

To: Brattleboro Select board
Via: Peter Elwell, Town Manager
From: Michael R. Fitzgerald, Chief of Police
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SUBJ: JULY 2019 MONTHLY REPORT

Summary of Major Activities/Work Projects:

Officers responded to 1058 calls for service/incidents and made 73 arrests resulting in 109 criminal charges. Included in these calls for service were 11 overdoses with 1 resulting in 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.

35 vehicle operation citations were issued along with 239 warnings. Officers spent approximately 257 hours on foot patrol in the downtown area as well as other neighborhoods and parks in Town.

Cases of Interest:

Brattleboro Police conducted a search warrant on a residence located on Canal St. Jahiem McKoy, a 22-year-old male from NY, and Chrisanna Gagne, a 29-year-old female from VT, were arrested and charged with possession of heroin and cocaine, dispersing cocaine, and dispersing cocaine within a school zone. Justice Vick, a 32-year-old male from NY, was charged with the above crimes, along with resisting arrest. Kenneth Craig, a 44-year-old male from Brattleboro, was charged with possession of heroin and cocaine. Brenda Graves, a 37-year-old female from Brattleboro, was charged with possession of cocaine. All were taken into custody and later released by order of the courts on citations. All will appear at Windham County Superior Court on 8/13/19 to answer their charges.

Brattleboro Police has been receiving false 911 emergency calls to an address on Elliot Street. Officers responded thirteen times in a seven-month period. After an investigation took place police issued Michelle Cleaves a citation to appear in court for causing false public alarms.

Brattleboro Police were made aware of an incident that had occurred at an elementary school in Brattleboro. School officials told police that multiple students had reported inappropriate behavior by a substitute teacher in a fourth-grade classroom. After a lengthy investigation police arrested Ernest Simuro for prohibited conduct.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department responded to Elliot Street for an active verbal argument. Upon arrival to the area, officers located the subjects arguing. During the incident, one of the female subjects started acting aggressively and loudly in a public place. She was identified as Stephanie M. Murano. Murano was arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to South Main Street for a citizen dispute. Subsequent investigation revealed that Jamie Trill, known also as Olivia, struck another man while using racially-charged and derogatory language. No one was transported for injuries as a result of this incident. Trill was placed under arrest and transported to the department where he was lodged in lieu of bail. Trill will appear in Windham County Superior Court to face the charge of Hate-Motivated Simple Assault.

Brattleboro Police responded to a report of a possible fight in progress at a park on Main Street. Upon arrival officers observed two males arguing loudly. Subsequent investigation revealed that Bobby Smith threatened violence and used racial slurs against another male subject. Smith was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Hate Motivated Crimes.

Brattleboro Police responded to a business on Main Street for a report of stolen American flags. It was learned that a large number of American flags with the dimensions of approximately 10"x15" were placed in flower pots along both sides of Main Street and were stolen sometime in the evening hours of 07/04/2019 and the early morning hours of 07/05/2019. This investigation is ongoing and anyone with any information about this case is encouraged to contact the Brattleboro Police Department.

Brattleboro Police Department responded to a parking lot in downtown Brattleboro for a threatening complaint. The complainant reported a male subject, threw a bicycle at her and was now threatening her with a knife. Upon arrival police contacted the male subject, identified as Robert C. Sherman 47 of Brandon VT. Sherman was still holding the knife in his hand and threw it down. Sherman was moderately intoxicated, aggressive and continuing to make verbal threats towards the complainant. The complainant advised she had not been hit with the bicycle and was not injured by the knife. A second victim was identified on scene who had been struck by the thrown bicycle. No medical attention was necessary for either victim. Sherman was transported to the Brattleboro Police station where he was ordered held until sober. Sherman was later transferred to Southern State correctional facility where he was held on lack of \$1500 bail.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department were on foot patrol on Flat St. when they encountered Misbah Abdul-Kareem sitting in an area where he was trespassed. Abdul-Kareem also had an outstanding warrant out for his arrest. The officers arrested Abdul-Kareem for Unlawful Trespass and having an outstanding warrant. Abdul-Kareem was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was held in lieu of bail.

Brattleboro Police responded to the Brattleboro Retreat on a report of an unruly patient. Through investigation it was determined that Janna R. Jarvis caused a disturbance inside the building causing this specific section of the building to be closed. Jarvis was placed under arrest and was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department for processing.

Brattleboro Police were called to a residence on Fairground Rd. for a trespassing complaint. Located was Danielle Braverman, a 33-year-old female from Brattleboro. Braverman was found to be in violation of her court ordered conditions of release. Braverman was arrested will appear at Windham County Superior Court to answer her charge.

