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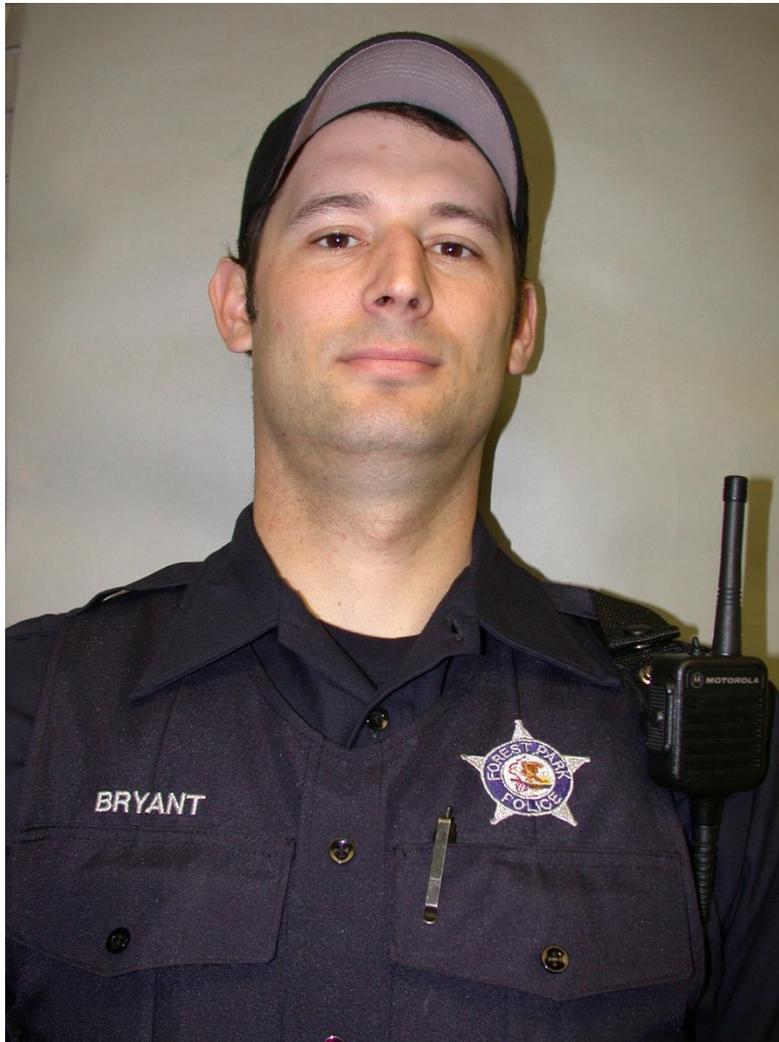
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Criminal Investigations Division

Detectives / Tactical Response Unit / Community Policing



March and April 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.

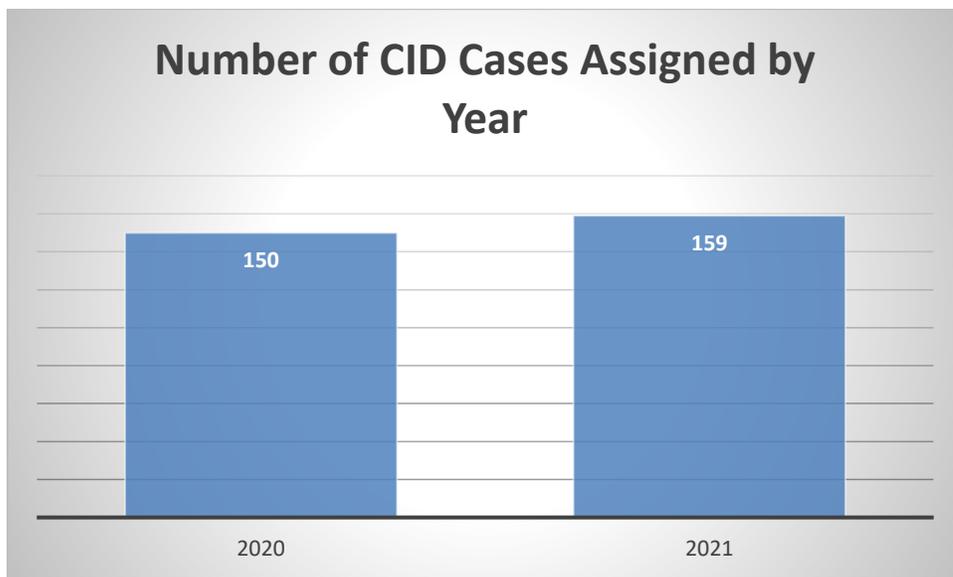
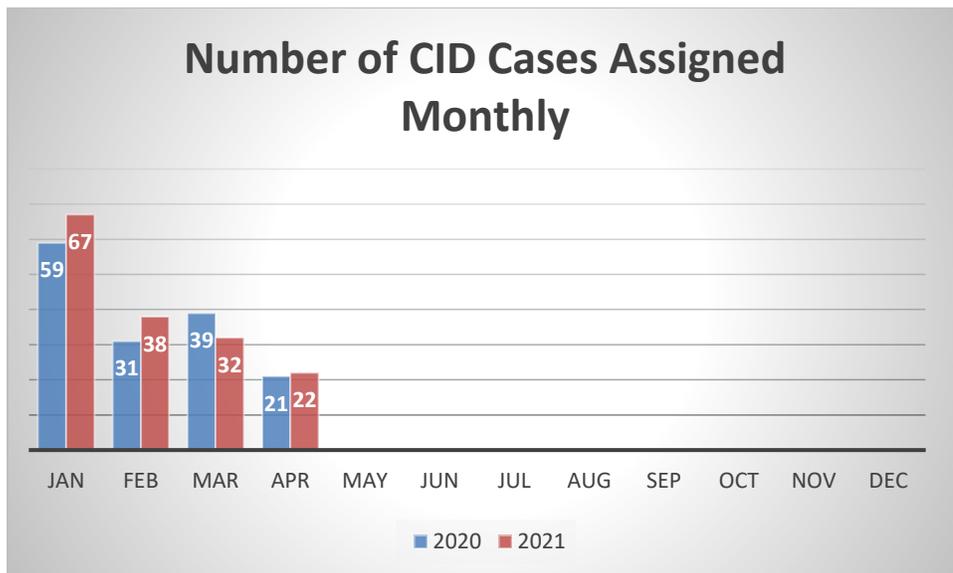
The detectives are members of the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (WESTAF) and are, at times, on call to assist member agencies should a homicide occur in a WESTAF jurisdiction. There were no external WESTAF callouts in March and April 2021.

