



Community Crime Update
Zone 5 Police Station
Week of July 18th – 24th



Homewood / East Hills

7/17/17 Carjacking - 7200 block Hamilton Avenue, 1:00 AM. Victim arrived at Zone 5 station and told officers that two black males with black t-shirts covering their faces were following him as he was going to his vehicle. As victim got in the car one of the males pulled up his shirt, displaying a gun, and said "you know what it is." The other male grabbed the keys out of the victim's hands and both males jumped into the victim's **2002 gold Chrysler PT Cruiser (PA plate KCY-8366)** and fled down Hamilton Avenue. (132776)

7/17/16 Burglary - 1000 block Brushton Avenue. Victim told officers when she returned home she found she had been burglarized. Taken from the house were various items of food, pots and pans, and other household items. There was no sign of forced entry. Victim believes her former roommate may have burglarized the house. (134737)

7/19/16 Aggravated Assault – Durango Way & Bennett Street, 12:30 AM. Two female victims, both 23, told officers that they were walking home last night when a group of (5) unknown black females and (1) male got out of a car and began kicking and punching them. The suspects then fled the area. The victims were unable to give any further description. The victims were not seriously injured. (134107)

7/19/16 Aggravated Assault (Domestic) - 2300 Block Parkhill Drive, 3:30 AM Officers responded to a violent domestic. Witnesses told the officers they observed the neighbor pulling his wife into the house by the throat and slamming the door. The witnesses knocked on the door to check on the female and the female screamed for the neighbors to kick the door in. The witnesses kicked the door in and observed **Michael Ray Gardner, 57, of East Hills**, on top of the victim, choking her. The witnesses pulled Gardner off of the victim and began CPR as she was not breathing. The victim was still unconscious while officers were on scene. Gardner was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault. (134408)

7/20/16 Burglary - 7900 block Inglenook Place. Victim told officers that unknown persons took various construction tools: Black and Decker Generator, 20' aluminum ladder, 6' Baker scaffold, dry wall lift, 6 panel door, and various hand tools out of his rental property. The front door had been kicked in and the home appeared to have squatters staying there. (134686)

7/22/16 Barricaded Person / SWAT Response - 7700 Block Bennett Street, 11:20 AM: Officers responded to a violent domestic. The victim told officers that she was arguing with her boyfriend when things turned physical. **Lavar Harris, 29, of Homewood**, prevented the victim and her child from leaving the residence and threatened her with a sword. Victim told officers she finally got outside but Harris was locked in the house. Harris refused to open the door for officers and barricaded himself in the home. PGH SWAT was requested and police negotiators were ultimately able to convince Harris to surrender. Harris was arrested and charged with Simple Assault and Unlawful Restraint. (135819)

Larimer / Lincoln-Lemington

7/17/16 Burglary (Domestic) – 6500 block Meadow Street. A 34 year-old female victim reported that her ex-boyfriend, **Akiba Malik Rakilam, 39, of Homestead**, kicked in her door and began yelling at her. The victim was not injured but was visibly upset. Officers will obtain an arrest warrant for Rakilam. (132816)

7/19/16 Burglary – 600 block Lowell Street. Victim reported that she returned to her property to find that a padlock had been removed and someone had tampered with the door. A Playstation 4 and cash were missing. (133263)

7/19/16 Burglary - 1200 Block Paulson Avenue. Victim told officers that an unknown person entered her home through a first floor window and took a 60" flat screen TV, 48" flat screen Toshiba, 42" flat screen TV and a whirlpool deep freezer. Exit was made through a rear door. (134783)

7/20/16 Theft from Vehicle - 1500 block Oberlin Street. Victim told officers her license plate (PA plate FBD7990) was taken off her 2003 Mitsubishi Galante while she was away from her home. (135230)

7/20/16 Burglary - 100 block Meadow Street, 10:00 AM. Victim told officers that someone entered her bedroom, which she rents at a boarding house, and took \$1,800.00 out of a locked metal cash box from her closet. No forced entry was observed to the room but the cash box appeared to have been forced open. (135948)

