

To: Brattleboro Selectboard
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SUBJ: APRIL 2018 MONTHLY REPORT

Summary of Major Activities/Work Projects:

Officers responded to 906 calls for service/incidents and made 51 arrests resulting in 77 criminal charges. Included in these calls for service were 12 overdoses with none resulting death. This does not mean there were only 12 overdoses in Brattleboro for this period. It merely means that these are the numbers that were responded to by police.

46 vehicle operation citations were issued along with 288 warnings. Officers spent approximately 160 hours on foot patrol in the downtown area as well as other neighborhoods and parks in Town.

Cases of Interest:

On 10/20/2017 at approximately 8:21 PM Brattleboro Police responded to a commercial establishment on Elliot Street for the report of a burglary in progress. The caller reported that he was inside the business when the burglars broke in and during the incident he fired multiple rounds from a handgun at them. It is unknown whether any of the burglars were shot or otherwise injured, however there were no signs of a significant injury at the scene. The caller was not injured. Police have identified multiple suspects and continue to actively investigate this incident.

Update: Brattleboro Police Detectives continued to investigate the above described incident and probable cause developed to make a new arrest. Daniel Paquette was arrested and charged with burglary, trespass and unlawful mischief. He was held on \$10,000 bail and set to be arraigned at the Vermont Superior Court, Windham Criminal Division.

Robert Havens was arrested after he violated his conditions of release when he contacted a past female victim, via text message. Havens was originally arrested on 10/03/17 for Sexual Assault, Lew or Lascivious conduct with a minor, Kidnapping, and Unlawful Restraint. Havens was flashed cited and will be appearing in Superior Court of Vermont, Criminal Division, Windham Unit for the charge of Violation of Conditions of Release.

Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children's Task Force and the Brattleboro Police Department in conjunction with the Wilmington Police Department and the Southeastern Unit for Special Investigation assisted in the investigation and/or arrest of Corey Jacobs of Wilmington, VT for Possession of Child Pornography. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children they received a report regarding a user "cjhorny42." It was reported that this user had shared images of child pornography with another user of this website. After interviewing and executing a search warrant on a resident in Wilmington, VT it was determined that Corey Jacobs was using the handle "cjhorny42". On scene forensics found Corey Jacobs in possession of child pornography. Corey Jacobs was issued a citation to appear in Windham County Superior Court and released on conditions.

Tyler Kirkwood of Walpole NH, was arrested for Lewd and Lascivious Conduct with a Child. The investigation showed that Kirkwood was having inappropriate contact with a minor under the age of 10 years old. Kirkwood was issued a flash cite to appear in Superior Court of Vermont, Criminal Division, Windham Unit for this charge and issued Conditions of Release. This is a joint investigation between the Windham Count Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and the Brattleboro Police Department.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department were on patrol on Western Ave, and initiated a stop of a suspicious motor vehicle on Williams St. Subsequent investigation determined that the operator, Eric Lunde, was intoxicated. Lunde was arrested for Driving Under the Influence, and held until sober. Lunde will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division to face the charge.

Tucker Kilburn of Westminster Vermont, was arrested for Sexual Assault with a Minor and Lewd and Lascivious Conduct with a Child. The investigation showed that Kilburn was having a sexual relationship with a minor for approximately two half to three years. Kilburn was issued a flash cite to appear in Superior Court of Vermont, Criminal Division, Windham Unit for these charges and issued Conditions of Release. This is a joint investigation between the Windham Count Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and the Brattleboro Police Department.

The Brattleboro Police responded to a call for a female that was possibly drugged at a local business downtown. Upon investigation, it was determined that Kenneth Murphy, 59, of Brattleboro committed the crime of Aggravated Assault. There were no resulting injuries to the victim. Murphy was issued a citation to appear in Windham Superior Court to face the charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to an establishment on Putney Road for a report of a domestic assault. Investigation lead to the arrest of Matthew D. Brooks. Following an argument, Brooks caused physical harm to his girlfriend. Both parties received minor non-life-threatening injuries. Brooks was placed under arrest, and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. Brooks was processed, and released on conditions to Brattleboro Probation and Parole. Brooks will appear at court to answer his charge

Brattleboro Police initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for several motor vehicle infractions. Police contacted the operator, Robert Duprey. Subsequent investigation revealed that Duprey had consumed alcoholic beverages, and was impaired while operating a motor vehicle. Duprey was placed under arrest, and transported back to the police station. There he was processed, and released on a citation. Duprey will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer his charge

Brattleboro Police responded to an establishment on Putney Road for a report of a shoplifter. Upon arrival Police contacted store security and Patrick Devens. Investigation showed that Devens had taken several items, hid them in his bag, and left the store, passing all opportunities to pay for the items. Devens was issued a citation for retail theft and will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer his charge

Brattleboro Officers responded to a business located on Main Street of a report of a theft. Upon arrival, Officers located a suspect matching the description given to them by store employees. Subsequent investigation revealed that Shawn P Odell removed four cans of beer from their displays and left the store without paying for them. Odell was issued a Citation ordering him to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charge.

