



Community Sector Monthly Report Sector 413 November 2007



This has been another good month for Sector 413. We really count on the citizens in this Sector and once again you have pulled through for us! Your cooperation this month has helped us stop crimes before they were committed and make arrests on crimes that were committed. Please continue to call us with information regarding suspicious persons or activity. You know your neighborhoods better than we do. Thanks to all of you for your continued support!! November crime in Sector 413 was down 16%.

Sector 413s Most Wanted

Please call RPD if you have any information on the whereabouts of the following individuals!!!

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- 1. Carl Landes Wells is wanted for Malicious Wounding. He is homeless but is known to frequent the following areas; Kanawha Plaza, Monroe Park, 6th St. Market Place, and the Richmond Public Library on Franklin St.**
- 2. Michael Winston is wanted for Robbery, Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Eelony, Abduction, and Assault. He is known to frequent 2nd and Broad.**



Significant Arrests

11/15/07 – Officers Steven Szeles, Dawn Lehmann and James Higgins organized and conducted a Decoy Operation to catch individuals responsible for breaking in to your cars. In less than 2 hours they were able to arrest Leland Morton and charge him with Grand Larceny. This time it was our car broken in to. Don't let the next one be yours – take everything inside with you. Mr. Morton was also charged with Possession of Cocaine. Awesome work by these Officers!!

11/26/07 - Due to the assistance of a citizen in Oregon Hill, Terrance Bridy was arrested and charged with 2 Burglaries and Grand Larceny. A citizen observed Mr. Bridy coming from his neighbor's back yard carrying suspicious items. The citizen confronted the suspect and the suspect began to run. The citizen followed him and was able to detain him until Officer Patrick Mansfield was on scene. Officer Mansfield remembered that Mr. Bridy matched the description of the suspect in an attempted burglary on 11/02 – that victim was notified and was able to identify him as the person attempting to break in to his home. Mr. Bridy was charged with both offenses. Thank you for looking out for each other!!! Great teamwork!!

11/30/07 – A robbery occurred at 311 N. 2nd Street. The victim stated that he was robbed at gunpoint by a black male and a black female. Moments later - 1st Precinct Detective Chester Roberts observed and detained 2 persons matching the suspect descriptions at Price and Chamberlayne Pkwy. The victim and an independent witness were able to positively identify both suspects. Sergeant Robert McNamara and Officer David Stone located the firearm used in the robbery in a nearby alley. Detective Chris Foultz interviewed both suspects who gave full confessions. Fantastic work by all!!

11/30/07 – During the Grand Illumination, a bag containing police equipment was stolen from a car driven by a Neighborhood Assistance Officer. Because it contained police equipment – it was vital that the items were recovered quickly. A citizen notified RPD that there was someone trying to sell a police radio at 1st and Grace. Sergeant Michael Talley and Officer Donnie Watkins responded to the area and were unable to locate the suspect but were able to find some of the equipment in an alley. Another citizen gave information on a possible location of the suspect. The Officers responded to the area and were able to apprehend the suspect who gave a full confession and told officers where they could find the rest of the equipment. Thank you to the citizens who provided this valuable information and thank you to the Sergeant, Officers and Neighborhood Assistance Officers who worked hard to recover the equipment and apprehend the suspect.

Crime Watch Tips

In November we had 5 robberies in this Sector. 2 were in Oregon Hill, 2 in Jackson Ward, and 1 in City Center. Please be aware of your surroundings at ALL times! Please read these safety tips and report all suspicious activity!!!

