

# FAIRFIELD POLICE

## Monthly Report – April 2019



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## Section 1: Bureau / Division Reports

### Noteworthy Police Work

The Police Commission recognized Officer Renaldi for his response to a homicide call that prevented further injury to another person.



Officer Gonzalez received a card thanking him for recovering the writer's wallet.

### 25 Years of Service

The following members of the department were recognized by the Fairfield PBA for completing 25 years with the department.



Detective Belinda Papageorge, Officer Joe Kalson and Lieutenant Ed Greene

## New Officers



On April 4, 2019 Daniel Chase and Douglas Katz were sworn in as Fairfield Police officers. They will be attending the Connecticut Police Academy for the next several months.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Eurico Diaz and John Mirra were sworn in as Fairfield Police Officers. They came to Fairfield as certified officers and will be working with our field training officers to complete their orientation to Fairfield.



## Patrol

On Tuesday April 30, 2019 at approximately 2:01pm, the Fairfield Police Department Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call from a concerned relative who reported that she had received a telephone call from her sister reporting a suspicious person on the property on Coventry Lane. Moments later she heard her sister yell, “No, No” and the line was disconnected.

Police were immediately dispatched to respond to Coventry Lane. Approximately four minutes later and while still on the 911 call with the original caller, a 911 call was received from 363 Coventry Lane from a victim reporting that someone had broken into the home and attacked her, displaying a knife. The victim reported that the suspect, described as a male, wearing a black baseball cap fled the scene in a black four door, “simple” type vehicle.

A responding Fairfield Police Officer located a vehicle and driver matching the description given by the victim traveling on Congress Street near Black Rock Tnpk. The officer conducted a motor vehicle stop as the vehicle pulled into the driveway of a home on Black Rock Tnpk. The officer exited his vehicle, requested identification from the driver and began to walk back to his patrol car. When doing so, the operator of the vehicle fled the scene traveling across two properties and engaged police in pursuit north on Black Rock Turnpike subsequently entering the Merritt Parkway Northbound. Police pursued the vehicle and it exited at Exit 46 and traveled south on Easton Tnpk. Later, the suspect vehicle came to rest on the front lawn of a property on Davis Rd and the operator fled the vehicle with police in pursuit.

Following an extensive search, the suspect was found minutes later by police hiding under a deck of a home on Bennett Street and taken into custody.

When taken into custody, jewelry and cash were found on the suspect’s person belonging to the victim.

The suspect was charged with multiple felony and misdemeanor criminal and motor vehicle charges and held on a \$500,000.00 bond.

Easton and Bridgeport Police also assisted in this investigation.

Fairfield Police personnel involved: Sgt. Nook, Sgt. VanDerheyden, Off. Rubis, Off. Krushinski, Off. Greenfield, Off. Jenkins, Off. Letsch, Sgt. Paris, Off. Zerella, Off. Diaz, Off. McPadden, Off. Fuller, Off. Galaske, Dispatcher Rindgen, Dispatcher Lobo and Dispatcher Mulligan.

### **19-16342 | 11:24 PM | 4/30/2019 | 00007 Wynnwood Dr**

ECC received a report of someone in the backyard going through the vehicle. The incident was captured on the complainant’s Ring camera. A description of the suspect was broadcast to responding patrol officers.

Off. Young located the suspect, who admitted to entering the car on Wynnwood. Nothing was taken. The suspect was arrested and charged with for Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> and Criminal Attempt Larceny 6<sup>th</sup>.

**19-16198 | 5:20 PM | 4/29/2019 | Assistance | Chambers St/I 95 Exit 24**

State Police requested assistance for a Trooper who was fighting with a suspect at the Exit 24 off ramp. Upon Off. Letsch and Sgt. Gunter's arrival, the Trooper was still struggling with the suspect. He had deployed his Taser but it seemed to have no effect. Off. Letsch and Sgt. Gunter assisted the Trooper in taking the combative male to the ground. The male was transported to the hospital due to the fact he was stunned with the Taser and we assisted the State Police by riding with the subject in the back of the ambulance until State Police took custody of him at the hospital.

**19-11603 | 5:53 PM | 3/26/2019 | Suspicious Vehicle | Greenfield, J | 00147 Melville Av**

Off. Greenfield and Off. MacNamara responded to the upper level of Tunxis Hill Park for a suspicious vehicle complaint. After locating the vehicle a search was conducted based on the smell of marijuana coming from the car. A search of the car led to the discovery of a small amount of marijuana and a black airsoft handgun in the glove box. The two juveniles in the car were issued Juvenile Referrals for Possession of a weapon in a MV and Possession of Marijuana. The juveniles were turned over to their parents.



**19-8311 | 9:24 PM | 3/2/2019 | Procaccini, V | Post Rd/Westport Town Line**

Earlier in the evening shift, officers received a BOLO from ECC that Norwalk and Darien PD were looking for a Chevy Malibu with Georgia plates. The occupants in the vehicle were wanted for passing counterfeit \$100 bills at businesses in those towns.

