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TO: Mayor O'Leary and Council Members
FROM: Chief Brian Sturgeon
SUBJECT: Calls for Service - November 2024 and Public Safety Report

Below is a summary of the calls for service from November 1 – November 30, 2024.

Traffic Stops

- MH – Warned for expired tabs.
- IG – Warned for failure to maintain lane.
- IG, WS – Warned for expired tabs and tint. Advised of out of state warrant.
- IG – Warned for lane violation.
- IG – Warned for reckless lane change and left turn.
- WS - Warned for no lights.
- WS – no warning/citation issued. Officer ran plate wrong. Advised driver they were free to go.
- WS – Warned for license violation.
- WS – Driver stopped on the road in front of officer. Driver thought they were being pulled over. Officer explained to the driver that his lights were on while he was on the shoulder due to a previous traffic stop. Driver then understood and went on his way, no further issues.
- IG – Warned for turn signal.
- WS – Warned for failure to signal.
- WS - Warned for suspended registration and license violation.

Suspicious Activity

- RP is out of state and reported seeing 2 men with clipboards on their camera. Officers found a contractor on site who did not see or hear the two men who could have been looking from him at the work site. The area was checked and did not locate the two men.
- RP reported the alarm going off at the neighbor's residence. Officer checked houses to the east and west – nothing suspicious or heard. Contacted RP, no answer – left voicemail.
- RP reported two males at her home. The irrigation company opened the garage to blow out the sprinklers. Advised employees for the reason officers were present. Contacted homeowner and confirmed they were allowed at the residence.
- RP (Realty Co.) reported two individuals claiming a property/plot belongs to them. RP isn't sure which person is the owner. Paperwork matches both. Advised Dakota County would need to be contacted to verify the owner.
- RP reported a white pickup truck in the area. Lights are on, unknown plates. The vehicle was gone on arrival.
- While checking an address, officer located a vehicle not registered to the home in the driveway. Found to be related to the home.
- RP reported a suspicious vehicle with a person inside. Driver was taking a break. Male left without issue.
- RP reported a suspicious white work van on Salem Church Rd. Officer checked area. Vehicle was gone on arrival.
- RP reported two males walking around the outside of his house on video. Officers walked the exterior of the home. All doors secured. Advised RP it was the workers from next door.
- Suspicious vehicle with Florida plates driving westbound towards Delaware. Officer drove the area and did not locate the vehicle. Gone on arrival/unable to locate.

Suspicious Activity (continued)

- RP saw a reflection up on the hill behind his property. Officer checked the area and did not locate the reflection or what might have caused it.
- RP reported hearing chainsaw noises coming from nearby area. Officer checked and cleared properties nearby.
- RP reported a van in the driveway, and it started to pull out. Officers checked area, unable to locate.
- Unoccupied vehicle at Bethel Baptist Church. He is a contractor doing work on the house next door.
- Vehicle parked along the roadway. The owner is a contractor doing work at the house.
- Vehicle occupied by two (male and female) eating. Moved along with no issue.
- Observed vehicle driving through SFL into Mendota Heights. Info only.
- RP observed a van sitting outside of the home. They are putting up Christmas decorations for the homeowner.
- Vehicle has been driving around the area for about 20 minutes. It is currently parked near mailboxes. Officer was unable to locate. Cleared all Sunnyside and Angell Rd driveways.
- Suspicious individuals taking photos of RP's house. KSTP news was at the end of the driveway on Acorn Dr.
- RP reported a few days prior, that a male was driving around looking for deer to show his kids. No license plate.
- RP saw dim lights on inside neighbor's house. Contacted homeowners and all is okay.
- RP saw a drone north of his residence but cannot see the operator. The drone was the State Patrol Helicopter flying low on another WSP incident.
- Suspicious vehicle driving around Sunfish Lake. They picked up packages and pulled into a garage of a residence in Mendota Heights. Not sure if this was Sunfish Lake or Mendota Heights call as the caller was giving a lot of different locations.
- RP saw 2 Males walking around a utility truck in the empty lot next to their property. They are cutting down trees for Wright Tree Service out of Iowa.
- RP reported his parents are out of town and the garage door is open. Checked the garage and found residence all secure.
- Suspicious male in a pickup with a trailer full of tree branches. He was hired by the city forester to trim along the road. He was aware of the recent break-ins.
- Suspicious male on a bike with no lights on front or back. Officer warned individual for not having the proper equipment. No further issues.
- RP saw a flashlight in the neighbor's yard across the lake. Amazon van leaving near address. Officer walked through the woods and checked nearby homes. All appeared secure.
- Observed vehicle parked at gate of the residence. Driver stated he worked for Amazon and threw a package over the gate. Male showed the Amazon delivery app on his phone.
- RP stated there are two vehicles parked in the cul-de-sac that goes into RP's driveway. RP has lawn service currently and is not sure these vehicles belong to the lawn service. Vehicles were for neighbor's lawncare company. All Clear.
- Suspicious vehicle driving around SFL. Checked the city and did not locate the vehicle.
- RP heard alarm sounding to the north of his residence from across the lake. No alarms heard upon arrival. Checked Angell Rd, Sunny Side Ln, Sunfish Ln. Nothing found.
- RP received an alert that the internet was out at his residence. They are not home. Officers checked the house and found the home secure. Nothing suspicious or out of the ordinary seen from the outside.
- RP advised a vehicle had been parked on shared driveway for some time. The driver is waiting for his supervisor for a demolition job at the neighbor's house. Supervisor arrived and confirmed.
- RP's neighbor is on vacation. They have a lot of construction activity going on and officers confirmed there is construction activity occurring.
- Suspicious van in the area pulled over to drink coffee until appointment. They have a printed work order in hand and an appointment confirmation on their phone.
- Suspicious worker in a white utility truck pulled things out of the woods. One object looked like a bullet proof vest. Officer spoke with Century Link worker on power lines. He has an old life jacket that he places on the ground to protect his knees.
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Suspicious Activity (continued)

