

Giddings Police Report

June 15, 2009

At approximately 1:11 a.m. Officer Ray received a call of an assault at the 1300 blk of N. Ellis. The victim stated that a known subject had assaulted her and had left the area. Statements were taken and charges are pending.

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Around 1:28 p.m., Officer Connolly was dispatched to Roberts Car Care in reference to illegal dumping. Upon arrival Connolly spoke to the complainant who advised Connolly that over the weekend, someone had dumped numerous items in their dumpster next to their business. The complainant advised that the dumpster was so full, they could not put any of their trash inside it. Connolly observed a woman's dress, empty boxes, and animal feed bags. Connolly also observed a syringe lying on top of one of the feed bags. This case is under investigation at this time.

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At approximately 1:37 a.m., Patsy Batla met officers at the Police Department to report someone had stolen her debit card. Batla stated that someone entered her vehicle on June 3, 2009 and stole a debit card, then withdrew money at an ATM and returned her card and placed it into her vehicle that same night.

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At around 4:36 pm, Officer Connolly was dispatched to the All Star Convenience store in reference to a gas drive off. Connolly spoke to the store clerk who advised that a gold Chevy pick-up was at the pumps pumping gas and she thought that the truck was pulling back up to the store to pay, but the truck drove off without paying for the fuel. With partial information, this case is under investigation.

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At approximately 5:50 p.m., Sgt. Anthony Ramirez conducted a traffic stop on a white 1995 Buick four door at the 600 blk of S. Navarro St for failure to signal when turning. The vehicle failed to signal when turning right onto S. Navarro St. from the 800 blk of W. Liberty St. Ramirez made

contact with the driver identified as John Burnham, who stated that he was going to his girlfriend's house. Burnham gave Ramirez consent to search his vehicle. The officer located a beefjerky bag and he could observe a pack of zig-zag rolling paper and marijuana seeds and stems. Ramirez opened the bag and detected an odor of marijuana. He located a clear baggie that contained a green leafy substance known to be marijuana. Burnham admitted the marijuana was his. Burnham was placed under arrest for Possession of Marijuana and transported to the Lee County Sheriff's Department.

June 17, 2009

At approximately 9:58 a.m., Detective Corporal Lacey Carvin was dispatched to 759 S. Navarro in reference to criminal mischief. Upon arrival she met with Vernon Simpson, the reporting person, who advised that he had come to check on his son's residence and discovered that the mailbox had been damaged and an orange jelly like substance had been placed inside the mailbox. Vernon advised that his son, Mike Simpson, was working out of town and Vernon had contacted Mike to inform him of the damage. Photographs were taken of the mailbox. Case is active with a known identified suspect.

June 20, 2009

At approximately 1:59 p.m., Sgt Ramirez was dispatched to the Giddings Police Department in reference to found property. Upon arrival, Ramirez was informed that Randy Birnbaum located a credit card issued to Charles Goodson. The credit card was located at the 200 blk of E. Railroad while Birnbaum was mowing the grass. Ramirez contacted Trooper Thomas Goodson and informed that a credit card was located and it belonged to his dad. Goodson arrived at the Police Department a short time later and picked it up. Goodson advised he had cancelled the card.

June 21, 2009

At approximately 10:01 p.m. Officer Griffin responded to the 200 blk of E. Richmond in reference to a physical disturbance call-for

service. After an investigation was completed, Emilio Delgado Barboza of Giddings was placed under arrest for Assault by Contact-Family Violence for assaulting a family member and transported to the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

June 21, 2009

Officer Shepard was advised by dispatch of a reckless driver traveling southbound on N. Main St. Shepard located the suspect vehicle traveling southbound on N. Main and followed it to the intersection of Austin and Main. Once he observed a traffic violation, he initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle at the 100 blk of N. Orange St. He met with the driver, Jose Hector Solorzano of Houston. Shepard detected the odor of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle and from his breath. Shepard then conducted testing to ensure Solorzano was good to drive. Field sobriety testing was done, and it was determined that Solorzano was intoxicated. He was subsequently arrested for DWI and transported to the Lee County Jail for booking.

