

NGPD Police Blotter for week of 6/26/22 to 7/2/22

EMS calls, Burglar Alarms, Fire Alarms, Department Details, Investigation Follow Ups, and Traffic Stops not resulting in an arrest are excluded from this list.

6/26/22

10:41 AM- **Fraud-** In the Shoppes at Greenbush Plaza parking lot. Caller reported two males that were attempting to sell fake jewelry out of a vehicle. Several calls had been received at this location and in East Greenbush over a two week period for this activity. Officers checked the area but did not locate the males. *Officers Catlin and Peasley*

11:46 AM- **Harassment-** At Wendy's. A customer reported that a male was in the restaurant looking for a particular employee and threatening others. Officers located the male and he was advised to leave at the request of staff. *Officer Catlin*

12:10 PM- **Personal Injury Auto Accident-** North Greenbush Rd. at Agway Dr. Minor injury resulted. *Officers Catlin and Peasley*

12:28 PM- **Suspicious Vehicle-** At Pioneer Savings Bank. Caller reported a vehicle that was parked in a suspicious location and had been there the day before, also. Officers located the vehicle operator and determined that they park there to walk along Main Ave. *Officers Peasley and Catlin*

4:21 PM- **Reckless Driver-** North Greenbush Rd. at Valley View Blvd. Caller stated they were doing a custody exchange in the City of Rensselaer when they found that the other party was intoxicated. Caller attempted to stop the subject from driving away but couldn't. The area was checked but the subject was not located. Rensselaer PD also responded to investigate the incident that occurred in their jurisdiction. *Officers Gray and Fleming*

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9:31 AM- **Animal Problem-** North Greenbush Rd. at Bloomingrove Dr. Officer stopped out to move a flock of geese out of the roadway. *Officer Peasley*

10:57 AM- **Parking Complaint-** In the 200 block of North Greenbush Rd. Caller reported a dump truck that was parked partially in the roadway for a couple of weeks. Officer advised the owner who agreed to move it. *Officer Peasley*

1:00 PM- **Larceny-** At the Stewart's Shop on Bloomingrove Dr. Staff reported a subject that had pumped \$50.03 in fuel and left without paying. Investigation ongoing. *Officer Peasley*

1:11 PM- **Animal Problem-** In the Van Rensselaer Square parking lot. Caller reported a dog that was in a vehicle with the windows partially open but the caller felt it was still too warm and the dog was barking. Officer advised the owner. *Officer Gervais*

5:09 PM- **Larceny**- At Ulta Beauty. Staff reported several females in the store bagging up merchandise and were believed to be intending to steal it. Prior to an officer arriving, the females did leave the store with the merchandise without paying and fled in a vehicle, almost crashing into another vehicle in the parking lot. Officers checked the area for the vehicle but were unable to locate it. Investigation ongoing. *Officer Schrader and Sergeant Bourdeau*

7:00 PM- **Citizen Assist**- In the Van Allen Apartments. Caller wished to have an officer present while belongings were exchanged between two parties. *Sergeant Bourdeau and Officer Schrader*

7:24 PM- **Larceny**- At Home Depot. Staff reported a male and female in the store that were believed to be intending to steal property. Prior to an officer arriving, staff reported that the subjects left the store without taking anything. *Officer Schrader and Sergeant Bourdeau*

7:52 PM- **Animal Problem**- At Woodland Hill Montessori School. Officer located a dog running loose and secured it. Officer found the owner a few minutes later and returned the dog. *Officer Schrader*

9:16 PM- **Suspicious Person**- On Main Ave. Caller reported a male dressed all in black that was yelling in the area. Caller stated the same male was in the area the night before but nobody called to report it. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the male. *Sergeant Bourdeau and Officer Schrader*

10:32 PM- **Emotionally Distressed Person**- On Hillside Ave. Caller initially reported that a male, whom they didn't know, had entered their house without permission. They stated the male had taken a kitchen knife and was walking around the house with it. They stated they had seen him before at a couple of public locations, including in NYC. Officers checked the house and determined that the male did not exist. Mental health services were offered to the caller but they refused. *Sergeant Bourdeau and Officer Schrader*

11:07 PM- **Larceny**- In the 200 block of Peck Rd. Caller reported seeing a male take a "Posted" sign from his property and flee in a vehicle towards State Route 43. Officer checked the area but could not locate the vehicle. *Sergeant Mears*

