

The Memo Report

GREENFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



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TO: Captain Alice Martin
FROM: Sergeants Daniel Huxley, Jennifer Chavez, and Ivor Paz
SUBJECT: Crime rate for the second quarter of 2000
DATE: July 12, 2000

From April 1 to June 30, 852 crimes were committed in Greenfield, representing a 5 percent increase over the 815 crimes recorded during the previous quarter.

The following report, based on the table below, discusses the specific types of crimes, organized into four categories: robberies and theft, felonies, traffic, and misdemeanors.

Table 1. Comparison of the 1st and 2nd Quarter 2000 Crime Rates in Greenfield

CATEGORY	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
ROBBERIES and THEFT		
Commercial	63	75
Domestic	36	43
Auto	33	40
FELONIES		
Homicides	16	13
Assault and Battery	77	92
Carrying a concealed weapon	10	11
Poss. of a controlled substance	55	47
Rape	9	8
TRAFFIC		
Speeding	165	158
Failure to observe signals	102	98
DUI	78	45
MISDEMEANORS		
Disturbing the peace	48	53
Vagrancy	40	48
Public drunkenness	19	40
Leash law violations	21	32
Dumping	35	37
Other	8	12

Source: "Federal Justice Statistics 2009." *Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)*.
21 Dec. 2011. Web. 31 Jan. 2012. <<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/>>.

ROBBERIES AND THEFT

The greatest increase in crime was in robberies, 20 percent more than last quarter. Downtown merchants reported 75 burglaries, exceeding \$985,000. The biggest theft occurred on May 21 at Weisenfarth's Jewelers when three armed robbers stole more

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than \$97,000 in merchandise. (Suspects were apprehended two days later.) Home burglaries accounted for 43 crimes, though the thefts were not confined to any one residential area. We also had 40 car thefts reported and investigated.

FELONIES

Homicides decreased slightly from last quarter—from 16 to 13. Charges for battery, however, increased—15 more than we had last quarter. Arrests for carrying a concealed weapon were nearly identical this quarter to last quarter's total. But the 47 arrests for possession of a controlled substance were appreciably down from the first quarter. Arrests for rape for this quarter also were less than last quarter's. Three of those rapes happened within one week (May 6-12) and have been attributed to the same suspect, now in custody.

TRAFFIC

Traffic violations for this period were lower than last quarter's figures. This quarter's citations for moving violations (335) represent a 5 percent increase over last quarter's (322). Most of the citations were issued for speeding (158) or for failing to observe signals (98). Officers issued 45 citations to motorists for DUI, an impressive decrease over the 78 DUI's issued last quarter. The new state penalty of withholding a driver's license for six months of anyone convicted of driving while under the influence appears to be an effective deterrent.

MISDEMEANORS

The largest number of arrests in this category were for disturbing the peace—53. Compared to last quarter, this is an increase of 10 percent. There were 88 charges for vagrancy and public drunkenness, an increase from the 59 charges from last quarter. We issued 32 citations for violations of leash laws, which represents a sizable increase over last quarter's 21 citations. Thirty-seven citations were issued for dumping trash at the Mason Reservoir.

CONCLUSION

Overall, while the crime rate has decreased in traffic (especially DUI's) and possession of controlled substances this quarter, we have seen a marked increase in arrests for robberies and battery.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To help deter robberies in the downtown area, we recommend the following:

1. increasing surveillance units in the area
2. offering merchants our workshop on safety and security precautions, as we did during the first quarter

Historically, battery arrests have risen during the second quarter. Our recommendations to counter that trend include:

1. continuing to work closely with the Neighborhood Watch Group
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