Brattleboro Police were called to an establishment on Putney Road for a citizen dispute. While investigating the incident, officers recognized a female that they knew to have a warrant. Officers made contact with the female, Meggie Duffy, from New Hampshire. Duffy was placed under arrest, and upon a search of her person, loose prescription pills were located. Duffy was transported to the police station, where she was processed and lodged on the warrant, and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. Duffy will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer her charge.

Brattleboro Officers observed a vehicle traveling on Elm Street and observed it to be in violation of The Vermont Periodic Inspection Manual. Officers conducted a stop on the vehicle and found its operator, Buddy W Vecchiano to be intoxicated. Vecchiano was arrested and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was processed. He is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charge

Brattleboro Officers observed a suspicious vehicle parked behind a Canal Street Business and attempted to make contact. The vehicle drove off and Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Bobby Bethune of Newark New Jersey for Possession of Stolen Property and Possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. He is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charges.

Brattleboro Police responded to a public building on South Main Street for the report of Mark Caslin violating his No Trespass order earlier in the day. Through investigation it was determined Caslin was on the property and in violation of the No Trespass order. Caslin was issued a citation ordering him to appear at the Windham County Superior Courthouse to answer to the charge.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence on South Main St. for a report of two trespassers. Upon arrival officers met with Nicholas Kane and Rhonda McCarron, both of whom had outstanding warrants. Kane and McCarron were arrested, transported to the Brattleboro Police Department, and held in lieu of bail. Kane and McCarron will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division on April 5 to face the charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on Reservoir Road for a late reported assault. After investigation it was determined that Charles J. Vinson assaulted his ex-wife, causing her pain and breaking her glasses. There were no serious injuries. Vinson was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department for processing. Vinson was issued Conditions of Release and a citation to appear in court to answer the charge

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department were dispatched to a medical facility for a trespassing complaint. Subsequent investigation showed that Mark J. Caslin became disorderly while on the premises. Caslin had left the area when officers arrived, but was later located and arrested for Simple Assault, Criminal Threatening, Disorderly Conduct, and Unlawful Mischief. Caslin was held in lieu of bail, and will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division to face the charges.

Brattleboro Police responded to the Brattleboro Transportation Center for a report of aggressive panhandlers. Police learned that both Nathan Hazlett (45 of Brattleboro) and Colleen Bagley (27 of Brattleboro) had been inside the Transportation Center. Both Hazlett and Bagley have previously been issued trespass orders for the Transportation Center. Both were issued citations and will appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charges.

Brattleboro Officers responded to Anna Marsh Lane on a report of a stolen vehicle. Upon arrival, Officers observed the vehicle in a parking lot. They contacted the operator Carol VanWormer. VanWormer was found to be incoherent and was holding a can of "Dust-Off" which she had inhaled. EMS was called to the scene. VanWormer was found to have a Criminally Suspended License and was arrested. She is being charged with Operating a vehicle without owner's consent, Driving while Criminally Suspended and Improper use of a hazardous inhalant. She is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charges.

Brattleboro Police responded to a report of a theft at a local store on Canal Street. Two people had left the store without paying for several products. One suspect was identified as Lisa M Gendron of Brattleboro. Gendron was in a place where she was prohibited by court order from being at. Gendron was arrested and later released to appear at court to answer to the charges of Retail Theft and Criminal Contempt.

Brattleboro Police arrested Sarah L. Mercer on an active warrant in the State of Vermont. Mercer was found to have Heroin in her possession after she was arrested. Mercer was placed under arrest and was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where she was fingerprinted, photographed and issued a citation to appear in court to answer the charge.

Brattleboro Police Responded to the Whetstone Walkway for a medical call. When police arrived, they located Lynn Norman on the bench on the walkway and she was extremely intoxicated. Police found Norman had been previously trespassed from the walkway so she was issued a citation to appear in court on May 15, 2018. Norman was transported by Rescue Inc. to the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital due to her intoxication.

Brattleboro Police Responded to Canal Street for a woman who had just stolen a box of wine from a gas station and was now headed north on Canal Street. When police arrived, they located Lynn Norman. Norman was intoxicated and was found to have a box of wine in her possession. Norman had court ordered conditions not to have, drink or possess alcoholic beverages so she was placed under arrest. Norman was later released on a citation to appear in court.

Brattleboro Officers responded to a burglary of a residence on Spruce Street. While they were investigating they received information about the location of the possible suspects. Officers went to contact the suspects and while speaking with them the suspects attempted to flee. One of the suspects Nicholas A Mercier 20 of Rutland VT was apprehended after a short foot pursuit. The other Jeremy A Grenfell 30, of Bellows Falls was located hiding in a residence on Canal Street. During the investigation, it was learned that the suspects had broken into another residence on Western Ave as well. Grenfell and Mercier were taken to the Brattleboro Police Department where they were lodged. Grenfell was held in lieu of \$10,000 bail and Mercier was held in lieu of \$5,000 bail. They are scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charges.