Currently, the Forest Park PD is a member agency in the multi-jurisdictional West Suburban Drug and Gang Enforcement Task Force (WEDGE). Det. Schick and Det. O'Connor are assigned to assist WEDGE. WEDGE was not active in this reporting period.

There was a major shift in personnel in CID during the past two months. Congratulations to Detective Stasinopoulos, who was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Stasinopoulos left CID due to his promotion and joined the Patrol Division at the end of February. In April 2021, Detective Rob Bryant retired from the Forest Park Police Department. Detective Bryant was a valuable member of the CID Division for several years and will be missed. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

Interviews were conducted for a new prospective detective to join the CID Division. Several strong candidates applied for a position, Officer Joe Schick was chosen for the position of detective. We welcome him to the unit, he will be learning quickly on the fly.

There were 54 incidents assigned to investigators for follow-up in March and April 2021, 32 in March and 22 in April. Case selection was reduced and screened due to a shortage of manpower as well as focus on an unusual number of major cases occurring recently. Operations and investigations have continued to be affected by pandemic restrictions and orders in place 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 March and April 2021:

- Detective Heveran and Lieutenant Morrissette toured an area of the West Side of Chicago where numerous vehicular hijacking offenders are known to frequent, and located a vehicle taken in a vehicular hijacking in Forest Park several days prior, parked behind an abandoned house. The vehicle was processed and returned to its owner.
- While investigating the armed robbery of a cellular phone store, Detective Heveran was able to identify the offending vehicle by piecing together numerous nearby surveillance videos showing the vehicle's approach and escape from the scene. Detective Heveran was then able to track the vehicle to a motel in Lansing, IL. Detective Heveran and Lieutenant Morrissette travelled to Lansing and recovered the vehicle, also making contact with the vehicle owner at the motel. The vehicle was towed as part of this

investigation, and after obtaining a search warrant, Detective Heveran recovered clothing in the vehicle matching that was worn by the offender. This investigation is ongoing.

- Detective Bryant was investigating several vehicle burglaries that occurred on various dates outside a health club in Forest Park. Through his investigation, Detective Bryant was able to identify a suspect who was believed to have committed similar crimes in several other jurisdictions. That suspect was ultimately arrested in Melrose Park, IL, and charged by multiple departments with felony Burglary to Motor Vehicle.
- Detective Bryant investigated a vehicular hijacking that occurred in Forest Park in November 2020. Detective Bryant coordinated with Hinsdale Police when it was learned the offender may have used the Forest Park victim's vehicle in further crimes there. The vehicle was recovered and evidence obtained from within that identified a suspect. Detective Bryant was also able to track down the sale of a cellular phone that was in the victim's vehicle at the time of this incident, also by the same suspect. The suspect was arrested in Downers Grove, IL and is facing numerous felony charges related to incidents in both Cook and DuPage Counties.
- Detective Stasinopoulos investigated an incident from January 2020 in which an offender fled a traffic stop and struck multiple police vehicles, causing several thousand dollars in damage. Through a long investigation that included interviewing a subject who had been with the offender at the time as well as the person who had rented the offending vehicle used in this incident, Detective Stasinopoulos was able to continue this investigation. He obtained a search warrant for the offending vehicle, and subsequently found evidence leading to a possible offender. Detective Stasinopoulos was able to interview this subject after learning he was in custody at Cook County Jail on unrelated charges. After this interview, and monitoring phone calls made by the suspect with the other subject that was in the vehicle during this incident, and upon receiving a DNA match from evidence recovered from the vehicle, Detective Stasinopoulos was able to obtain an arrest warrant for the suspect to face charges in this case.
- Forest Park CID units responded to and investigated an aggravated battery with a firearm incident in which two juvenile victims were shot at by offenders from a passing vehicle while they were in a parking lot in Forest Park. The offending vehicle was recovered after a vehicle crash in Chicago, and a handgun recovered. That handgun was revealed to have been used in multiple shootings in Chicago as well. The victims in this case became uncooperative. This case is pending results of forensic evidence recovered from the handgun and vehicle.
- Forest Park CID units responded to a homicide that occurred in Forest Park on March 20, 2021. Lieutenant Morrissette activated WESTAF to assist with this investigation. WESTAF investigators worked with Forest Park investigators for three days, developing a vehicle and suspect identification. WESTAF investigators located the suspect vehicle in Chicago, and a high speed pursuit ensued with several WESTAF and Chicago PD units involved. The vehicle ultimately crashed, and the driver, who was the same person as the suspect already identified, attempted to flee on foot. The suspect attempted to throw a handgun as he fled on foot, and the handgun was recovered as he was placed in to custody. The handgun was found to be the same firearm used in this incident. Forest