Off. Procaccini located the vehicle and made a traffic stop in Westport just over the town line. In plain view on the passenger seat were suspected counterfeit bills and a search of car revealed several recently purchased items with receipts that showed the merchandise was paid for with \$100 bills. There was no evidence of anything in the car being purchased in Fairfield. The four subjects in the car were turned over to Norwalk PD. One of the female occupants, Destiny Poole, 2/16/99, had two felony Prawn warrants out of Fairfield from Larceny cases. Norwalk PD to serve the prawns.

## Detective Division

On April 23rd, 2019, the Fairfield Police Detective Bureau was conducting an investigation into bank fraud related to the theft of approximately \$120,000 from an elderly person residing in Texas. The suspects in this matter were conducting these fraudulent transactions at Bankwell, located at 1 Sasco Hill Road in Southport.

At approximately 4:00pm on the 23rd, Detectives observed Carl Myers, DOB 9/24/72 of 358 Exeter Street in Bridgeport enter the bank. When Myers was confronted by detectives, he drew a pistol which he had concealed in his pants. A tense stand-off ensued between Myers and several officers in the bank, with several officers holding Myers at gunpoint and issuing repeated orders to drop his weapon.

Myers eventually lowered his pistol and then became combative with officers. He physically resisted arrest and had to be Tasered.

As a continuation of this investigation, a search warrant was executed in Bridgeport by Fairfield and Bridgeport officers. At that time, Tanika Haase DOB 11/4/89, was taken into custody when more evidence of the financial crimes was located in her possession.

Both suspects were charged with multiple felony crimes. The investigation is on-going.



## Special Services Bureau

On Friday April 12, 2019 at approximately 0952hrs, the Fairfield Police Emergency Communications Center received multiple 911 calls reporting a pedestrian struck on Sanford Street near the Post Rd in the Town of Fairfield.

Upon officer's arrival, it was determined that a 2013 Hyundai Sonata driven by Schaunta Chambers of Ash Street in Bridgeport, was traveling westbound on Post Rd and turned north on Sanford Street, subsequently striking a pedestrian walking eastbound in the crosswalk across Sanford Street.

The pedestrian was transported to Bridgeport Hospital where he was listed in critical condition.

After an extensive investigation, the operator of the vehicle was charged with multiple offences.

### Traffic Safety Unit

Traffic Stops: **432**  
Infractions: **536**  
Misdemeanor Summons: **18**  
Accidents Investigated: **34**  
Child Seats Installed: **15**  
DUI Arrests: **1**

### Traffic Crash Investigations

Total Accidents Investigated: **60**  
Total Accidents with Injuries: **12**  
Search Warrants: **3**  
Arrest Warrants: **3**  
Misdemeanor Summons Issued: **6**  
Infractions Issued: **107**

### Traffic Enforcement Targeted Areas

Davis Rd  
Rowland Rd  
Brentwood Ave  
Nutmeg Ln  
Pequot Ave  
Old Post Rd - SPT

Brooklawn Terr  
Brookview / Woodside  
Morehouse Hwy  
Post Rd  
Black Rock Tnpk  
Pemburn Dr

## Other Activities

Distracted Driving Campaign Conducted by traffic unit - 662 Traffic Stops - 536 Infractions Issued  
- 18 Misdemeanor Summons Arrests - 2 Fugitive from Justice Arrests

- PAL Fishing Derby Conducted
- Child Seat Recert Class
- Traffic Stop Safety Class - Greenwich
- Sherman School Stop Kiss and Go project
- Girl Scout Presentation
- Clam Jam - DUI Checkpoints conducted
- Sergeant Paris and Officer Medvey were certified in the FARO Scanner - A new device to measure crash scenes with the latest technology.
- Sergeant Paris, Officer Letsch, Officer Medvey attended a week long Crash Conference hosted at UCONN where live crashes were conducted and a refresher of crash reconstruction.
- Jail and Bail
- Special Olympics Penguin Plunge at Jennings' Beach
- Donnelly Dash
- Girl Scouts in Government Day

## Animal Control

Complaints: **67**

Wildlife related complaints: **25**

Animals tested for rabies: **1**

Wildlife testing positive for rabies: **1**

Animal bites: **5**

Enforcement:

Written warnings: **4**

Infractions: **18**

Misdemeanors: **0**

### Lake Mohegan Enforcement

Lake Mohegan/ Open Space. Periodic patrols, 15 infractions issued on 4/13/2019.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

### **Training**

- Situations Involving People with Mental Illness
- Laser Scanner Training
- Drug Investigations
- Marine Patrol Laws & Safety
- Training Officer Liability
- SRO Active Shooter
- Counter Ambush Tactics for Law Enforcement
- Tactics in Traffic
- Crash Reconstruction
- Digital Imagery and Video Recovery
- Drone Aerial Search and Rescue
- Active Aggressor
- Fairfield County Detective Conference