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**FOREST PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
ASSET SEIZURE AND FORFEITURES
MAY AND JUNE 2019**

Following is a summary of Asset Seizure and Forfeiture activity by the Forest Park Police Department in May and June 2019. All money, vehicle, and property seizures made by this department are in compliance with Illinois Statutes on drug and money laundering forfeiture laws (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 725, Article 150/5) and other vehicle seizure laws (Chapter 720, Article 36).

NEW CASES:

On 04 June 2019, this department seized \$3,798 from a defendant who was charged with delivery of cannabis. The cash was deposited into the department asset forfeiture account. A finding of probable cause to seize the money was found in a preliminary review hearing on 17 June 2019.

On 28 June 2019, this department recovered \$4,930 worth of unclaimed money during a drug investigation. The suspect in this case who was in close proximity to the money disavowed any knowledge of the money, and stated it did not belong to him. The cash was deposited into the department asset forfeiture account. A finding of probable cause to seize the money from "John Doe" in a money laundering investigation was found in a preliminary review hearing on 10 July 2019.

CASES CLEARED:

No open cases were adjudicated during the months of May and June 2019.

YEAR TO DATE

This department has seized \$10,797 cash in three new cases in 2019 to date. One vehicle has been seized with an estimated value of \$7,000 during the first six months of 2019.



Criminal Investigations Division

Detectives / Tactical Response Unit / Community Policing



May / June 2019

The Forest Park Police Department's (FPPD) Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is led by Lt. Ken Gross. Three detectives are assigned to CID; Det. Jarlath Heveran, Det. Rob Bryant, and Det. Adam Stasinopoulos. Det. George Hickey reports to the Criminal Investigations Division and is assigned to work with a Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) Task Force. Det. Mike O'Connor is the police department's Community Policing / Crime Free Housing Officer. LaShan Riggins, the Forest Park Police Department's Evidence Custodian, is a member of CID and aside from her evidence custodian duties performs administrative duties for the investigators, and assists communications, parking, and records when needed. ProCare Crisis Care Worker, Elizabeth Budde, is outsourced to the Forest Park Police Department four days a week and is housed within the CID building located at 501 Desplaines Ave.

Police incident reports are reviewed by the investigations division every working day. Incidents that have victims wishing to sign a complaint against an offender are assigned to a detective for further review in an effort to develop an offender(s), conduct interviews, and gather evidence to effect an arrest and present a winnable case in criminal court. Some incidents are turned over to Elizabeth Budde should there seem to be a need for outreach from her organization, mainly reference mental health

concerns. Other incidents, for example neighbor disputes or landlord tenant disputes, are forwarded to Det. Mike O'Connor so he could intervene and possibly mediate or offer eviction advice. Problem properties may be deemed a nuisance by Det. O'Connor should they meet the criteria established under the village ordinance.

Detectives rotate on call assignments weekly so a Forest Park Police Detective is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week should the need for CID assistance arise.

The detectives are members of the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (WESTAF) and are, at times, on call to assist member agencies should a homicide occur in a WESTAF jurisdiction. There were no callouts in May/June 2019.

Currently, the Forest Park PD is still a member agency in the multijurisdictional West Suburban Drug and Gang Enforcement Task Force (WEDGE). WEDGE is still in existence, though it has not been operational as of late.

Trainings attended in May/June 2019 by CID personnel were: FLECT Tac Med Training (Stasinopoulos), Sexual Assault Investigator Training (Gross and Bryant), Asset Forfeiture Seminar (Gross), and Conducting Effective Street Gang Investigations (Bryant and O'Connor).

Det. O'Connor organized the annual Cop on a Rooftop event that took place on May 17, 2019 and raised \$2,879.44. He was also involved in the Law Enforcement Torch Run on June 2, 2019 that raised \$735.00. Chief Tom Aftanas, Lt. Ken Gross, and Sgt. Nick Petrovic ran the entire 4.5 mile course of the run that began at the Westchester Police Department and ended at Doc Ryan's in Forest Park. Donations from both events support Special Olympics Illinois.

There were 101 incidents assigned to investigators for follow-up in the May and June 2019 time period, 58 in May and 43 in June. This is down one incident in comparison to March and April 2019 when 102 cases were assigned. There were 23 fewer incidents assigned to the detective division in May/June 2019 than in the same two month time span in 2018 when 124 cases were assigned. There were a total of 59 incidents cleared in May/June 2019.

