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# City of West Allis

## Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
2007-0677	Report	In Committee
Police Chief communication regarding City of West Allis crime statistics and major crime report for the month of September 2007.		
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### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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October 19, 2007

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

RE: Major crime report for September

Dear Mayor Bell and Members of the Common Council:

In September, our officers responded to 4519 calls for service. This includes: 28 violent crimes, 417 property crimes, 54 domestic violence incidents, 18 weapon complaints and 228 traffic crashes. It should be noted we made 1,330 arrests, including traffic violations during the month. The following is a summary of major crimes reported and investigated during the month.

**Investigations: Sensitive Crimes Unit (SCU)**

**Investigation Type:** Child Neglect      **Disposition:** Refer to MCDA & BCMW

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, a SCU Investigator was assigned to follow up on a child neglect in the 2800 block of S. 99 St. Living conditions at the residence were so deplorable BMCW was called and took both children ages 14 and 10. This case was reviewed at the DA's Office who gave the family until 10/16/07 to clean up the residence.

**Investigation Type:** Child Neglect      **Disposition:** Refer to BCMW

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, a SCU Investigator was called to assist at a residence in the 1700blk of S. 88 St. Three children ages 7, 5 and 2 had been found in front of the residence unsupervised. The children's mother arrived home during the investigation and stated she was around the corner at her sisters to pick up some medication. A check of her residence showed it to be in poor condition with minimal food present. A call to BMCW showed a worker assigned. A follow up check was done and the residence was in much better shape. BMCW will involve Safety Services with the family.

**Investigation Type:** Child Custody      **Disposition:** Children returned to parents

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, a SCU Investigator was assigned to follow up on a custody case involving a family from San Diego, CA and their relatives in West Allis. The family had sent their 3 children to stay with the children's grandfather while the mother and father of the children got back on their feet financially. The grandfather then refused to give the children back. The children were eventually brought to the station and turned over to their parents. The grandfather is extremely upset by decisions made by the West Allis Police Department, BCMW and Children's Court. He is scheduled to meet with Deputy Chief Greg Dietrich and Lieutenant Terry Morrissey on 10/11/07.





**Investigation Type:** Elder Abuse

**Disposition:** Refer to Department of Aging

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, a SCU Investigator followed up on a case involving an elderly female living in a trailer court in the 10400 block of W. Greenfield Ave. who is unable to care for herself. The woman is currently living with one of her sons who we feel is living off of her social security checks. The trailer is in terrible condition, there is little food in the refrigerator and the woman is constantly roaming the area looking disheveled. The woman suffers from dementia. The Department of Aging will be working with her and will be monitoring the situation.

**Investigation Type:** Child Neglect

**Disposition:** Refer to BCMW

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, a SCU Investigator followed up on a possible case of child neglect where a mother left her 8-year-old home alone for several hours while she shopped. This happened in the 11000 block of W. Oklahoma Ave. The mother stated she has done this on numerous occasions when the children are sleeping and she doesn't want to get them up. She was told the error of her ways and BMCW assigned her a caseworker and they will also be requesting safety services for her and her children.

**Investigation Type:** Child Abuse

**Disposition:** Refer to Milwaukee Police

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, a SCU Investigator followed up on child abuse at Children's Hospital where a 4 month old had been admitted with a broken leg. It was later determined that an 11-year-old cousin may have broken the babies leg, but the act occurred in the City of Milwaukee.

**Investigation Type:** Sexual Assault

**Disposition:** Refer to State of Wisconsin

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 a SCU Investigator was assigned to follow up on an alleged sexual assault that occurred at a health care facility in the 3300 block of S. 113 St. The assault occurred between two adults who dual diagnosis mental illnesses. One of the females stated that she was "having a dream" about when she was molested and that when she woke up she went and touched the female who was rooming with her. Due to the offender's level of competency, next of kin were notified and a report was made out. The offender was moved to a facility in Oak Creek. A copy of the file was faxed to the State of Wisconsin - Office of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Assisted Living. No criminal charges are being pursued.

**Investigation Type:** Sexual Assault

**Disposition:** Refer to Waukesha BCW

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007, a SCU Investigator followed up on a possible sexual assault involving a 5-year-old and his father. The child made a statement to his grandmother that his dad hurt him and she assumed he was sexually assaulted. The child was unable to give a disclosure and no physical evidence was present. The BCW in Waukesha is closing out the case and the child's mother who is divorced from the father also feels there is no abuse. The father denied any abuse and stated he was accused of this last year and it was unfounded. He feels this is part of a custody issue.

