



Community Crime Update
Zone 5 Police Station
Week of May 23rd – 29th



Homewood / East Hills

5/23/15 Burglary – 6900 block Bennett Street, 1:35pm. Officers responded to a report of a man trying to break into a house in the area. The male fled before officers could arrive on scene. **The suspect is a black male, 40-50 years old, 5'4," bald, wearing brown pants and a white shirt.** (94354)

5/23/16 Burglary – 1000 block Gerritt Street, 3:09pm. Officers responded to a burglary-in-progress call and arrived in time to witness a male suspect fleeing from the back of the residence. Officers gave chase and apprehended the man, **Keith T. Venson, 43, of Homewood.** Officers found that Venson was stealing copper from the property, which was being renovated. (94388)

5/26/16 Burglary - 2200 block East Hills Drive, 11:42pm. Victim reported that her alarm system notified her of a possible burglary at her house. The victim viewed her security camera, which showed an unknown black male, 17-19 years old, with a box-top haircut, wearing a hooded sweatshirt and sweatpants, opening her front door and entering her residence. Nothing was missing from the residence. (97004)

5/27/16 Burglary - 2200 block Wilner Drive, Occurred between 5/25 at 12:00pm and 5/27 at 12:00pm. East Hills Security reported one of the vacant units had been burglarized and vandalized. (97336)

5/27/16 Aggravated Assault (Shooting) - 6400 block Apple Avenue, 10:11pm. Officers responded to the area for a SpotSpotter activation that indicated multiple shots has been fired (possibly from multiple weapons) in this block. Officers arrived on scene to find three victims, ages 22, 26, and 34, each of whom sustained non life-threatening injuries. All victims were transported to UPMC Presbyterian in stable condition. GVI Detectives are handling this case. (97781)

5/28/16 Burglary - 2000 block Swissvale Avenue, Occurred between 12:30pm and 7:00pm. Victim reported that she returned home from a family reunion and found her living room in disarray, the kitchen screen had been cut, and the patio door had been tampered with. The victim found several electronic and clothing items missing. (98387)

Larimer / Lincoln-Lemington

5/23/16 Aggravated Assault – Lenora Street & Pace Way, 4:20pm. Officers responded to the area to assist Juvenile Probation in picking up a 16 year-old male wanted on a probation violation. Officers spotted the juvenile and stopped him. As officers attempted to put him in handcuffs, the juvenile attempted to flee. The juvenile would not allow officers to handcuff him and became increasingly violent, requiring officers to take him to the ground. The juvenile punched an officer in the head and face but was eventually restrained. He will be charged with assault in addition to his original warrant. (94453)

5/25/16 Aggravated Assault – Shetland Street & Larimer Avenue, 7:26pm. Officers patrolling the area were flagged-down for a report of a man down in the street. A 33 year-old male victim was found with a head injury and was taken to UPMC Presbyterian Hospital in serious condition. Officers attempted to interview witnesses who would only state it was “neighborhood stuff” that had occurred. There is no suspect at this time. VCU (Violent Crimes Unit) is handling this case. (96156)

5/28/16 Theft from Vehicle - 6200 block Auburn Street. Victim reported that she returned to her vehicle and found the center console open. Cash and change were stolen. Victim may have left her car door unlocked. (98085)

Bloomfield/Garfield/Friendship

5/23/16 Theft from Vehicle – 5500 block Centre Avenue. Victim reported an iPad was stolen from his company vehicle while parked in the area. (94451)

5/24/16 Robbery – 5633 Baum Blvd (Rite Aid), 8:02am. Clerks at the Rite Aid told responding officers that a known male entered the store and tried to buy cigarettes but did not have enough money. The male then demanded the cigarettes but the clerks refused. The male, **Michael Johnson**, then opened his book bag and showed the clerk a gun, then fled the store. Officers obtained a good photograph of Johnson and will obtain a warrant for his arrest once they learn his DOB and address. Johnson is a black male, 50-55 years old, 5'7", wearing grey shorts, black socks pulled-up to his knees, a black jacket, a Pirates baseball cap, and a black book bag. (94990)

5/25/16 Theft from Vehicle – 400 block S. Mathilda Street. Victim reported that she returned to her vehicle to find several kitchen items, cash, electronics, and clothing items had been stolen. Vehicle was left unlocked. (95579)

5/26/16 Robbery – 5900 block Baum Blvd, 6:30pm. A 34 year-old female victim reported that a man she only knew as “Ricky” came to her work and stopped her while she was getting into her car. “Ricky” was upset with the victim because she would not return his calls after a date.