7/21/16 Aggravated Assault - 6600 Block Apple Street, 1:10 AM: Officers responded to Apple Street for a male bleeding on the porch. Officers encountered a male bleeding from his right ankle and a laceration between his eyes. The victim told the officers that three males stomped on his right ankle until it broke. The victim pointed out a black male in the street as one of the actors, a white male named "Simon" was in the house and another unknown black male. Officers arrested the male in the street. He was identified as **Michael Eatmon, 54, of Lincoln-Lemington**. Officers then did a protective sweep of the residence and located the white male, **Simon (Last name unknown)**, in a 2nd floor bedroom, with blood-covered socks and a swollen hand from punching something. Eatmon and "Simon" were placed under arrest and charged with Aggravated Assault, Criminal Conspiracy and Unlawful Restraint. "Simon" will be positively identified once he is fingerprinted. (135027)

Bloomfield/Garfield/Friendship

7/19/16 Stolen Vehicle - 4900 block Baum Blvd, 11:23 PM. Victim told Zone 5 Officers she left her **2005 silver Ford Escape (PA plate JTL-1219)** unlocked with the keys inside while she went into the GetGo. When she returned the car had been stolen. (134321)

7/19/16 Theft From Vehicle - 300 Block Gross Street. Victim told officers that someone entered her 2014 Nissan Rogue and took an HP Elite Book Laptop. No signs of forced entry to the car. (134456)

7/23/16 Stolen Vehicle - 300 Block N. Fairmont Street. Victim told officers that her **2011 BMW 328xi (PA plate 10109-PD)** was taken from in front of her home. Victim keeps a spare set of keys in her husband's car and believes he left his car unlocked. (137375)

Stanton Heights/Morningside/Highland Park/East Liberty/Waterworks Mall

7/18/16 Aggravated Assault – N. Negley Avenue & Rural Street, 4:40 AM. A 54 year-old male victim reported that a man that he knows as "Spider" hit him in the head with a hammer following a verbal argument over a lawn chair. The victim had minor swelling and refused EMS. Detectives are attempting to learn the identity of Spider man. (133158)

7/18/16 Burglary – 1300 block Heberton Street. Victim reported that when he awoke in the morning, he noticed his back door open and some trophies, silver bowls, and a silver tea set had been stolen. There were no signs of forced entry. (133176)

7/18/16 Theft from Vehicle – 100 block N. Negley Avenue. Victim reported that someone stole her **2005 blue Chrysler PT Cruiser (PA plate JPJ-3603)**. (133165)

7/18/16 Theft from Vehicle – 700 block Chislett Street. Victim reported that someone stole her registration and insurance information from her vehicle. No signs of forced entry into the vehicle. (133294)

7/18/16 Attempted Theft from Vehicle - 6500 Jackson Street. Victim told officers that unknown person(s) entered his unlocked vehicle and ransacked the car. Unknown if anything is missing at this time. (134182)

7/19/16 Theft from Vehicle – 700 block Mellon Street. Victim stated that someone stole an iPad and his wallet out of his work vehicle. No signs of forced entry. (134078)

7/20/16 Burglary - 1100 Chislett Street. Victim told officers unknown persons took a lawn mower from her detached garage. There were no signs of forced entry to the garage. (134788)

7/20/16 Stolen Vehicle - 900 block Chislett Street. Victim told officers that an unknown person took her **2012 gray Chevy Sonic (PA plate JSP-7425)** while it was parked in front of her house. Victim states there was an extra set of keys in the glove box. (135159)

7/21/16 Robbery (Domestic) - 6400 block Frankstown Avenue, 2:59 AM. Victim told officers her ex-boyfriend confronted her while she was walking in the 6400 block of Frankstown Avenue. Victim states **Richard Wade, 20, of Larimer**, grabbed her by the throat and ripped her purse off of her shoulder, then left the area in a white Ford Explorer. Officers will be obtaining an arrest warrant for Wade. (135070)

7/21/16 Theft from Vehicle - Columbo Street & Wicklow Street. Victim told officers that her wallet containing cash, various credit cards, ID, as well as her house keys were taken out of her unlocked vehicle. (137300)

7/21/16 Stolen Vehicle - 800 block Highview Street. Victim told officers that an unknown person stole her **2002 Nissan Xterra (Ohio plate FCB-7266)** while it was parked in the street overnight. (135908)



Notable Arrests

7/17/16 at 10:30 PM – N. Negley Avenue & Rural Street (East Liberty): Officers Erevia and Connors responded to a call for a man holding a gun to someone's head, threatening to shoot people. Further information from 911 indicated that this male was irate because somebody stole his car. Officers arrived on scene quickly and found a male and female sitting in a vehicle out front. Officers recognized the male from earlier in the evening as the victim of an auto theft. This male, **Robert Castaphney, 48, of Larimer,** and his companion, **Janet Simmons, 26, of Wilksburg,** were detained while officers attempted to sort out the situation. A short time later, officers located a victim who indicated that Castaphney threatened her with a gun then struck her in the head, causing lacerations. Officers subsequently recovered a gun and marijuana from Simmons' purse and both Castaphney and Simmons were placed under arrest. (133032)

