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## **Criminal Investigations Division**

**Detectives / Tactical Response Unit / Community Policing**



### **January and February 2021**

The Forest Park Police Department's (FPPD) Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is supervised by Lt. Pete Morrissette. Three detectives are assigned to CID; Det. Jarlath Heveran, Det. Rob Bryant, and Det. Adam Stasinopoulos. 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 the desk clerks, parking, and records when needed. There is a counselor/social worker assigned to the department from Amita Health Behavioral Health Clinician. This Police Crisis Services Worker position was recently filled by Evelyn Simmons. Evelyn is outsourced to the Forest Park Police Department four days a week and has office space 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 a suspect(s), conduct interviews, and gather evidence to effect an arrest and present a winnable case in criminal court. Some incidents are turned over to Evelyn Simmons should there be a need for outreach from her organization, mainly in reference to mental health concerns. Other incidents such as neighbor or landlord tenant disputes, are forwarded to Det. Mike O'Connor so he can 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.

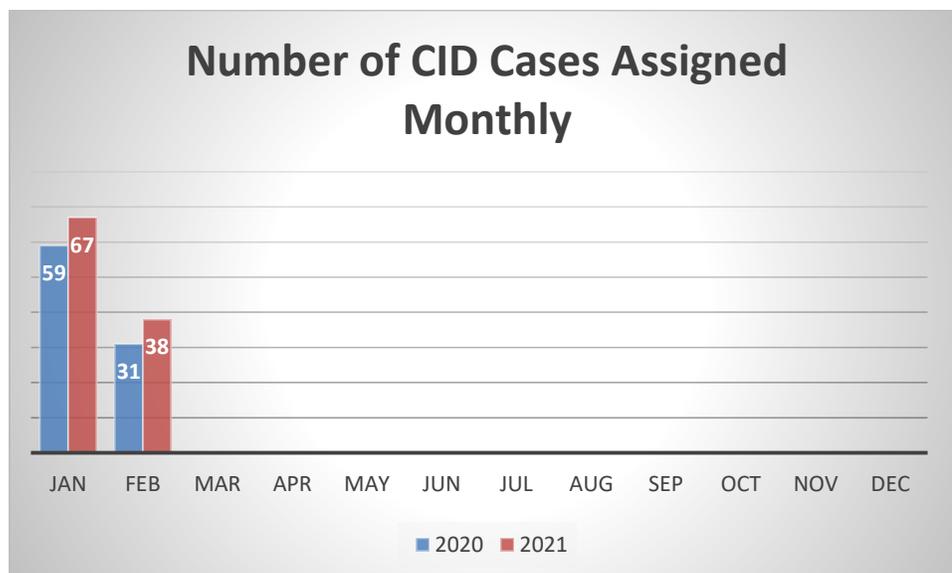
Detectives rotate on call assignments weekly so a Forest Park Police Detective is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week should the need for CID assistance arise. If a major incident is encountered during off hours, the entire CID staff could be called upon to respond if needed.

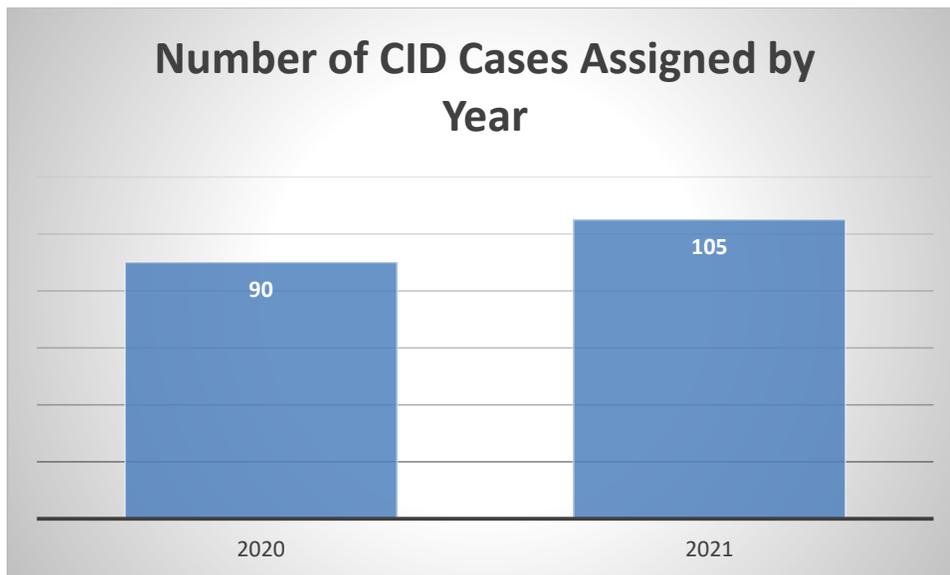
The detectives are members of the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (WESTAF) and are, at times, on call to assist member agencies should a homicide occur in a WESTAF jurisdiction. There were no WESTAF callouts in January and February 2021.

Currently, the Forest Park PD is a member agency in the multijurisdictional West Suburban Drug and Gang Enforcement Task Force (WEDGE). Det. Stasinopoulos and Det. O'Connor are assigned to assist WEDGE. WEDGE has just started assigning days for the month which Forest Park will be assigned accordingly if available.

Training in January and February 2021 by CID personnel was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

There were 105 incidents assigned to investigators for follow-up in January and February 2021, 67 in January and 38 in February. Operations and investigations have continued to be affected by pandemic restrictions and orders placed by the Illinois Governor's Office. Courts have been limited or outright closed for business, also limiting the number of active follow-ups, interviews, and the pursuit of warrants and subpoenas for investigative purposes.