“Ricky” then stole the victim’s cell phone out of her hand and fled. Responding officers were eventually able to learn that “Ricky” is **Richard David Woodward, 44, of Homewood**. Officers found Woodward at his house and arrested him for Robbery. (96886)

5/28/16 Homicide / Suicide - 5000 block Friendship Avenue, 12:48pm. Officers responded to a residence for a report of murder-suicide. Officers arrived and forced entry into the residence, finding a husband, 79, and wife, 70, both dead of gunshot wounds. This incident has been confirmed a murder-suicide and police are not looking for any additional suspects. (98199)

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

5/23/16 Burglary – 5900 block Kirkwood Street, Occurred between 5/16 and 5/23. Victim reported that someone entered his property, then ransacked and vandalized it. The word “HYDRO” was written on furniture in blue chalk. (94270)

5/24/16 Robbery – N. Negley Avenue & Rural Street, 12:20am. A 56 year-old male victim reported that he was on his way to a friend’s place near Rural Street when an unknown male approached him and punched him in the jaw, calling him a “snitch”. Another unknown male approached and knocked him to the ground. The two suspects then went through the victim’s pockets and stole cash, then fled. The victim was not seriously injured. It should be noted that this victim could only recall his friend’s “street name” and did not know his real name, nor would he tell the officers where his friend lived. Zone 5 detectives are following-up with the victim. (94761)

5/24/16 Burglary - 5600 block Stanton Avenue, Occurred between 5/21 at 8:00pm and 5/24 at 11:40am. Victim reported that his house was burglarized several days ago and a TV was stolen. There were no signs of forced entry. Victim stated he did not call police right away because his wife was very upset and he had to wait for her to calm down. (950440)

5/24/16 Stolen Vehicle – 5700 block Butler Street. Victim reported that someone stole her **2002 white Chevrolet Cavalier (PA Plate EPN-9656)** from in-front of her residence. (94955)

5/24/16 Stolen Vehicle – 900 block Heberton Street. Victim reported that someone stole his 2017 maroon Kia Sorento rental car (PA Plate KCM-2645). Further investigation revealed that the victim then “re-rented” the car to an unknown male who never returned the car. (95375)

5/25/16 Robbery – Rural Street & N. Negley Avenue, 1:10am. A 28 year-old male victim reported that he was robbed at gunpoint by two men as he left his apartment. The victim indicated that the suspects stole his shoes, backpack, some cash, and his mountain bike. The reporting officer put out a description of the suspects and moments later responding officers came across two individuals who matched the descriptions given over the police radio. The victim came to the scene and made a positive identification of the suspects. Both men were

arrested. **Michael Anthony Morefield, 21, of Homewood, and Charles Lavon Lewis, 20, of Penn Hills,** were taken to the ACJ. Officers were also able to return the victim's cash and mountain bike. (95553)

5/28/16 Theft from Vehicle - 5700 block East Liberty Blvd. Victim reported that she went to move her vehicle and found that someone had stolen her right rear tire, leaving the car resting on a jack. (98067)



Notable Arrests

5/25/16 at 8:45pm – 100 block S. Aiken Avenue (Friendship): Pittsburgh Police Vice detectives were conducting a prostitution detail in the area after receiving complaints from citizens. **Brandi Lynn Michalski, 32, of Bloomfield,** was arrested after agreeing to have sex with an undercover officer for money. (96210)

5/25/16 at 8:55pm – S. Pacific Avenue & Coral Street (Friendship): Pittsburgh Police Vice detectives were conducting a prostitution detail in the area after receiving complaints from citizens. **Cello Anne Alvarez, 28, of Butler, PA,** was arrested after agreeing to have sex with an undercover officer for money. (96214)