- Suspicious vehicle appeared unoccupied. Officer called out and made contact with a male who stated he was out for a walk in the woods, and he had recently done work in the area. Officer advised he was potentially trespassing on private property. Male moved along without incident.
- Suspicious vehicle with paint cans in the back seat. ADT Home Security doing work in the area.
- Unoccupied vehicle sitting on the side of the road for 3 hours. Vehicle belongs to alarm company doing work in the area.
- RP reported car at the end of the driveway and a male standing outside of the car. Officer made contact with the male who said he had permission to hunt on the land. He was collecting his trail cameras. Confirmed this story with the homeowner.
- RP reported occupied vehicle parked at residence. It has been there for a while. Vehicle belongs to homeowner's business.
- Suspicious van in the area. Checked along entire drive – no white van found.
- Suspicious truck slowed down, and a male got out on the passenger side. The truck left without the male passenger getting back in. Officer drove the area and used drone. Nothing was seen or heard. No heat signatures detected by drone.
- Suspicious van has stopped at neighbor's mailbox multiple times. The house is vacant and for sale. Van gone on arrival. Unable to locate. Spoke with reporting person and vehicle may belong to their son's friend.
- Observed a vehicle parked on the shoulder. Vehicle does not register to SFL. Checked with resident and it is a friend's vehicle.

Extra Patrol

For the month of November there were **122** calls for extra patrol in SFL due to the recent break-ins in the area. There were **5** requesting extra patrol for vacation home checks.

Alarm/Burglary/Holdup

- RP reported the neighbor's alarm going off. Checked and found no alarm going off and no issues.
- **WS24003342** Alarm Company received notification on the basement patio door and foyer. Per homeowner there have been problems with the alarm sensor in the foyer. Checked the basement patio door, met with homeowners, and cleared.
- **WS24003365** Alarm for garage door. Homeowner provided code and requested a cancel, but the officers were already on scene. Homeowners met with officers.
- **WS24003376** Alarm for the bathroom window – no signs of forced entry. Walked wooded area behind residence and obtained code from homeowner to check the interior. Inside the home was clear. Officers did locate an open window, but the screen was intact.
- **WS24003383** Alarm for garage door. The garage door was not secure. Homeowner had just left prior to the alarm call but came back and allowed officers to check the interior. No issues.
- Alarm Company received a front door alarm. Homeowner provided the correct passcode to the alarm company to cancel the police. Spoke with homeowner who advised false alarm.
- **WS24003406** Alarm for foyer motion. False alarm as homeowner/Alarm Company were testing the alarm.
- **WS24003437** RP is out of town and received notification of alarm on master bedroom screen door. Officers checked windows and doors and found home was secure. The homeowner remotely unlocked the home for the officers and the interior was checked as well.
- **WS24003439** Alarm on the living room windows. Unsecured basement door, residence cleared, no signs of attempted entry. The homeowner came to the location and walked the home with officers.
- **WS24003444** Homeowner requested dispatch to the residence. Officers checked and found the door to storage room open but no access to the interior of the home. No signs of attempted entry. Spoke with homeowner who checked cameras and found no movement inside.
- **WS24003459** Front door alarm at residence. Made contact with the homeowner, false alarm.
- **WS24003460** Alarm for foyer motion. Spoke to homeowner who arrived on scene. False alarm.
- **WS24003462** Alarm cancelled before arrival. The father of homeowner was in the garage, and he provided the correct code for alarm as officers arrived in the driveway.
- **WS24003468** Homeowner stated it was an accident as they are home.