11:20 PM- **Emotionally Distressed Person**- At Vanderheyden. Staff reported that a resident had intentionally injured themselves with a kitchen knife. North Greenbush Ambulance responded, treated the subject, and transported them to Samaritan Hospital for a mental health evaluation. *Sergeant Mears and Officer Giddings*

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7:39 AM- **Arrest**- Frank Koehler, of Albany, was arrested following a complaint of theft from Home Depot. Staff reported a male that had just left the store with merchandise he hadn't paid for. Officers located the male near Dunkin Donuts and identified him as Koehler. He was found in possession of the stolen merchandise and was taken into custody. Other property found was likely stolen from Walmart and EYPD responded to investigate that. He was charged with Petit Larceny and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th degree, both misdemeanors. He was

processed and turned over to East Greenbush PD on a warrant, of which had had several throughout the area. He is to return to this court at a later date. *Officers Peasley and Gervais, and Detective Walsh*

8:48 AM- **Criminal Mischief**- At Hoffman's Car Wash. Staff reported finding the kiosk for one of the automatic wash bays smashed. Video surveillance captured the incident. Officer located the subject who had admitted to the damage. Staff declined charges if the subject paid for the damage, which he did. *Officer Gervais*

10:13 AM- **Citizen Assist**- In the Van Allen Apartments. Caller requested an officer escort them to an address to secure property from the resident. *Officer Gervais*

10:56 AM- **Harassment**- On Mountainview Terr. Caller wished to speak to an officer about being harassed by a family member online. *Officer Peasley*

11:03 AM- **Hazardous Situation**- On Ludlow Ln. Caller reported finding a flood in the basement and water coming from a pipe but they didn't know how to shut it off. Defreestville Fire Department and North Greenbush Utilities responded, also, and got the water shut off. *Officer Gervais*

2:31 PM- **Illegal Dumping**- In the 200 block of Snyder's Lake Rd. Caller reported seeing a male using the dumpster at an apartment complex and was not a resident. Later in the evening, an officer made contact with the subject and advised them to cease this conduct. *Officer Fleming*

2:52 PM- **Larceny**- At the station. A citizen wished to file a report for a cell phone that had been stolen while they were at Cumberland Farms between noon and 12:15 PM. Investigation ongoing. *Officer Schrader*

3:32 PM- **Arrest**- William Comfort, of Maywood, California, was taken into custody at Albany County Jail on an outstanding warrant stemming from a fraud that occurred on June 21st, 2022. In that case, the victim was defrauded by a "grandparent scam" whereby they had given \$15,000 to one individual and \$25,000 to another. It is alleged that Comfort was the subject that had received the \$15,000 sum though it has not yet been determined if he was the scammer or a courier. His identification was due, in part, to Sergeant Deeb observing the transaction while off duty and making note of Comfort and his vehicle. Once the crime was reported, this information was shared with other local agencies using the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center and Comfort was arrested the next day picking up a sum of money from another victim in Colonie. He was charged with Grand Larceny 3rd degree, a felony. Comfort was already being held at ACJ on the Colonie charges as well as a Fugitive From Justice charge relative to an outstanding warrant out of Wisconsin. He was arraigned at North Greenbush Town Court and held on no bail. He was returned to ACJ. *Investigation by Officer Gray, Sergeant Deeb, and Detective Stehr. Arrest by Sergeant Bourdeau*

5:10 PM- **Dispute**- In the 4100 block of State Route 43. Caller wished to speak to an officer about a disagreement with a relative. Officer advised both parties. *Sergeant Bourdeau*

8:46 PM- **Loud Noise**- On Brinker Dr. South. Caller reported hearing several loud explosions that were believed to be fireworks somewhere east of their residence. This had been an ongoing issue in that area. Officer determined it likely to be coming from an address on Best Rd. but could not determine which house for sure. *Officer Schrader*

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8:45 AM- **Hazardous Situation**- On State Route 43 at the S-turns. Caller reported seeing a large piece of metal debris in the roadway. Officer located it and removed it from the roadway. *Officer Gervais*

11:43 AM- **Suspicious Person**- On Main Ave. near Orchard Terr. Caller reported seeing a male that was looking into vehicles. Officers checked the area and spoke to several people who had seen him but said it was half an hour prior to the time of call. Officers were unable to locate the male. *Officers Peasley and Gervais*