Brattleboro Police Department responded to a local business on Main St. for a report of a theft. A lost wallet was turned into staff. An employee later removed cash from the wallet before staff could turn the wallet over to Brattleboro Police. Upon investigation it was found that Tyler Jungman had stolen money from the wallet. Jungman was arrested for petite larceny.

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Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department responded to South Main Street for a reported fight. Subsequent investigation revealed that James A. Douglas and Elise M. Nuccio engaged in a physical altercation. Neither party required medical attention. Both parties were arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

The Brattleboro Police Department were dispatched to a complaint of a theft on Glen St. Subsequent investigation showed that Daniel Baldwin-Page burglarized a house on Glen St. On 7/20/2019 at approximately 2200 hours, Daniel Baldwin-Page turned himself in to the Brattleboro Police. He was arrested and later released with court ordered conditions.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to call for possible sale of illicit drugs, at the parking lot of a business on Main Street, in the Town of Brattleboro. Subsequent investigation revealed that Cynthia R. Radcliffe, a 35-year-old female, had heroin in her possession. Radcliffe was arrested.

The Brattleboro Police Dept. responded to a local community center for a report of a disorderly subject. The complainant reported a female was yelling and spitting at security. Upon arrival officers met with staff and the female subject was identified as Danielle Braverman, 33 of Brattleboro. Braverman was upset but did calm down while the investigation was conducted. A male witness advised police that Braverman's volatile behavior had caused them to cancel meeting with incoming clients. Braverman had a strong odor of intoxicating beverages about her person. A record check confirmed Braverman had conditions of release prohibiting her from drinking alcoholic beverages. Braverman was arrested for disorderly conduct and violating her conditions.

Brattleboro Police responded to a residence on Frost Place for a report of a possible conditions of release violation as well as a trespassing violation. Through investigation it was determined that Misbah A. Abdul-Kareem entered the lands of the residence on Frost Place that he had been previously trespassed from and violated his current conditions of release by being within 300 feet of the residence. Abdul-Kareem was arrested for these violations.

Brattleboro Police located a vehicle that had been reported stolen. Located with the vehicle were Gina Taylor, a 43-year-old female from MA, and Elise Nuccio, a 25-year-old female from Brattleboro. Both were placed under arrest for Operating without Owner's Consent. A search warrant was executed on the vehicle and Taylor's belongings. The results of the warrant, along with further investigation, lead to Taylor also being charged with Grand Larceny, along with possession of Heroin. Nuccio was also charged with possession of heroin.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a local grocery store for a report of a male subject sleeping on products. The complainant reported the male had been previously trespassed from the business. Prior to arrival on scene the complainant reported the male had left the store on foot. Officers located the male a short distance from the store. The male subject was identified as Misbah Abdul-Kareem of Wilmington VT. Abdul-Kareem admitted to having been inside the store. It was confirmed Abdul-Kareem had been previously served with a Trespass warning for the business. Abdul-Kareem was arrested and processed for the offense of Unlawful Trespass.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to the Brattleboro Transportation Center for a report of a fight. Upon arrival, it was discovered that Jonathan A. Rutledge, 41, of St Johnsbury VT had assaulted another male. The victim was transported to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Rutledge was arrested for simple assault and ordered to be lodged until sober

Brattleboro Police encountered Misbah Abdul-Kareem on Chapin St. Kareem currently has a court ordered curfew prohibiting him to be out at night. This curfew stems from multiple alleged car thefts that occurred during the overnight hours. Kareem was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. Kareem was ordered held on \$200.00 bail.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department were flagged down and informed of a suspected impaired driver near a business on Canal Street. Subsequent investigation revealed that Danielle I. Braverman had violated her Conditions of Release, when she was found to be under the influence of alcohol. Braverman was arrested and ordered to be held until she was sober.

Brattleboro Police observed a vehicle commit a motor vehicle violation on Canal St. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently initiated. The operator, Jesus J. Urraca, a 26-year-old male from RI, was found to be under the influence of marijuana. Urraca was placed under arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department.

The Brattleboro Police Department responded to a residence on Generous Street for an intoxication complaint. Upon arrival officers found Lynn Norman, who was intoxicated in violation of her court-ordered conditions of release. Norman was arrested for Contempt of Court.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department were on foot patrol on Canal Street when they came across Kenneth Craig smoking crack cocaine. Subsequent investigation revealed that Craig was in possession of cocaine. Craig was arrested for the violation.