Texas Unemployment Rises to 7.1 Percent

State far below national rate of 9.4

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose in May to 7.1 percent and continued to trend well below the national rate of 9.4 percent. The Texas unemployment rate was up from a revised 6.6 percent in April when the U.S. unemployment rate stood at 8.9 percent.

Texas' seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment fell by 24,700 jobs in May. Texas has recorded a net loss of 222,600 jobs in the past 12 months, compared with job losses of 5.4 million in the United States during the same period.

"The Texas unemployment rate continued to follow the national unemployment rate's upward trend," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "Few industries were spared in May as Texas employers continued to report job losses. Continued unemployment claims increased in Texas as well."

Texas saw broad industry losses in May. Hardest hit were manufacturing with a loss of 12,800 jobs over the month, followed by construction with a loss of 10,400 jobs.

"Texas workers are facing a tight job market as employers across most industries reported job losses in May," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny

The Lexington Police Department reminds everyone the water restrictions are still in effect.

The City is asking all water customers to continue with the schedule as follows: The south side of town will be allowed to water outdoors on odd numbered days (1-31). The North side of town will be allowed to water outdoors only on even days (2-30). Fifth Street will be the dividing line, which defines the south and the north sides of town.

Car washing should be completed in accordance with the same guidelines. Please water between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. If your sprinklers are set on automatic timers please make the necessary adjustments.

June 16, 2009

At approximately 1 a.m., Officer Sherer observed a green ATV occupied by three white males driving at a high rate of speed down Main Street heading towards County Road 320. The rider of the ATV dumped out a case of beer at the corner of 10th and CR 320. Sherer attempted to stop and apprehend the violators but to no avail. As Sherer gave

chase to the green ATV it exited onto private property on 10th Street and escaped towards the heavy brush. At the present time officers are continuing the search for the ATV and occupants to issue several citations and to answer for the criminal mischief that was caused to one individual's property.

June 22, 2009

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Officer Sherer received a call from Lee County Sheriff's Office in reference a disorderly conduct in progress at the Cefco on HWY 77. Sherer arrived and observed a white male and female arguing

while pumping fuel. The male had been drinking and was redirected back to the passenger's side of the vehicle while Sherer conducted an interview with the female. After the interview Sherer released all parties, without further action.

Animal Control Officer Castro and the Blue Paws Organization are continuing their quest on the Feral Cat population. If your cat is missing please contact ACO Castro at 979-540-9791.

A reminder all animals kept outside should have a collar and Rabies tags. If your pet is missing please contact the Animal Control Officer.

Free Homebuying, Selling Informative Event Saturday

With so much confusion circulating on the economy and national real estate market, Here & Now Facts About Homeownership in Central Texas is the first real estate forum bringing real estate experts and local homeowners together to discuss homeownership in today's market.

Real estate experts will speak on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Doubletree Hotel, 6505 North IH-35 in Austin. This free educational event is open to the public.

Here & Now will provide local homeowners the facts to make informed decisions about buying and selling real estate in Central Texas.

Presenters will include Jim Gaines, economist at the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University to provide an in-depth look at the Central Texas economy and real estate market; Scott

Norman, vice president of the Texas Mortgage Bankers Association, to discuss recent changes in the mortgage lending industry in Texas and tips for choosing a lender; Ed Clark, Austin Energy Communications Director to discuss green energy incentives available to homeowners; and Kendra Todd, national real estate expert and host of HGTV's My House is Worth What?, providing guidance on cost-efficient upgrades to increase home value.

The event is sponsored by AustinHomeSearch.com and the Austin Board of REALTORS®, a non-profit, voluntary organization representing more than 8,000 licensed REALTORS® in Central Texas.

For details contact Angela Brutsché with the Austin Board of REALTORS® at (512)454-7636, abrutsch@abor.com, or visit AustinHomeSearch.com.

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