SANDY SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Activity

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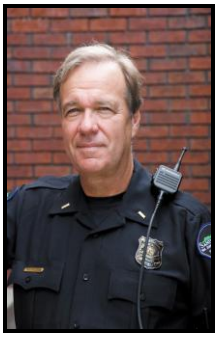

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www.sandyspringspolice.org

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These are some, but not all, of the reports filed with Sandy Springs Police over the past week.

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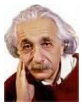

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."—Albert Einstein

Robbery

7800 Holcomb Bridge 30350 1/20

The employee of the Shell Station and convenient store reported that just before 10 p.m. a black male entered the store and pulled a gun and ordered the employee to put money in a green back pack he placed on the counter. The suspect fled on foot west on Holcomb Bridge. The report noted that during the robbery, a man walked in the door, saw what was happening, and said "Hell no" and then left the store. He was not there when the police arrived—which brings up a good point. If you believe in Murphy's Law and the fact this is a small world, which you should, here is a good piece of advice about convenient stores. At night, especially late, make it a habit that before you go in the doors, find out where the clerk is. Many times during a robbery, they'll put the clerk in the back room or the cooler. The last thing you want to do is walk in on a robbery in progress like the guy did here. Just take a couple of seconds and do a quick look-see.

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230 Mt. Vernon Hwy 30328 1/21
At approximately 8 p.m. a black male pulled a gun on the employee and ordered the man to give him money from the cash register. The suspect got a small amount of money and then ran around the side of the building and got into a truck driven by a white male. The black male suspect is late 20's to early 30's, slim, about 120 lbs, wearing a dark hoodie and jeans. The other suspect is described only as a white male and the truck is small and green in color.

Burglary
1000 block of Brentwood Way 30350 1/20
This was a burglary attempt call. The victim was gone from the residence for three days. Someone attempted to burglarize the apartment during that time. A door was found open but nothing was missing from the apartment.

1400 block of North Riverside Cir 30328 1/20
Someone forced a basement door and took several documents from the home of the resident. The victim said a possible suspect was someone who is in civil court over issues regarding the home.

700 block of Fair Oaks Manor 30328 1/23
A complainant called and told a responding officer that a black male knocked loudly on his door. When he answered it, the man asked if "Mr. Jones" lived there. He told the man no. Several minutes later, a neighbor contacted him regarding her hearing glass breaking at her front door. They checked and found that an iron rod was used to break the glass. There were several items lying on the ground later determined to have come from the suspect's vehicle, a brown and beige Ford F-150. One of the items found was an insurance card from the truck. The officer ran the VIN on the card and it came back to a truck that was stolen in Sandy Springs.
Many times the burglar will knock on the door to see if the resident answers it. They then claim to be lost. This is a GREAT reason to call 911 as soon as you can.

8600 block of Roswell Road 30350 1/22
An employee said that just before 5 a.m. he was in the back of the restaurant when he heard a crash in the front. He observed two men in Halloween masks come into the store through a broken window. He yelled and they left. One left in a Black Dodge Magnum and the other left in an older gray Honda.

8800 block of Roswell Road 30350 1/23
Someone entered the building by unknown means, and then entered an office area by prying the door, and then took a laptop and a flat-screen TV.

1900 block of Summerbrook Lane 30328 1/23
Someone door-kicked the victim's front door and then took a flat-screen TV, computer, jewelry and about $600 cash.

700 block of Hammond Drive 30328 1/24
Police were called to this location after the caller said she heard noises coming from the condo adjacent to hers. She knew the owners were out of town. She said she heard one male voice say "shut up" to what she believes to be another male. Officers found the front door forced open but no one was found inside.

1100 block of Sandalwood Drive 30350 1/23
Someone forced (broke) a window to the victim's apartment bedroom. Nothing appears to have been taken.

5600 block of River Oaks Place 30350 1/21
Someone entered the victim's home by breaking out glass in a rear window and then reaching in and unlocking the window. Two flat-screen TV's and a laptop were taken.

100 block of Mt. Vernon Cir 30328 1/20
This victim reported that someone attempted to burglarize his home. He left the house for three hours. When he returned, he found pry marks on his front door but nothing was taken from the home.

1400 block of Summit Place 30350 1/23
Someone attempted to pry open a rear window to the victim's apartment. It appears they were not able to get into the apartment. Nothing was reported missing.

Theft
200 block of Sandy Springs Cir 30328 1/21
A woman reported that someone took her Visa card and later used it at a couple of locations in Sandy Springs and Perimeter Mall areas.

6075 Roswell Road 30328 1/24
A woman reported someone took several items from her purse she wore while dancing with a man at Taboo II. She suspects the man she danced with.