Alarm/Burglary/Holdup (continued)

- Alarm detected motion in the mud room. Unsecure garage door. Officers cleared the home. The homeowner thinks it may have been his dog.
- Alarm detected motion detected in the basement. The alarm company requested to cancel as they received the request from their app.
- Homeowner observed a light in the back yard and was unsure of what it was. A solar light was installed earlier. No issues. Cleared.
- Smoke detector alarm in the basement. Received cancel from alarm company. Dust from construction.
- Kitchen door residential burglar alarm. Resident provided proper code, and we were cancelled.
- **WS24003572** Garage door alarm. Officer made contact with the homeowner. No signs of forced entry, home is secure.
- Alarm in the garage. Accidentally set off by homeowner when she moved the turkey into the garage. No emergency and everyone is ok.
- **WS24003600** Garage alarm set off accidentally when homeowner entered the garage.

Burglary

- **WS24003422** RP arrived home to footprints of mud all around the house.
- **WS24003453** Officer found an unoccupied home broken into.

Premise Check

There were 3 premise checks for the month of November. All clear. No issues. These types of calls can be coded Extra Patrol as well so most of the directed, specific addresses are listed in Extra Patrol as well.

Trespass

- Male wearing a USPS employee refused to leave the property. He was smoking near his truck in the parking lot. No USPS truck on-site. Gone upon arrival and advised employee to contact USPS to complain about the worker.

Open Doors/Windows

- Officer observed an open garage door. Homeowner advised that they keep the garage door open until they bring the dog in for the night. All clear.

Fraud Activity

- **WS24003488** RP calling on behalf of his neighbor for fraudulent credit card charges. RP was informed that the victim needed to make the report. Officer received a voicemail from the victim. Attempted to call back, no answer.
- **WS24003484** Unauthorized charges made on 3 credit cards.

Detail Traffic/Tobacco

- Filling up gas tank to camera trailer.
- Filling up Trailer

Follow up

- **WS24003324** RP calling for a follow-up on the case.
- **116 Salem Church Rd** - Resident left voicemail stating they saw the police in the area and asked if there was anything he needs to be aware of. Called can left a voicemail stating there was a false alarm at the neighbor's home.
- **WS24003453** RP working with officers to get surveillance videos.
- Resident wanted to let officers know they are home from vacation.

Public Assist

- Officer answered questions regarding the best security system.
- Officer answered questions about recent break-ins from concerned resident.
- RP informed officers of vacation dates and requested extra patrol.
- RP is out of town and would like an officer to drive by her house to check if everything is ok. Officer advised RP everything looked good from Charlton Rd.
- Male passenger got out of friend's vehicle due to their driving conduct. Requested a ride to SSP.

Assist Other Juris

- Assisted State Patrol with an accident with injuries.
- Multi-agency - Assisted Fire, State – Veh vs. Deer. Driver transported to the hospital.

Misc/Uncategorized

- RP has concerns and questions regarding the recent break-ins and hiring a security company.
- RP found an arrow in his yard that he believes came from a bowhunter in the area.
- RP informed officers of vehicles being parked in front of the house.
- RP providing tips regarding the recent burglaries. There used to be bike paths through the woods. RP thought people were using those.

Paper Service/Civil

- Left notice.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Sturgeon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "S".

Chief Brian Sturgeon

2024 ALARM CALLS

	Current	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
January	1	1	3
February	5	6	6
March	3	9	12
April	0	9	17
May	2	11	18
June	4	15	19
July	4	19	25
August	2	21	27
September	3	24	29
October	3	27	34
November	20	47	34
December			37

Numbers indicate burglar alarms received regardless if a cancellation was received prior to officer arrival.

December 2, 2024