Park Investigators have continued this investigation since that time, obtaining several other pieces of information from witnesses, and charges are pending against the suspect for murder at this time.

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.

March / April 2021

FOREST PARK POLICE K-9 STATISTICS

K-9 "MADISON"

Deployments:

05Mar21 (Narcotics Search): Canine Madison assisted the DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

07Mar21 (Narcotics Search): Ofc. Miller deployed Canine Madison around a vehicle during an arrest while awaiting a tow truck for the vehicle. Canine Madison did not indicate to any area of the vehicle as having the presence of narcotics.

08Mar21 (Narcotics Search): Canine Madison assisted the DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

09Mar21 (Narcotics Search): Canine Madison assisted the DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

15Mar21 (Narcotics Search): Canine Madison assisted the DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

16Mar21 (Narcotics Search): Canine Madison assisted the DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

21Mar21 (Narcotics Search): Cicero PD requested Canine Madison for a controlled narcotics sniff on United States Currency recovered during an arrest. Canine Madison indicated to the presence of narcotics on United State Currency.

22Mar21 (Narcotics Search): Ofc. Miller deployed Canine Madison around a vehicle which had the odor of cannabis emitting from it. Canine Madison did not indicate/final response anywhere on the vehicle as having the presence of narcotics, after a cannabis grinder with shake was removed prior to the deployment.

29Mar21 (Narcotics Search): Canine Madison assisted the DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

31Mar21 (Narcotics Search): Ofc. Calamus requested Canine Madison for a vehicle sniff. Canine Madison alerted to the presence of narcotics at the front driver wheel well and then at front driver floor. Located inside the vehicle was Cannabis shake and paraphernalia. The occupants were released without charges.

18Apr21 (Narcotics Search): Ofc. Miller deployed Canine Madison around a vehicle during a traffic stop and Canine Madison alerted to the presence of narcotics at the passenger side of the vehicle. Ofc. Miller searched the vehicle and located United State Currency, which Canine Madison indicated to as having the presence of narcotics.

20Apr21 (Narcotics Search): Canine Madison assisted the DEA Task Force and indicated to the presence of narcotics on United States Currency that was involved in an on-going DEA investigation.

22Apr21 (Narcotics Search): Cicero PD requested Canine Madison for a controlled narcotics sniff on United States Currency recovered during an arrest. Canine Madison indicated to the presence of narcotics on currency.

TOTALS:

DEPLOYMENTS= 13

Firearms/Range

Practice and duty ammunition request has been submitted to vendor, but there's a long backorder timeframe. Range training and qualifications are in progress.

Accident Investigation

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

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Several pieces of Under Armour Cold Gear were acquired in various sizes for the officers.

(2) Thermal cameras - used to identify people and objects in dark conditions. We've been trying to acquire thermal cameras for quite some time and were fortunate to be awarded these.

(3) Digital Camera Flashes - acquired as prep for upgrading Evidence Tech Cameras.

(3) Camera lens - acquired as prep for upgrading Evidence Tech Cameras.

Special Response Team (SRT)

No activations for the months of March and April 2021.

Special Response Team Training

Nothing to Report

Neighborhood Watch

Nothing to Report

Auxiliary Unit

March 2021

The auxiliary unit held its first meeting of 2021 on March 10th at 1900hrs. The unit met in the Village Chambers; a discussion took place on what to expect going forward regarding details during the COVID pandemic.

April 2021

The auxiliary unit held a meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 1900hrs. Sgt. Adams advised that the summer details will be returning; 4th of July celebration at the Park and the 16" Softball Tournament. Signup sheets will be posted shortly.

The annual firearms qualifications are set for April 10th, 2021 and April 17th, 2021 at 0830hrs.