Brattleboro Police responded to an establishment on Canal St for a report of an assault. Multiple witnesses had called police stating that they could hear a female yelling for help, and to call the police. Upon arrival police spoke to the victim, witnesses, and Kyle Goodnow. Investigation determined that Goodnow assaulted his girlfriend. Goodnow was placed under arrest, and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department for processing. EMS was summoned to the scene for the victim, who was treated and released for non-life-threatening injuries. Goodnow was released on conditions of release and a citation. Goodnow will appear in court to answer his charge.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence on Canal St. for a report that there were people sleeping in a hallway. Subsequent investigation revealed that Colleen Bagley, had

an active warrant out for her arrest. Bagley was arrested and held in lieu of bail, and will appear in Windham County Superior Court: Criminal Division to face the charge.

Brattleboro Officers responded to a business on Canal Street on a report of a theft from a vehicle. The caller stated that he had parked his vehicle in the parking lot and went into the store. The caller stated that when he returned that he witnessed a male taking items from his parked vehicle. The caller stated that the male then fled the area in a silver sedan. Brattleboro Officers later located the vehicle with the suspect inside. He identified himself as Jonas F Rogers of Springfield VT. Rogers was found to also have an active arrest warrant. He was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was held on \$500 bail in relation to the warrant. He was issued a Citation for the Petit Theft and is scheduled to go to court to answer to the charge.

Brattleboro Police Responded to the intersection of Canal Street and South Main Street to conduct a welfare check on a female sleeping on the sidewalk. When police arrived, they were able to identify the female as Lynn Norman. Norman very intoxicated and had two boxes of wine in her possession. Norman was placed under arrest and brought to the Brattleboro Police Department for processing. Norman had court order conditions of release that stated she cannot have, buy, or drink alcoholic beverages. Norman was ordered held at the Brattleboro Police Department until sober. Norman was issued a citation to appear in court to answer the charges.

Brattleboro Officers conducted a motor vehicle stop on a vehicle for having multiple violations. While speaking with the operator, officers observed Tyler Partyka to be a passenger in the vehicle. They knew Partyka to have an Active Arrest Warrant. When he was asked his name Partyka provided officers with a false name. A records check confirmed that Partyka did in fact have an Active Warrant for his arrest. Partyka was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. He is being held on \$3000.00 bail and is scheduled to appear in Windham County Superior Court to answer to the charge

Brattleboro Police responded to an establishment on Gibson Rd for a report of a male who had possibly overdosed, was intoxicated, and acting belligerently towards people. Upon arrival Officers located the male, identified as Christopher McQueen from PA. While attempting to convince McQueen to go to the hospital peacefully, McQueen shoved a member of the Brattleboro Police Fire Department. At this point McQueen was placed into protective custody and transported to the hospital for evaluation. Investigation lead officers to determine that prior to their arrival, McQueen had acted in an inappropriate sexual manner towards another female. At the hospital McQueen was disruptive, and acted in a disorderly manner for several hours. McQueen also caused damage to hospital property. Once medically cleared, McQueen was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. There he was eventually released on a citation and conditions of release. McQueen will appear in court to answer his charges.

Brattleboro Police responded to an establishment on Austine Drive for a report of an assault. Upon arrival Officers spoke with the victim and witnesses, and determined that Kevin McGirr had assaulted an individual that he had been in a relationship with in the past, and that the assault was motivated by hate. McGirr left the scene on foot, and was later located by Officers on Canal St. McGirr also had an active arrest warrant in VT, which he was also arrested for. The victim was treated and released by EMS on scene with non-life-threatening injuries. McGirr was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department, where he was held in lieu of bail. McGirr will appear in court to answer his charge.

Brattleboro Police responded to Flat Street for a subject who had just been robbed by another subject. When police arrived, an investigation took place and police arrested Sylvester Little. Little was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was held on \$250 bail on

an unrelated arrest warrant. Little was issued a citation to appear in court for the charge of Larceny from a person.

Brattleboro patrol officers and detectives executed a search warrant at 125 Canal Street. This warrant was part of an ongoing investigation into several burglaries and thefts that have occurred in town over the past few weeks. Evidence and property was seized. Several subjects were detained but no one was arrested at the time the warrant was served. The investigations continue and arrests are expected. Approximately eight officers were involved in the execution of the warrant.

Special Meetings/Communications/Events:

Officer's and staff continue to make numerous appearances to meet and discuss the concerns of the citizens at the senior center, elementary schools, with various organizations and community centers. The topics included personal safety, crime trends, homelessness and internet safety. The Brattleboro Police Department continues to make strides in educating and informing the citizens of our activity and to solicit their feedback on how we can improve our services.

Budget Concerns/Impacts:

We are continuing to monitor the FY 2018 budget.

Staffing:

The Department is currently down 6 positions. Two candidates are currently attending the Vermont Police Academy. Upon graduation they will participate in the Brattleboro Police Department 12-week Field Training program. Interviews for the remaining open positions took place in December 2017. Out of that process there were six candidates selected to move forward into the background phase. Two applicants have either withdrawn their application or did not successfully pass the background investigation. The remaining four candidates were screened for the August 2018 academy class. Out of that screening process there were 3 candidates selected for the August class. One candidate is enrolled while the other 2 are currently placed on the waiting list.