An employee of a hair salon in the 6600 block of Roswell Road said a woman had her hair done. She left a credit card and some keys on the register table and told the employee she was going outside to get something from her car that was occupied by another person. They left. The card was declined and later found to be stolen from a hair salon in Decatur, GA. The keys were probably stolen too.

5300 block of Roswell Road 30342 1/23
An employee of a lens store said a man came in and presented a pair of glasses to her requesting they fix it. She took the glasses to a nearby room to look at. She looked at the closed circuit television picture of the lobby and saw the same man take a pair of Gucci glasses frames and put them in his pocket. She walked back out and asked the man if he intended to pay for the frames. He retreated to his car and left south on Roswell Road. He was described as a black male with a pronounced limp.

2 Concourse Pkwy 30328 1/23
Someone removed a Dell projector from an office during the previous weekend.

Duluth Police contacted a man who lives at 5555 Roswell Road and said they had arrested a man who had mail that belonged to him and delivered in July 2008.

1800 blk Harbor Pointe Pkwy 30350 1/23
Someone removed the victim's car tag from her Honda.

5920 Roswell Road 30328 1/23
An employee of the LeFont Theater reported that someone removed a laptop computer from the ticket office while he was away.

Theft from Vehicle

201 Northwood Drive	30342	1/20
6065 Roswell Road	30328	1/20
1155 Mt. Vernon (x2)	30328	1/20
5671 PDR	30342	1/20
1165 Perimeter Center West	30328	1/20
5920 Roswell Road (x2)	30328	1/20
400 block of Morgan Falls Road	30350	1/21
700 block of Hammond Drive	30328	1/21
1200 block of Cimarron Pkwy	30350	1/21
1800 block of Marsh Trail Cir	30350	1/21
400 block of Marsh Trail Point	30350	1/24
4700 block of Roswell Road	30342	1/21
5600 block of PDR	30342	1/21
227 Sandy Springs Place (x2)	30328	1/21
5775 PDR	30328	1/21
1200 Lake Hearn	30342	1/21
6300 block of Roswell Road	30328	1/21
500 Abernathy Road	30328	1/21
900 block of Jefferson Drive	30328	1/22
400 block of Mt. Vernon Hwy	30328	1/22
6800 blk of PDR	30328	1/22
Fenwick Place	30350	1/22
5500 blk of Glenridge Conn	30328	1/22
5900 block of PDR	30328	1/23
5665 PDR (x3)	30328	1/23
Glenlake Pkwy (x2)	30328	1/23
5610 Roswell Road	30342	1/23
5975 Roswell Road	30328	1/23
5600 Roswell Road	30342	1/24

Motor Vehicle Theft

8300 block of Roswell Road	30350	1/20
7000 Roswell Road	30328	1/22
(Orange and black motorcycle)		
6500 blk of Roswell Road	30328	1/22
900 blk of Harbor Pointe	30350	1/22

Fraud, Forgery, and I.D. Theft

6400 block of Roswell Road 30328 1/20

A representative of a car dealer called and said they sold a 2006 Mustang to a man who presented a company check from a company that, once they later checked, didn't exist. The check was a phony and the car, valued at over $19,000 is still out there. The employee said they've attempted to find the suspect without success prior to reporting the fraud. The officer checked the name of the suspect and found a match in DeKalb County where the suspect is wanted on a warrant.

A man on Sandalwood Drive reported that someone used his identity to purchase property on Lexington Ave in Brooklyn NY. He found it on his credit report.

River North Ct 30328 1/23

Someone used the victim's personal info to open five cell phone accounts.

A man presented a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill to a restaurant in the 7800 block of Roswell Road. The employee looked it over but by the time he determined the bill was fake, the suspect left. He is described as a black male, about 30-years old and cross eyed. A second suspect was present but there was no description.

Another twenty-dollar counterfeit bill was found at the QT in the 7800 block of Roswell Road. The suspect presented the bill but the employee quickly recognized it as fake and told the man so. The man said "Just throw it away then" and left. This bill was presented by a white male and carried a different serial number so it's not known if connected to the other suspects.

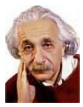
5610 Roswell Road 30342 1/20
A woman passed a fraudulent check at the Target Store under the name of Valerie Pearson. She purchased gift cards and Metro PCS phone cards which were later cancelled. She is on video making the transactions.

Arson
500 block of Morgan Falls Road 30350 1/21
Officers and fire department units were called to a car on fire in a ditch on the side of the road. After they put the fire out and pulled the car from the ditch, they found that the car had been stolen from the 8000 block of Roswell Road earlier. No one was in the car.