11:50 AM- **Arrest**- Harmony Alexander, of Rochester, was taken into custody following an investigation into a larceny that had occurred at Ulta Beauty. Staff reported that two females had stolen from the store and were walking towards a vehicle parked in the lot. A NYSP Investigator was in the area and observed the females getting into the vehicle which he then stopped. Investigation revealed that neither female had stolen any merchandise but appeared to have originally intended to prior to changing their minds, possibly due to staff paying close attention to them. During the interviews of the females, Alexander had provided a false name and date of birth with the intent of avoiding any documentation of police contact due to her being on probation. She was charged with False Personation, a misdemeanor, and released to return to court at a later date. *Investigation by Officers Catlin, Peasley, Gervais, Detectives Stehr and Walsh, and Lieutenant Croll*

12:41 PM- **Assist Other Agency**- North Greenbush Rd. at the East Greenbush town line. EGPD requested assistance in searching for a subject that had stolen from Target. The subject was a passenger in a vehicle on North Greenbush Rd. but fled the vehicle and ran into the woods as patrol units approached the area. Officers tracked the subject through the woods and located him near a residence on Best Rd. in the area of Red Oak Ln. The subject was found to have multiple warrants, including several with this agency. He was taken into custody and turned over to EGPD on their investigation to be turned back over to NGPD on the warrants when processing was complete. *Officers Gervais, Peasley, Catlin, Detective Walsh, and Lieutenant Croll*

1:22 PM- **Property Damage Auto Accident**- In the Hannaford parking lot. *Officer Gervais*

2:29 PM- **Larceny**- At Michael's craft store. Staff wished to file a report for thefts that occurred on June 27th, 2022 and in May involving the same suspect. Investigation ongoing. *Officer Peasley*

2:36 PM- **Fraud**- At the station. A resident wished to file a report for fraudulent activity on their bank account. Investigation ongoing. *Officer Gervais*

3:20 PM- **Vehicle Lockout**- At Town Hall. *Officer Fleming*

3:23 PM- **Motorist Assist**- On State Route 43 near Dell's Garage. A tractor trailer driver was looking for traffic control assistance as they backed into a driveway. An Albany PD unit was passing through and assisted before an officer could arrive. *Officer Gray*

4:06 PM- **Hazardous Situation**- State Route 43 at I-90 Exit 8. Caller reported a vehicle that had broken down in traffic. Officer checked the area but the vehicle was gone. *Officer Gray*

5:27 PM- **Assist Other Agency**- On Krey Blvd. in East Greenbush. EGPD requested an additional unit to assist on a burglar alarm call. *Officer Gray*

5:45 PM- **Welfare Check**- On Koon St. Caller stated they had been at a residence soliciting when they heard what sounded like an argument inside the residence and nobody answered the door. Officers spoke to the occupant of the residence who explained they were yelling at their dogs and didn't want to answer the door because they didn't know who it was. *Officers Schrader and Gray*

5:46 PM- **Animal Problem**- Winter St. Ext. at Bloomingrove Dr. Caller reported two injured groundhogs in the roadway. Officer located two deceased groundhogs well off the roadway near Rosemary Dr. *Officer Gray*

6:06 PM- **Suspicious Vehicle**- On Heminway Ln. Caller reported a vehicle they had never seen before that had been parked on the roadway most of the afternoon. Officer determined it was legally parked and belonged to a licensed solicitor working in the area. Officer found the solicitor and they agreed to move it. *Officer Gray*

6:41 PM- **Arrest**- Pasquale Zucaro, of Troy, was taken into custody at EGPD and charged with crimes committed in five different incidents. He had been the subject of the search earlier in the day after allegedly stealing from Target. Zucaro was charged for the following incidents: a larceny at Home Depot on May 30th, 2022; a larceny at ShopRite on June 11th, 2022; a larceny at ShopRite on June 12th, 2022; a larceny at ShopRite on June 15th, 2022; and a bench warrant for failing to appear on an arrest in March for Grand Larceny from Home Depot. In all, it is alleged that Zucaro had stolen \$5,283.39 worth of merchandise in these cases. He was charged with four counts of Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor, and one count of Grand Larceny 4th degree, a felony. He was processed and turned over to Colonie PD on an outstanding warrant. *Investigations by Officers Gray, Catlin, and Sergeant Bourdeau. Arrest by Sergeant Bourdeau*

9:00 PM- **Animal Problem**- On Geiser Rd. Officer stopped out with a family looking for their dog. *Officer Fleming*

9:21 PM- **Motorist Assist**- On State Route 43 near Dell's Garage. Caller from earlier in the shift requested assistance again in backing the tractor trailer into a driveway. *Officer Gray*