Following are incidents of note in May/June 2019:

- CR# 1901285 – A subject was charged with Aggravated Identity Theft after they stole a credit card from a subject at the PADS shelter and used the stolen credit card at a local 7-11 store.
- CR# 1901402 – Monitoring a rowdy funeral led to the issuance of nine local ordinance citations to those in the funeral procession violating a Village of Forest Park negligent driving ordinance.
- CR# 1901355 and 1901416 – Liquor license background investigations.
- CR# 1901426 – An investigator viewed video and recognized two subjects who were involved in a criminal trespass to property incident where they entered a building and were smoking cannabis. Both subjects were juveniles. Their parents were notified and local ordinance citations were issued.
- CR# 1901348 – A neighboring agency reported an incident they learned about involving a juvenile DCFS ward of the state and an adult Forest Park resident. The juvenile had run away and was battered and criminally sexually assaulted by the adult resident. The juvenile was groomed into prostitution and pimped by the adult who used internet sites to advertise and locate willing and paying customers. The detective assigned to investigate this incident worked with outside agencies and executed a number of search warrants and subpoenas to put together a case against the predator named as a suspect. The suspect was arrested and charged. A recent grand jury indictment returned 34 felony charges against the offender, 11 of which are class X felonies. The investigations continues and there are at least two more

offenders in nearby municipalities that will likely get charged similarly by outside agencies thanks to the exceptional work that began in Forest Park.

- CR# 1901140 – A subject in the Cook County Department of Corrections for Aggravated Violation of an Order of Protection made a number of calls to the victim of the original incident via an inmate phone. The victim filed a report with the Forest Park PD and the assigned detective reviewed hours of phone conversations between the offender and victim. The offender, who still had an order of protection against them, was charged with another count of Aggravated Violation of an Order of Protection for the telephone calls made from the jail.
- CR# 1901522 – Video evidence from the Forest Park shopping center showed an employee of Living Fresh Market defacing property on the exterior of Living Word Christian Center. The employee was identified, arrested, and charged.
- CR# 1901729 – A Forest Home funeral became the scene of calls of subjects brandishing guns. Officers converged on the area. As a detective was approaching a group they witnessed a pistol fall from the waistband of one subject. The subject retrieved the pistol and was placed in custody shortly after. The subject was charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon. The crime lab notified this agency that the recovered pistol was used in two recent shooting incidents in Chicago.
- CR# 1901739 – A CTA Blue Line commuter was a victim of a random act of violence with a homeless offender viciously punching the commuter who was on their way to work in the face. The commuter suffered a fractured nose and was treated at a hospital. The offender was located by patrol and arrested. Investigators interviewed the victim and offender and reviewed video of this horrific incident. The offender was charged with Aggravated Battery.
- CR# 1901844 – This department received a call of a Criminal Sexual Assault that just occurred with the offender still on the scene. The offender was arrested. There was a past dating relationship between the victim and offender. The Cook County States Attorney's Office declined felony charges. The offender was charged with three counts of Domestic Battery.
- CR# 1901688, 1901967, and 1902019 – There was a string of package thefts on the north end of town with the offender using a pry tool to enter multi-unit dwellings and stealing property from within. The offender was identified and arrested. They were charged with burglary for the above, three incidents, though they were responsible for several more.

Forest Park Criminal Investigations Division members are experienced and dedicated public servants who have built and continue to maintain professional relationships within the community and with neighboring agencies in an effort to quash criminal activity and to solve as many cases as possible.

Auxiliary Unit

May 2019

The Forest Park Park District held their 1st annual 3K Run on Saturday, May 4th. The run kicked off at 0900hrs from the Roos Recreation Center located at Hannah/Harrison and travel through several streets on the South end of town before reaching the finish line back a the Roos Center.

Nine (9) auxiliary officers worked this event providing traffic control at the major intersections and alleys. The race concluded at approximately 1030 hrs.

McAdam Detail: On Wednesday, May 8th two auxiliary officers were assigned to provide traffic control at the annual Chamber of Commerce party located at McAdam Landscaping from 1700 to 2030 hrs.

Hillside Youth Athletic Parade: The Hillside Youth Athletic Parade was held on Saturday, May 4th at 1000 hrs. Our department sent one auxiliary officer in one of our marked squad cars to participate in the parade.