7/18/16 at 9:50 PM – Felicia Way & N. Braddock Avenue (Homewood): Officers Notbohm and Blasko were patrolling the area when they were flagged-down by a resident who alerted them to suspicious activity in the alleyway. The officers located two women in the alley, loitering near an abandoned house. One of the women, **Jennifer Stanley, 38, Address unknown,** was found to have an outstanding warrant for Prostitution. She was placed under arrest without incident. The other woman did not have any legitimate reason to be loitering by the abandoned homes and was asked to leave the area. (145495)

7/19/16 at 2:20 AM – Brushton Avenue & Kelly Street (Homewood): Zone 5 Officers Andrew Tantarella and Timothy Matson were patrolling Brushton Avenue after receiving complaints of drug activity and loitering in the area late at night. Officers heard a gunshot and immediately noticed a male standing in the bed of a pick-up truck, holding a revolver in his hand. This male was later identified as **Robert Charles Rue, Jr, 24, of Wilksburg.** Officers ordered Rue to drop the gun and show his hands, but

instead Rue fled on foot. Rue held onto the gun as he ran from officers, refusing their commands to drop it. A K-9 officer who was close by responded to the chase and deployed his police dog, Ben. Ben apprehended Rue after a brief struggle. During the struggle, Rue lost his grip on the gun and officers were able to seize the weapon. Officers did confirm that the gun seized from Rue had (1) spent round in the cylinder. Rue was taken to the hospital and treated for minor wounds before being transported to the Allegheny County Jail. (133728)

7/20/16 at 7:35 PM - Sheridan Avenue & Station Street (East Liberty): Zone 5 Plainclothes Detectives were conducting surveillance in the area when they observed a female in a blue Honda Civic fastening a tourniquet around her arm and appearing to shoot heroin. The car began leaving the parking lot and was pulled over by officers. Passenger **Jody Fitch, 43, of Summerville, PA**, told officers she had a hypodermic needle and a stamp bag of heroin under the seat. The driver, **Carrie Deeds, 46, of Clarion, PA**, had multiple needles, (13) Oxycodone pills and (74) stamp bags of heroin. Fitch and Deeds were both arrested. (134835)

7/22/16 at 9:16 PM - 6361 Penn Avenue (McDonalds) (East Liberty): Zone 5 Officers Lippert and Coleman were sent to the McDonalds on Penn Avenue for a stolen vehicle. The owner of the stolen car observed her car driving down Penn Avenue and turn into McDonalds. The Officers ordered the occupants of the silver Hyundai out of the car and arrested the driver, **Gregory Mitchell, 34, of Homewood**, on a charge of Receiving Stolen Property. The female passenger was identified and released. (136279)

7/23/16 at 2:29 AM - Brushton Avenue and Mulford Street (Homewood): Officers Erevia and Patton were on patrol when they observed two males fighting on the ground at Brushton and Mulford. One of the men was holding the other in a choke-hold. The officers broke-up the fight, at which point the victim indicated that he was being choked to the point of losing consciousness and that the other male was trying to stab him with a screwdriver. **Lamont Meadows, 37, of Wilkinsburg**, tried to flee the scene but was caught quickly and arrested. He was charged with Aggravated Assault, False ID to Law Enforcement, Resisting Arrest, and Flight to Avoid Apprehension. (136471)

7/24/16 Aggravated Assault - Kelly Street & Sterrett Street, 1:51 AM. Officers conducted a traffic stop at Kelly and Sterrett Streets. While checking the driver's information they learned there was a warrant for the driver. **Ashton Lewis, 23, of Larimer**, was wanted on a felony warrant for selling heroin to undercover police officers. Officers approached Lewis and asked him to step out of the car. Lewis stated, "I can't do that" then slammed the door outward, striking one of the officers, before pulling the door shut and fleeing. Officers did not engage in a vehicle pursuit because the danger it posed to the bystanders in the area. Officers will be obtaining an additional warrant for Lewis for Aggravated Assault and Fleeing & Eluding. (137068)