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7:32 AM- **Assist Other Agency**- On Evergreen Ln. in Rensselaer. Units assisted RPD in the investigation of a large explosion. It was determined to be a power transformer. *Officers Catlin and Giddings*

9:00 AM- **Animal Problem**- Geiser Rd. at Mary View Dr. Caller reported an injured duck in the roadway. Officer located the animal and found it to be deceased. Officer removed it from the roadway. *Officer Giddings*

10:21 AM- **Larceny**- On Zelenke Dr. Caller reported the theft of an extension ladder. Investigation ongoing. *Officer Catlin*

10:27 AM- **Lost/ Stolen License Plate**- At the station. *Officer Giddings*

11:56 AM- **Arrest**- Charles Pavia, of Schenectady, was taken into custody at Schenectady County Jail on two outstanding warrants for failing to appear on previous charges. Those charges were for Petit Larceny and Grand Larceny from Home Depot in 2020. He was arraigned at North Greenbush Town Court and released to return at a later date. *Detective Stehr and Lieutenant Croll*

2:10 PM- **Assist Other Agency**- On Columbia Turnpike in East Greenbush. EGPD requested additional units to respond to a report of a male threatening people with a knife. *Officer Gray*

3:14 PM- **Neighbor Dispute**- In the 400 block of State Route 150. Caller reported an active incident with his neighbor but didn't provide further details. All parties were advised. *Officers Fleming and Gray*

3:27 PM- **Unwanted Guest**- At Hanzo Hibachi. Staff reported a subject that was trying to use a fake ID at the bar and threatening staff members. Officers located him and the investigation revealed that he was trying to scam the restaurant by claiming he had found a worm in his food and demanding a gift card as compensation. It was learned that he had done the same at Zenbu earlier in the day and had been given a \$25 gift card there. Officers took the Zenbu gift card and returned it to that restaurant. The subject was told to leave and not return. *Officer Gray and Detective Walsh*

3:27 PM- **Property Damage Auto Accident**- In the Wynantskill Square parking lot. *Officer Gray*

4:30 PM- **Suspicious Person**- On Main Ave. at Douglas St. Caller reported seeing two females engage in what appeared to be a drug transaction. Officer checked the area and determined that the incident had occurred about 25 minutes prior. The females were not located. *Officer Fleming*

7:07 PM- **Property Damage Auto Accident**- In the Van Rensselaer Square parking lot. *Officer Gray*

7:27 PM- **Suspicious Vehicle**- In the 100 block of Sharpe Rd. Caller reported a vehicle parked on the side of the road for an extended period. Officer checked the vehicle and found it to be the same vehicle owned by solicitors working in the area as previous calls. *Detective Walsh*

7/1/22

1:00 AM- **Assist Other Agency**- On Main Ave. RCSO requested officers to make contact with the registered owner of a vehicle for an investigation into a traffic accident. *Officer Giddings*

5:20 AM- **Property Damage Auto Accident**- State Route 43 at Holland Dr. *Officer Gervais*

1:04 PM- **Suspicious Person**- At Capital Communications Credit Union. Staff wished to have an officer check on a subject that had been inside the bank for an hour and a half, making staff nervous. They stated he had done that before. Officer spoke to the subject who claimed he was waiting on a deposit from a friend. It was determined that the subject was having an emotional episode and there was actually no deposit. He was advised to leave the establishment which he did. *Officer Peasley*

1:10 PM- **Citizen Assist**- At the station. A citizen wished to speak to an officer about their belief that they were treated by a dentist in town that was practicing without a license. They provided no support for this claim and there was nothing in the allegation that could be considered criminal. The subject was advised to follow up with the State to check into licensing. *Officer Peasley*

1:47 PM- **Property Damage Auto Accident**- In the McDonald's parking lot. Caller reported the drivers to be engaged in a verbal dispute. *Officers Peasley and Gervais*

2:14 PM- **Citizen Assist**- At the station. A resident wished to speak to an officer about a harassing situation. *Officer Gervais*

2:26 PM- **Fraud**- At the station. A resident wished to file a report regarding an online fraud where they paid for concert tickets that they never received. *Detective Stehr*

4:02 PM- **Larceny**- At CVS on Main Ave. Staff reported a male that had stolen a cart full of merchandise. Investigation ongoing. *Officers Jukes and Gray*