All School Picnic:

The annual All School Picnic was held on Thursday, May 23rd from 1100 to 1400 hrs. on the Park District grounds located at 7501 Harrison St. Six auxiliary officers worked the event. The officers arrived at the station at 0945 hours and were tasked with closing down Harrison St. from Desplaines to Hannah.

River Forest Memorial Day Parade:

The River Forest P.D. requested assistance from our auxiliary unit with helping them with traffic and pedestrian control during their Memorial Day Parade held on Saturday, May 27th. One auxiliary officer worked this detail and was assigned to conduct traffic control at the intersection of Lathrop @ Lake St.

Auxiliary Training/Meeting for May 2019:

This month's meeting was held on Wednesday, May 28th at 1900 hrs. in the Forest Park P.D. Roll Call Room. At the meeting we discussed the up and coming details and events. After a brief discussion period each officer was given a copy of the Forest Park P.D. new foot pursuit policy. I reviewed the policy with the officers and addressed any questions or concerns they had and clarified the intent of the new policy.

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At the request of Chief Aftanas I scheduled a second meeting for the month of May on Tuesday, May 28th at 1830 hrs. This meeting was mandatory for all officer to attend. At the meeting the Chief advised the offices of their obligation and requirement to attend all meetings and trainings. He also reinforced that they are required to work a minimum of

12hrs. of volunteer time each month and work all the mandatory events to fulfill their auxiliary obligation each month.

Training/Meeting

The auxiliary unit had their first meeting for 2019 on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 1900 hrs.

For the past several years our meetings were scheduled on the second Saturday of each month at 0900hrs. For 2019 the meeting days and times were changed to the second Wednesday of each month at 1900hrs.

During the meeting we discussed the up and coming events (St. Patrick's Day Parade) and addressed issues within the unit regarding uniform appearance, proper uniform gear.

Once the discussion period concluded we took a short break and re-convened in the Village Chambers where Auxiliary Officers Bolton and Balingit conducted our firearms training.

Each officer was required to bring the duty belt along with their duty weapons. Once all weapons were made safe Ofc. Bolton, a state certified firearms instructor, and trained the officers in;

- Firearms Presentation- Safety Circle
- Ready Position
- Loading, unloading magazines ie. Magazine exchanges
- Speed Reloading
- Tactical Reloading

Each officer was required to demonstrate proficiency on each of the listed training tasks.

Once training was completed the meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th at 1900hrs.

A total of 14 out of 21 officers attended the meeting/training. Each officer attending the training came prepared and demonstrated competence in each training task completed.

February Details

There were no scheduled or assigned auxiliary details during the month of February.

Training/Meeting:

We met in the roll call room on Wednesday, February 13th, at 1900hrs. During the meeting we discussed the up and coming St. Patrick's Day Parade Detail which is set for Saturday, March 2nd. After a brief discussion we moved to the Village Hall chambers where Lt. Chin instructed the officers in proper handcuffing techniques. Our meeting/training concluded at 2100hrs.

Firearms/Range

State mandated firearms qualifications have been completed and the new curriculum/approach to firearms training implemented. Discussions are underway as to how to best maximize the range budget.

Accident Investigation

No new investigations for Forest Park but several have been opened via the activation of the Major Crash Unit of the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force, which we are members of.

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4 - Dell ruggedized laptops which were brand new and in the box. Each acquired by the Military for \$1,591.38. One is slated for the range staff, the other three will find homes either in crash reconstruction or with the ET Unit.

16 - Pelican iM2300 Storm ruggedized cases, brand new. Each acquired by the Military for \$167 each. They are slated for various places in the Department and will be replacing older soft cases. Officers also use these cases to store and transport firearms as they are weatherproof and lockable.

NIPAS

Nothing to Report for the month of May.

June 2nd 2019 NIPAS Bicycle Response Team (BRT) was called out for the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade. On June 9th, 2019 NIPAS Bicycle Response Team (BRT) was called out for the Gurnee Wonder Woman 10K run.

Special Response Team (SRT)

The SRT did not conduct training due to vacation time. Their next training date is scheduled for August 2019.

There were no SRT activations or search warrants for the months of May or June 2019.

Neighborhood Watch

Nothing to Report