#### **Investigations: Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU)**

**Investigation Type:** Strong Arm Robbery

**Disposition:** Case Open

On September 2, 2007, officers responded to 7605 W. Greenfield Ave to investigate a strong arm robbery of a woman's purse. The victim stated she just purchased some items from a

convenience store and was returning to her car when she was approached by the offender who suddenly reached out and grabbed at her purse demanding that she let go. She lost her grasp and the suspect took off with it. He fled on foot down an adjacent alley. She added that he was waiting for her just around the corner of the building but she did not see him when she went into the store.

**Investigation Type:** Strong Arm Robbery **Disposition:** Case Open

On September 4, 2007, officers were dispatched to the area of Walgreen's at S. 108 St and Cleveland Ave to investigate a strong-arm robbery of a woman's purse. The victim, who is an employee of the Check into Cash store at 2715 S. 108 Street stated she had just got out of her car and was heading into the building when she was approached by the offender who ripped her purse off her shoulder. The purse contained a bank bag with cash. The offender ran from the parking lot, across Cleveland Ave to the Walgreen's parking lot where witnesses tackled her after she stumbled and fell. They were able to retrieve the purse but the offender got away and fled in a waiting vehicle. The investigation is still open.

**Investigation Type:** Vehicle Pursuit **Disposition:** Offender Arrested

On September 5, 2007, officers assisted other officers from the Muskego and Hales Corners Police departments in making an arrest after their vehicle pursuit entered the city. Officers were monitoring radio air traffic and determined the other departments were in pursuit of a vehicle that was about to enter the city. The suspect headed toward his residence in the 1600 block of S. 79 Street and was about to enter the house when officers caught up to him just inside. He actively resisted officers attempting to take him into custody. Either a Rottweiler or Pit Bull that resided in the residence bit a West Allis officer on the ear during the altercation. He needed to go to the hospital for treatment. The suspect was arrested on multiple charges.

**Investigation Type:** Multiple Charges **Disposition:** Arrest Made

**Armed Robbery, Robbery, Substantial Battery, Child Neglect, Interference with Child Custody and Possession of a Controlled Substance**

The charges listed above result from three separate incidents. The first taking place on September 7, 2007 and the last reported on September 18, 2007. On 09/07/07 the WAPD started an investigation into the take over style robbery of drugs at the Ruth Hospice Care Facility at 8300 W. Beloit Road.

At that time a white male and white female gained entry to the facility under the rouse they were there to visit a relative who was a patient at the facility. The male offender without warning entered the office area of the building and struck a care worker about the head with what was described as a black pipe-like object before gaining access to the medication office. The offenders made off with various medications. The media was contacted with information available at that time.

An arrest has been made of the white male suspect from this incident. He is PATRICK E. TREDEAU, a West Allis resident. This case was basically put together under the following scenario:

On 09/18/07, Tredeau's live-in girlfriend contacted the WAPD to file a complaint that he took their 15-month-old daughter from their residence without knowledge of his whereabouts. She

was concerned for the safety and welfare of their child based on information that Tredeau was using drugs. The media was contacted and the case was highlighted on the news. Milwaukee Police officers located and arrested Tredeau on 09/20/07 at 3:40 a.m. in the area of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and W. Locust Avenue. The child was with him at that time and was turned over to her mother.

Later in the morning on 09/20/07, the owner of the MAAS Petro Mart at 5930 W. Greenfield Avenue in West Allis called a detective reference to his business being robbed by a white male with a knife at 10:16 p.m. the night before. The owner had a conversation about his robbery with a female employee of the Taco Bell/Long John Silvers restaurant across the street at 1361 S. 60 Street.

The female employee stated a male subject matching that description also indicated he wanted to rob the Taco Bell earlier that same evening. Said he was a regular customer who at times has come in with a baby. She added after she watched the news accounts of the missing baby, she realized he was the same person she saw on TV.

Witnesses at Taco Bell and the Maas Petro Mart were able to identify Patrick Tredeau using photo line up procedures.

WAPD investigators who had contact with Tredeau after he was arrested by MPD viewed surveillance images from Taco Bell and the Maas Petro Mart. They were able to determine he was wearing the same clothes in both the Taco Bell and the Maas Petro Mart incidents as when he was arrested for the incident involving his daughter.

Investigators determined that Patrick Tredeau resembled the description of the male suspect from the Ruth Hospice robbery on 09/07/07. Subsequently, Witnesses from the hospice robbery were able to identify Patrick Tredeau using photo line up procedures. The identity of the female suspect from the Ruth Hospice robbery is still not known at this time.

Patrick Tredeau is still being held at the Milwaukee Criminal Justice Facility and the District Attorney's office charged Tredeau with the aforementioned crimes.