Brattleboro Police Department responded to a local business on Putney Rd. for a report of a group of people drinking. Upon arrival Janice Maddox-Calderon was yelling and screaming at Brattleboro Police and at the employees of the business. Janice was arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

Brattleboro Police responded to a hotel on Canal Street for a report of a female subject trespassing. Upon arrival, police met with Lynn S. Norman and it was discovered that she had been previously trespassed from the property and she was found to be in violation of her active conditions of release. Norman was placed under arrest and was transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. Norman was ordered to be held until sober.

Officers from the Brattleboro Police Department responded to a business on Putney Rd for a report of a partially nude elderly female sleeping on the ground behind the building. Upon arrival Officers located Lynn S. Norman 60, of Brattleboro, sleeping without her shirt or undergarments. Norman was extremely intoxicated; a partial bottle of wine was located next to her. Records check showed Norman had an active warrant for her arrest as well as conditions of release prohibiting her from drinking, buying or possessing alcoholic beverages. Due to her level of intoxication Norman was transported to the Hospital for medical clearance. At the hospital Norman became disorderly, screaming in the hallway, disrupting the ER which was extremely busy. Norman was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Contempt

The Brattleboro Police Department were dispatched to Elliot Street for a report of two females fighting. Subsequent investigation revealed Danielle Braverman started to physically fight with another female after a verbal argument. Braverman was arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department were dispatched to a residence on Fairview Street, for a report of a woman trying to remove children, that were not hers, from a vehicle. Subsequent investigation revealed that Danielle I. Braverman had attempted to take two children at a business on Main Street. Braverman had tried to remove the children's restraints after their mother placed them in her vehicle. The mother was successful in fending off Braverman's attempts. Braverman was located later at a parking lot on Flat Street. Braverman was also found to be under the influence of alcohol, in violation of her court ordered conditions of release. Braverman was arrested and ordered held in lieu of bail.

The Brattleboro Police Department were on patrol on High Street. Officers contacted the operator of a motor vehicle for a motor vehicle violation. The operator was identified as Buddy W. Vecchiano. Further investigation revealed that Vecchiano was under the influence of alcohol. It was also found that Vecchiano had a criminally suspended operator's license. During the investigation, Vecchiano fled the scene on foot. Vecchiano was caught and placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence, Operating with a Criminally Suspended License, and Resisting Arrest and transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where he was held in lieu of bail.

Officers of the Brattleboro Police Department were flagged down by citizen at a park on Canal Street. Subsequent investigation revealed that Bobby R. Smith, a 48 year old male, had a verbal and physical altercation with a female at the park. While searching Smith, he was found to have cocaine in his possession. Smith was arrested for the violations.

Brattleboro Police responded to a report of shots fired on Elliot Street near Elm Street. Responding officers initiated an investigation. The BPD Criminal Investigation Division took over the investigation and developed probable cause to charge Ocasio with the listed crimes for allegedly firing a gun at two people in a nearby bus stop. There were no reported physical injuries as a result of this incident. The Brattleboro police have applied for and obtained an arrest warrant for Ocasio for attempted 2nd degree murder, aggravated assault, and aggravated domestic assault. The victims of these crimes were known to Ocasio and there is no known specific danger to the public. During the investigation into this incident, Michael Samuels (19) of CT was arrested and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. A 9mm handgun with and extended magazine, laser targeting device and an obliterated serial number was located on scene.

Brattleboro Police observed Quinton Gordon, a 34-year-old male from New York. Officers knew Gordon to have an active warrant for his arrest, and made contact. Once advised that he was under arrest, Gordon assaulted officers, and resisted arrest. His companion, Erica Nunez, an 18-year-old female from New Jersey, assaulted police to hinder Gordon's arrest. Both were placed under arrest. Gordon was arrested for resisting arrest, assault on a law enforcement officer, disorderly conduct, possession of a stimulant, possession of cocaine, and possession of heroin. Nunez was arrested for resisting arrest, impeding a police officer, disorderly conduct, assault on a law enforcement officer. Both were transported to the Brattleboro Police Department. There, both were ordered held on bail. Gordon was held in lieu of \$5,000, and Nunez was held in lieu of \$2,000.

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:

Monitoring the FY 2020 budget. No concerns or issues to report.

Staffing:

Two officers are in the process of completing the Brattleboro Police Department's 12-week Field Training Program with a completion date in late September 2019.

We currently have two recruits attending the Vermont Police Academy 108th Basic class.

The Department is short 3 positions. We are continuously accepting applications as we will anticipate filling vacancies from turnovers and retirements.