Assault
2400 block of Jefferson Drive 30328 1/24
Officers were called to Northside Hospital and talked to a man who came into the ER with a gunshot wound to the stomach. He said another man shot him while they were in the parking lot of the apartment complex. Detectives are investigating the incident. The other man is described as a "small black male."

Cops were called to the LA Fitness Club at 1155 Mt. Vernon Hwy regarding two men who had gotten into a fight. Officers determined that the fight stemmed from a basketball game. The victim complained to the suspect that he was kicking him in his bad knee during the game. After a couple of complaints, the suspect punched the victim in the eye—and then fled the location. The victim had lacerations to the area of his eye.

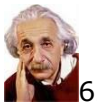
Arrests
145 Northwood Drive 30342 1/20
A security person for the Target Store called the police regarding a suspicious male who they observed stealing several MP3 players. The suspect left the store so the officers were given a lookout. A responding officer found a man matching the description on Northwood Drive. The man was found to have the MP3 players as well as a couple of Xbox 360 games. He was arrested. The jail records showed that he has been arrested several times with several different DOB's he used.

 1100 Abernathy Road 30328 1/20
Just after 5 p.m. two 17-year olds car jacked a man in his new Ford Expedition in a corporate parking deck. A few seconds after the call went out, a Sandy Springs Police

unit who was nearby, saw the S.U.V. at about the same time the suspects saw the cop. The suspects, in an attempt to elude the police, drove from Abernathy to PDR, to Mt. Vernon, to Ashford Dunwoody, to Perimeter Center which, if you check the map, is a big circle. The other thing not going well for the two car jackers was that it was shift change so within about a minute, approximately 25 police cars were near the area. The suspects wrecked the victim's car in the parking lot of a bank on Perimeter Center West and the two suspects were arrested. One suspect later commented that he had never seen so many police cars at one time.

8725 Roswell Road 30350 1/23
Just after midnight, several employees of the Publix who were walking to their cars after their shift heard an alarm from the nearby beauty salon. They looked and then saw a man walk out of the store's front door (after he threw a piece of concrete through the glass window beside it.) they chased him while others notified the Sheriff's deputy inside the Publix. The suspect was detained and later admitted to the burglary. He took two hair clippers. Officers noted he appeared intoxicated.

Dunwoody Place and Roswell 30350 1/21
Two members of the gang unit went into a store where they saw a man whom they recognized as a street gang member of the "Anybody Gets It" gang. When the AGI member saw the cops (by the way, they knew each other) he began to "shake uncontrollable" so the officers stopped and asked why. It was at about this moment he bolted and ran out the door. They found him hiding behind an air conditioner at a nearby apartment. He had a couple of outstanding warrants so he was arrested. I never heard of "Anybody Gets It." Whatever happened to the good ol' days where we had the Crips and the Bloods? Sounds like the guy in charge of naming gangs is a bit lame. The more I think about it, the lamer "Anybody Gets It" is. There should be a law on the books so we can charge people for Stupid Gang Names.

 6200 PDR 30328 1/22
The manager of the Courtyard by Marriott hotel said American Express called him and told him that they were recording several charges from this location that were possibly unauthorized. The management checked and then called the cops. They looked at the records, listing a name of Lynn Hammond as the guest. During this time, just before the officers arrived, the man identifying himself as Lynn Hammond, walked to the front desk and said he was "David Wilson—I mean, Lynn Hammond." I'm not the smartest guy in the world but I generally get my own name right so the manager took this as a clue that the man was not on the up and up. When the officers arrived, they went to his room and he told them he was contracting with a local company who was picking up the tab. The company was contacted and they confirmed the man was unknown to them. He was arrested for the illegal use of a credit card to the tune of about three thousand bucks.

7800 block of Roswell Road 30350 1/22
During a traffic stop, the driver gave the officer a false name and date of birth (DOB) which, by the way, doesn't work. (There's too many other ways to check it out.) The officer determined that the driver was lying so they discussed it further. The driver then revealed her true name and when the officer checked it on the computer, the

officer found that she was wanted on a warrant for car theft out of Fulton County. She was arrested.

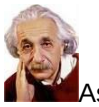
Other Things

8700 block of Roswell Road 30350 1/22

A man called the police and reported that his former co-worker opened four phone lines without his knowledge.

A woman called the police from her workplace and reported that someone entered her locker at work and removed a $300 breast pump.

For those of you who caught in traffic on GA 400 exiting onto Northridge Road Friday morning, the hub-bub was about a man who, while trying to push his disabled truck off the roadway, slipped and as he did so, the truck tire ran over his foot.

 As you can see, people will steal from your car if you leave something there for them to take. Don't have something there to steal if you can help it or at least hide it so that it's not easily seen.

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