**Investigation Type:** Emergency Detention **Disposition:** Transported to MCMHC-ER

On September 10, 2007, officers responded to a residence at 6300 block of W. Lapham Street. Upon arrival they made contact with the subject's wife who stated her husband made suicidal threats to her via phone. Officers left residence and were attempting to locate the husband when they re-contacted by the complainant who advised he returned to the residence at approximately 1640hrs. Upon arrival at the house he had armed himself with a rifle at the rear of the residence. Officers set up a perimeter and made contact with him. He made suicidal comments on scene while pointing the firearm at himself. After negotiating with the subject for a short period of time (in the rain), he became cooperative and surrendered to officers. An Emergency Detention form was completed and he was transported to MCMH.

**Investigation Type:** Intentional Homicide **Disposition:** Arrest Made

On September 11, 2007, the dispatch center received several calls reference to a shooting in the 2400 block of S. 84 Street. A detective and several uniform officers were first on the scene and located several people out front and yet another who was emerging from the residence. All subjects were ordered to the ground at gunpoint and detained. These officers cleared the residence and they discovered two gunshot victims in an upstairs bedroom. The offender had

fled the scene prior to officer arrival. A 16-year-old female died at the scene. A 19-year-old male died at Froedtert Memorial Hospital. A witness at the scene identified the suspect of the shooting. The victims and the witness knew Parker in varying degrees.

Since the shooting we received about 100 tips related to Lee Parker. Most suburban agencies in Milwaukee County including the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Sheriff's office, U.S. Marshall's Service organized to make efforts to locate Parker. At about 2:15 p.m. on 09/13/07, the Milwaukee Police Department arrested homicide suspect Lee Parker at a residence in the area of 106 St and Mill Road after the West Allis Police Department received a tip from an anonymous concerned citizen.

Many of the tips and helpful information were supplied by West Allis Police officers. Special appreciation has been extended to all our officers for providing information and for making individual efforts to check leads and locations between calls and assignments.

**Investigation Type:** Bank Robbery      **Disposition:** Arrest Made

On September 14, 2007, officers responded to the Equitable Bank at 7400 W. Oklahoma Ave to investigate a bank robbery. A female offender entered the bank and approached the teller window with a note stating something to the effect, "Give her all the money, I have a bomb strapped to my waist." The suspect appeared very nervous and kept apologizing for her actions, saying, "He was making her do this." The female was given cash and she left the bank on foot. A short time later, the dispatch center received a call of a suspicious female in the area of 68 St and Bennett. Officers located and apprehended the female suspect of the bank robbery. She had in her possession a bag containing the stolen money and a device that could be interpreted as some type of bomb. The area was sealed off and secured while the bomb squad was called to the scene. The package was detonated and the interior contents revealed the recovered cash and other items put together to resemble some type of explosive. The offender is a West Allis resident who exhibited some mental health issues. A search of her residence revealed evidence of practice notes for a robbery. She was charged with the armed robbery of the bank.

**Investigation Type:** Robbery      **Disposition:** Arrest Made

On September 18, 2007, officers responded to a hold up alarm at the Cleveland Avenue Discount Liquor – 8423 W. Cleveland Avenue. Two employees stated a the male offender entered the store and demanded they hand over the money from the register while pointing his right hand at them, which was covered with a paper bag. He was wearing a black ski mask at the time of the robbery. The offender received some cash and he fled the area on foot. A short time later a resident in the area of the store approached officers and stated he spotted a local male running through is yard right after the robbery. He recognized the male as his neighbor. He was wearing brown sweater with the hood pulled up over his head. He watched this person enter his own residence. Officers responded to the residence and received permission by the male's father to search the residence. Officers located a black ski mask on a flight of stairs and a brown sweater on a storage shelf. Cash was found hidden inside a vacuum cleaner. The suspect was charged with the robbery.

**Investigation Type:** Strong Arm Robbery      **Disposition:** Case Open

On September 28, 2007, officers responded to the George Webb's restaurant at 7227 W. Greenfield Avenue to investigate a complaint of a strong arm robbery. Officers located the female victim inside the restaurant. The victim stated she was walking on Greenfield Avenue,

near the restaurant, when she heard footsteps coming up behind her. As she turned to see who it was, she was suddenly struck in the head causing her to fall to the pavement. She was then punched in the face and kicked in the ribs. The bag she was carrying was ripped from her shoulder. It contained a laptop computer and some work clothes. She only could provide the vague description of the offenders.

**Investigation Type:** Residential Burglary    **Disposition:** Cases Open

During the month of September, 2007 there has been a marked pattern of burglaries to residences during the late evening to early morning hours where entry is gained either through unsecured doors or by cutting screens and going in through the window. In most instances, the residents were home at the time of the entries.

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