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips While Shopping:

- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Shop with a friend, there is safety in numbers.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check, credit or debit card.
- If possible, carry only your license, personal checks, or necessary credit/debit cards.
- If you must carry a purse, do not wrap the straps around your arms or shoulders. Carry a clutch purse tightly under your arm or wear a fanny pack.
- Do not carry a wallet in a back pocket. It should be placed in a front pocket of your pants.
- Be alert that crooks look for the “high dollar” shopping bags with your purchases. When possible, slip bags/purchases in a plain nondescript bag.
- Watch purchases while eating in mall food courts; bags can easily be switched or taken.
- Educate your children about what to do if they are lost as well as “Stranger Danger”.
- Don’t overburden yourself with too many packages. Use store’s package pick-up.
- Have your car keys ready in hand before leaving the store.
- If you do return to your vehicle to unload purchases, place them in the trunk.
- Try not to shop until the store closes. Remember, fewer people are present at this time.

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips In Parking Lots:

- Shop early and leave early to avoid evening darkness.
- Park in a high visibility area and check for lighting in case you leave during the dark.
- Prior to arriving at the shopping center, lock all your valuables in the trunk.
- Leave the store with others, not alone.
- Ask security to escort you to your vehicle if you feel uncomfortable.
- Walk briskly, confidently, and directly through the parking lot. Be cautious of people handing out fliers or asking questions in the parking area.
- Watch for people who may be following you. This can occur inside as well as outside. If you suspect someone following you, report it to security immediately.

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips At Home:

- Keep the outside of your home well lit with doors locked and window curtains closed.
- Don’t display gifts beneath the Christmas tree that can be seen from windows or doors.
- After the holidays, don’t advertise gifts received by the boxes left for the garbage collection. Destroy boxes and place in a sealed, dark colored garbage bag.

**** Being a smart party host or guest should include being sensible about alcoholic drinks. More than half of all traffic fatalities are alcohol-related. Use designated drivers, people who do not drink, to drive other guests home after a holiday party.***



Who was arrested in your neighborhood for drug violations? – Read on...

Edwards, Almik for possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute.
1st and Duvall.

Greenway, Charles for possession of marijuana.
600 N. 1st St.

Harper, Brian for possession of a controlled substance.
Grace and Laurel

Kushlak, Joshua for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute on or near school property.
Cary and Harrison

Long, Edison for possession of marijuana.
Belvidere and Broad

McLaughlin, Ellis for possession of marijuana.
6th and Jackson

Morgan, Marvin for possession of a controlled substance.
401 W. Broad St.

Morton, Leland for possession of a controlled substance.
100 E. Grace St.

Settell, Stephen for possession of marijuana.
710 W. Franklin

Shutt, Christine for possession of a controlled substance.
1400 E. Broad

Smith, Devon for possession of marijuana.
Belvidere & Grace

Ward, James for possession of a controlled substance.
401 W. Broad St.

* There were 8 other individuals charged with narcotic offenses either at Police HQs, Lock-up or in the court buildings.



Good News

Officers and Sergeants continue to patrol your neighborhoods with our LPR (License Plate Reader) Car. This car is equipped with a computer that reads license plates as it goes by and alerts the officers when it locates a stolen car or stolen license plates.

During the month of December, Officers will continue doing plain clothes operations in an attempt to catch those individuals responsible for breaking into cars. Again, I cannot stress enough – PLEASE PLEASE do not leave anything in the passenger compartment of your vehicle. Take everything inside with you or lock it in the trunk!



I wanted to send a special “Thank You” to our Neighborhood Assistance Officers! They have worked very hard this year to help keep us safe during 1st Fridays. Every month they send 4-6 Officers to assist with traffic and pedestrian patrol on Broad Street. They will be out again this Friday. If you are out and about and have a second to stop by and thank them – please do. They also patrol your neighborhoods deterring crime and searching for abandoned vehicles that need towed. These “volunteers” work with RPD throughout the year assisting with crime scenes, traffic control at accidents, and special events such as parades, marathons and community days – just to name a few. If you would like to learn more about the Neighborhood Assistance Officer Program or to obtain an application, you can visit their website at <http://www.richmondgov.com/departments/police/nao/nao.aspx>. To report an abandoned vehicle – you can call their hotline at 804.545.9696.

*I hope that you all have a wonderful AND SAFE Holiday Season!
Please do not hesitate to call me if there is anything I can do for you.*

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