8:00 PM- **Animal Problem**- In the LaBella's Restaurant parking lot. Caller reported seeing a dog in a vehicle and it appeared to be in distress. Officer located the animal and spoke to the owner who stated they had only been there a few minutes and were picking an order up. *Officer Jukes*

8:45 PM- **Citizen Assist**- At Ulta Beauty. Staff requested an officer to stand by as they were getting ready to close and had a customer with an inordinate amount of fragrance in their cart, possibly preparing to steal it. Officer stood by but no criminal action occurred. *Officer Gray*

8:56 PM- **Larceny**- At ShopRite. A customer reported seeing a male and female leave the store with groceries they hadn't paid for. Officers checked the area for the described vehicle but it was already gone. *Officer Gray and Jukes*

9:47 PM- **Assist Other Agency**- State Route 66 at the Poestenkill Town line. RCSO requested a unit to assist on a traffic stop. *Officer Gray*

9:57 PM- **Animal Problem-** On Main Ave. Caller stated she was told a deer was struck by a car and then ran into the bushes on her property but was alive and suffering. Officers checked the area but the animal had already run off. *Officers Jukes and Gray*

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2:25 AM- **Suspicious Person-** At Vanderheyden. Caller reported seeing a male getting dropped off on Route 355 then walking towards the rear of the building. NYSP assisted in searching the area but the male was not found. *Sergeant Mears*

7:42 AM- **Larceny-** On David Ave. Caller believed someone had gone into their vehicle and stole things a few days prior. *Officer Peasley*

9:02 AM- **Unwanted Guest-** At McDonald's. Staff reported an employee who had been living out of their vehicle in the rear parking lot. Staff had allowed it but reported the employee was refusing help with shelter and staff wished for him to be removed following complaints from customers. Officer spoke to the employee and his girlfriend. Officer made arrangements for both to go to more stable housing. *Officer Gervais*

1:17 PM- **Arrest-** Christa Mitchell, of Albany, and an accomplice were taken into custody following an investigation into an active theft from Ulta Beauty. Staff reported that two females had taken about \$1,500 in merchandise and fled the area. Officers located the vehicle on State Route 43 as it approached the Exit 8 onramp and effected a traffic stop. Both females were identified and the merchandise was recovered. Mitchell was charged with Grand Larceny 3rd degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 3rd degree, both felonies, and Conspiracy 5th degree, a misdemeanor. Mitchell was released to return to court at a later date. *Officers Peasley, Gervais, and Detective Walsh*

1:17 PM- **Juvenile Arrest-** A 17-year-old female from Albany was taken into custody as an accomplice to Christa Mitchell. The female was charged with Grand Larceny 4th degree, a felony, and Conspiracy 5th degree, a misdemeanor. The arrestee was released to the custody of her mother and is scheduled to appear at Family Court at a later date. *Officers Peasley, Gervais, and Detective Walsh*

3:02 PM- **Unwanted Guest-** At Dollar Tree. Staff called to report a customer that was upset and causing a scene over their phone that had gone missing while at the store earlier in the day. Staff told the customer to leave several times but she refused until staff called the police. Officer responded and found that the female had left prior to their arrival. Staff was advised to call if she returned. *Officer Schrader*

3:48 PM- **Larceny-** At the Stewart's Shop on Bloominggrove Dr. Staff reported a female that had pumped \$54.25 in fuel and left without paying. Officer located the subject and it was determined that there was an issue with the credit card reader and the female was not aware of that. She returned and paid for the fuel. *Officer Schrader*

7:06 PM- **Soliciting**- In the Van Rensselaer Square parking lot. Caller reported a man with a violin but that he wasn't really playing it and was begging for money. This is an ongoing issue in that lot but it is typically a different person each time. Officer advised the subject to leave.

Officer Schrader

8:55 PM- **Loud Noise**- Aavelord Blvd. Caller reported fireworks in the area. Officer checked the area but did not observe any and could not locate the source. *Sergeant Bourdeau*

9:25 PM- **Unwanted Guest**- At the North Greenbush Ambulance. Staff reported a Vanderheyden student that had shown up at their door. The student had not yet been reported missing. North Greenbush Ambulance transported the subject to Samaritan Hospital for an unknown issue. *Sergeant Bourdeau*

11:35 PM- **Larceny**- At ShopRite. Caller reported five females that had been in the store filling grocery carts before all meeting at the front of the store and exiting without paying. All five put their groceries in the same vehicle and left the lot. Investigation ongoing. *Sergeant Bourdeau*