical attention.



5. Firearms Discharge - Case closed

On August 7th at 10:37 pm, we received a call of shots fired in the 1600 block of S. 59th Street. During an argument someone fired two shots into the air. A week later, the Milwaukee Police Department informed us they arrested two men for several drive-by shooting incidents in their city. They had information that these men were involved in our incident. The suspect denied any involvement with our incident and we closed our file.

6. Child Abuse- Unfounded / Case reviewed with Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

On August 8th, an Investigator from our Sensitive Crimes Unit followed up on a possible child abuse in the 9900 block of W. Lincoln Ave. This is apparently a child custody case in which the father who doesn't have custody is the complainant. The alleged offense involves his daughter being slapped in the face and locked in her room when she misbehaves. Our officers checked the residence with a case worker from the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare. No abuse of any type was found.

7. Child Neglect - Referral to Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

On August 13th, an Investigator from our Sensitive Crimes Unit followed up on a case where a 15 year old female was taken to West Allis Memorial Hospital after smoking marijuana and ingesting too much alcohol. The girl told her mother the name of an adult man she was drinking with but the mother refuses to cooperate with our investigation. We will attempt to interview the girl and if possible arrest the man involved. This case will be referred to the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare.

8. Lewd and Lascivious complaint - Case closed

A man was observed masturbating in the Target parking lot located at 2600 S. 108th Street. This man asked a young woman to assist him. After checking the store video we determined that she obtained the wrong license plate number.

9. Child Abuse- Unfounded / Case reviewed with Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

On August 13th, an investigator from our Sensitive Crimes Unit followed up on a possible case of child abuse involving a 3 year old boy who said his moms boyfriend struck him in the face. We did notice a slight redness to the child's cheek, but after interviewing the child we determined he was not a credible witness. Several times in the last year, the father has called to report similar complaints and the case worker from BMCW feels that the father is trying to set up the mother for a custody case.

10. Robbery - Case closed

On August 13, 2007 at 8:41 pm, a man reported that he was robbed of his prescription medication and his cell phone in the area of S. 57th and Burnham. He claimed that a man he knows as "Travis" took these items by force. During the investigation, officers located and spoke with "Travis" who denied any involvement. Travis had witnesses who corroborated this information.

11. Child Neglect - Referral to Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

On August 14th, an investigator from our Sensitive Crimes Unit followed up on an alleged child neglect in the 8700 block of W. Lapham Street. While there was food in the home, it was extremely filthy to the point of being uninhabitable. We contacted the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare and they initiated their Safety Services program.

12. Armed Robbery / Car Jacking - Crime unfounded

On August 14th, a man reported a robbery and car jacking in the Pick-N-Save parking lot located at 6760 W. National Ave. After a lengthy investigation, we discovered this man was actually involved with a Reckless Endangering Safety incident in Milwaukee. He was arrested but refused to speak with the Milwaukee Police about this incident. We initially arrested him on obstructing charges and later dropped the charges after he agreed to cooperate with Milwaukee Police. By working in cooperation with MPD, we helped solve a violent crime in their city and were also able to record a violent crime in our city as being unfounded.

13. Robbery

On August 14th at 11:20 pm, a woman reported her purse was stolen while she was walking in the area of S. 70th and W. Greenfield Ave. The victim stated a man ran up and grabbed her purse strap. She attempted to hang onto the purse but was thrown to the ground. Even though the victim can't identify the robber, an investigator is still working on this case hoping to develop a lead through credit card activity.

14. Sexual Assault - Crime cleared by arrest

On August 20th, a woman reported that she was sexually assaulted by her former boyfriend at his home in the 12000 block of W. Lakefield Drive. Through a one party consent phone call, the offender admitted to forcing the victim into having sexual intercourse. He was arrested for 3rd degree sexual assault. Later the victim informed our investigators she wanted to drop the charges. .

15. Sexual Assault

On August 21st, a woman reported that she was sexually assaulted by a male stripper at a sex toy party. According to the victim, the stripper performed in front of the entire group and then offered anyone who was interested a private dance in the bedroom. While viewing this private dance she was assaulted. Our investigators interviewed numerous witnesses and obtained several conflicting statements.

16. Child Abuse - Case pending / Referral to Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

On August 22nd, an investigator from our Sensitive Crimes Unit followed up on a child abuse complaint involving a father who forced his daughters hand on a stove burner. The father admitted to the abuse but stated that he had just turned on the electric burner and it was not hot. There were no injuries to the girl's hand and the father stated he did this because she is learning disabled and likes to burn things. The investigation is not complete and will later be referred to the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare.

17. Armed Robbery

On August 26, at 8:58 pm, officers responded a report of a robbery in the alley near S. 77th and W. Orchard Street. The complainant stated two men approached him and demanded his money. There were several inconsistencies in his account of the incident and there are no other leads at this time.

18. Robbery

On August 27th at 7:21 am, an elderly man reported that he was robbed by a woman in the area of S. 58th and W. Greenfield Ave. The victim described the woman as 5 feet 6 inches tall, 200 pounds with shoulder length blond hair.

19. Child Abuse - Case reviewed with Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

On August 27th, we followed up on an alleged child abuse in the 3300 block of S. Wollmer Road. The complainant stated that her former husband is abusing their children. This investigation was done in conjunction with the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare. They set up and scheduled their Safety Services program for the family.

20. Child Abuse

On August 27th, we received a complaint of a possible child abuse in the 6500 block of W. Revere Place. The complainant stated that she believes a 16 year old is being verbally and possibly physically abused by her stepmother. Investigation is ongoing.

21. Child Abuse - Unfounded

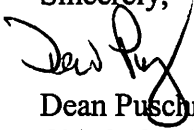
On August 27th, we investigated another alleged child abuse in the 2200 block of S. 66th Street. The complainant stated that her former husband punched her 8 year old son twice in the shin after he accidentally kicked his father. This case appears to be unfounded. It should be noted that the father is back in jail from a non-related incident.

22. Child Abuse

On August 29th, we received a report of child abuse from a staff member at Children's Hospital. She called to report suspicious injuries to a 1 year old who had numerous abrasions to her face. The father claimed that he left the room for a minute and when he returned the child was lying on the floor. This investigation is ongoing.

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,


Dean Puschnig
Chief of Police

cc Police and Fire Commission