Following is a summary of notable investigations in January and February 2021:

- Detective Bryant investigated a missing person/runaway juvenile in which the juvenile had possibly travelled out of the State of Illinois. Through numerous interviews with family and friends of the missing juvenile, Detective Bryant was able to track her in Las Vegas, Nevada. The juvenile was located there with a friend and her friend's grandfather, who was given permission by the juvenile's mother to allow her to stay there with him.
- Detective Heveran located and had towed a vehicle wanted for an aggravated fleeing and eluding in Forest Park. The vehicle owner spoke with Detective Heveran through a closed door, but refused to come outside and cooperate with the investigation.
- Detective Stasinopoulos investigated the attempted robbery of an Uber driver in which gunshots were fired in his direction. Detective Stasinopoulos was able to track the offenders' movements through Uber's own technology in tracking the cell phone used to order the Uber. This investigation is ongoing.
- After Forest Park Patrol Officers interrupted an armed robbery in progress at a gas station and took two offenders into custody, Detective Heveran assisted with interviewing victims and offenders before they were subsequently charged and petitioned to juvenile court.
- Investigators Heveran, Bryant, and Stasinopoulos responded with patrol units for a barricaded subject who had been waving a gun at people. After extensive negotiations, the suspect surrendered peacefully and the weapon was recovered. Investigators continued the investigation afterward, interviewing witnesses, obtaining and executing search warrants, and coordinating with the suspect's family, as he was admitted for in-patient psychiatric care after the incident. A felony warrant for the suspect's arrest was obtained, closing this case.
- Detective Stasinopoulos conducted an extensive investigation in to an armed robbery that had occurred in May 2020. Detective Stasinopoulos identified a suspect as well as two accomplices who were in the getaway vehicle. Although charges were not approved in this case, it was cleared with the offender identified and that information is being used as

an aggravating factor in several other armed robbery cases committed in DuPage County, where the offender is in custody.

- After a previous aggravated criminal sexual assault investigation was completed, Detective Heveran continued to investigate the offender through his position with the CAC Task Force, and uncovered hundreds of images and videos in the offender's personal and work computers, some of which were of the child victim in this case.
- Detective Heveran was able to match a suspect vehicle in a commercial burglary in Forest Park to numerous other burglaries around the Chicago area, and based on his prior information, was able to locate the offending vehicle in this burglary in Chicago. The vehicle was towed to the station and held pending further investigation into the suspects involved in the burglary.
- Investigators Heveran, Stasinopoulos, and Morrissette responded to a call-out after two juvenile victims were shot while standing in a parking lot. Investigators interviewed three suspects alleged to be involved in this shooting, and developed information on other suspects. Several search warrants for two vehicles involved, and numerous cell phones recovered were obtained, and this investigation continues pending information obtained from these items.

***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.***

**January / December 2021**

**FOREST PARK POLICE K-9 STATISTICS**

**K-9 "MADISON"**

**Deployments:**

08Jan21 (Narcotics Search): Ofc. Miller curbed a vehicle that had the odor of cannabis emitting from it. K-9 Madison was deployed and she did not find indicate/final response to any narcotics inside the vehicle.

09Jan21 (Narcotics Search): Sgt. Pater requested K-9 Madison for a canine narcotic sniff on a safe recovered during a traffic stop/arrest. K-9 Madison was deployed inside a room which had the safe and indicated to the presence of narcotics on the safe.

22Jan21/26Jan21 (Narcotics Search): Ofc. Miller deployed K-9 Madison numerous times during one of his narcotics arrests. K-9 Madison indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency located during the arrest.

22Jan21 (Narcotics Search): K-9 Madison assisted DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

26Jan21 (Narcotics Search): K-9 Madison assisted DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

26Jan21 (Narcotics Search): K-9 Madison was requested to assist Oak Park PD on a controlled narcotics sniff on United States Currency they recovered during an investigation. K-9 Madison indicated that United State Currency had the presence of narcotics. Forest Park Police was requested to be placed on the seizure paperwork.

29Jan21 (Narcotics Search): K-9 Madison assisted DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

09Feb21 (Narcotics Search): K-9 Madison assisted DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

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16Feb21 (Narcotics Search): Cicero PD requested K-9 Madison for a controlled narcotic sniff on United States Currency recovered during an investigation. K-9 Madison indicated to the presence of narcotics on United State Currency. Forest Park Police was requested to be placed on the seizure paperwork.

26Feb21 (Narcotics Search): K-9 Madison assisted DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

TOTALS:

DEPLOYMENTS= 11

### **Firearms/Range**

Nothing to report

### **Accident Investigation**

No Forest Park crashes to report. Continued participation in WESTAF Major Crash Unit

### **LESO**

The following items were acquired for only the cost of shipping for the officers:

2 - Laser Bore Sight (\$538.13 each) - Laser device used to "zero" optics on Department rifles

1 - Floor scale (\$242.22 each) - Larger scale needed for LESO returns

100 - QuickClot Combat Gauze (\$51.74 each) - We've been trying to acquire this very expensive item for years and finally got an award. This will be added to the officers medical kits and is used to staunch bleeds, specifically gunshot wounds.

2 - Adjustable wrench (\$35.28 each) Armorer's kit upgrade

4 - Nonskid Tread (\$17.50 each) - rolls of stick-on nonskid material

### **Special Response Team (SRT)**

No activations for the months of January and February 2021.

### **Special Response Team Training**

SRT conducted training on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The training consisted of administrative discussion and team goals going forward. The rest of the training consisted of shoot/no shoot tape drills and building/room searches. The training consisted of searches with two (2) person, three (3) person, and full team entries and searches.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Nothing to Report

### **Auxiliary Unit**

Due to the COVID restrictions we have not had any events or training