

# **MPD C.O.P. REPORT**

**COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING IN THE EAST PRECINCT – JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

## **Last week, East Precinct officers:**

- Answered 1,763 calls for service. The average is approximately 1,800 per week. This number does not reflect any arrests, citations or traffic stops.
- Arrested 438 people by physical arrest or citation.
- Conducted 754 traffic stops.
- Warned 566 motorists, 75.1% of total traffic stops.
- Cited 174 for traffic violations; 23.1% of total traffic stops.
- Arrested 56 (5 for DUI) motorists; 7% of total stops.
- Officers only issued 4 parking citations last week, but they were quality violations.
- There were 34 traffic accidents in the precinct last week.

## **Recent Developments & Significant Events:**

Let's talk robbery. Outside of a drunk driver killing you, this is your greatest risk of stranger-on-stranger homicide. Last week, there was a robbery of an off-duty MPD officer in his own front yard. He was performing yard work when three M/B's exited a vehicle and asked for directions. (There is no reason, in this day and age, that anybody should be soliciting directions from you in your yard, or anywhere else. These types of things, like asking to use a cell phone or for a light, are a diversion and ploy to violate your personal space.) The suspects turned to leave, then faced off at the victim and pulled previously concealed weapons from their waistbands. This incident brings into sharp relief the fact that anyone can be a robbery victim. There are some things to keep in mind when moving about, trying to conduct the day-to-day affairs of life:

- Give folks a wide berth. If you don't immediately recognizing them as friendlies, consider the approaching parties as a threat. Their feelings may be hurt or they may be insulted. You do not have the responsibility, or any accountability, for their self-esteem issues.
- Have a plan. Retreat into your home. If walking, do something within the continuum of avoiding contact – such as crossing the street, up to and including fleeing. Once a person is within about 21 feet of you, you probably cannot completely stop a highly motivated attacker. Depending upon what you got, you can repel and lessen the severity of the attack, though.

From May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>, there were no commercial robberies, but there were ***fifteen*** personal robberies.

- On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, East had five robberies. At 110 Oak Valley Drive, at two in the morning, a guy said that he and his girlfriend were 'parking' in his car when 2 M/B's approached the driver's window and pointed a black handgun at him asking where the money was. The victim and his girlfriend stated they had none. So, the suspect took his cell phone and a book of CD's from the vehicle. The man exposed his girlfriend to risk. Get a room.

- Then, at breakfast time, in the 3800 block of Edwards Avenue, a woman stated she was parking her car in her driveway. As she was gathering her belongings, she was approached by a M/B who was armed and demanded her keys and purse. The suspect then fled in her vehicle. A true victim, this is hard to prevent, except by trying to continuously scan the area around you while exiting your car. Entering and exiting vehicles are the high risk times for an attack.
- Then, at 10:00 pm, on Dew Street, some guy said he was standing in front of somebody's address when 2/M/B approached him. One had a gun. They demanded his keys. The victim refused to give the suspects anything and they fled on foot.
- Twenty minutes later, at North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & Hancock Street, some guy states that he was riding a motorcycle when he stopped to talk with friends and was approached by a M/B who was armed. The suspect demanded the victim's money, cell phone and took his blue jean shorts. As the victim fled the suspect fired one shot and hit the motorcycle.
- Ten minutes after that robbery, in an alley behind the 1000 block of Forrest Avenue, a guy stated that he and friend were walking in the alley when one M/B & one M/W approached them from the concealment of a dumpster and attempted to rob them. The friend fled on foot and the victim got into a fight with them. The suspects then fled on foot down the alley. He did a great job, but we don't necessarily recommend fighting your attackers. However, if you can whip 'em, more power to ya'. Also, try to find friends that won't leave you to die alone in an alley.
- On Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, East had one robbery. At South 8<sup>th</sup> & Shelby Street, a man was selling ice cream from his truck when a M/B approached, armed with a pistol, and demanded his money. The victim said he only had forty dollars. The suspect reached up and grabbed a cross/chain the victim was wearing and fled on foot.
- On Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, East had one robbery. At Delmas Avenue & Gallatin Pike, around 7:30 pm, a man said that he was walking on Gallatin Pike when three M/B's pulled up to him in a 1980's Chevy Malibu or Caprice, four-door, black, with a primer colored passenger door. No tag. **One suspect got out and asked if he could use his phone** and the victim said no. There is the warning. He then asked for the bag he was carrying and again was told no. Suspect #2 got out and took the victim's wallet and they fled in the car. The victim waited until the following morning to call the report in because he did not want to get involved. The police term for this guy is, well, never mind.
- On Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, East had one robbery. On Frith Drive, at 8:30 pm, a guy states that he was outside, by his truck, when 3/M/B's approached him. Suspect #1 pulled a gun and stated he wanted the truck and ordered the victim out. All the suspects then jumped in the truck and they fled the scene.
- On Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, East had four robberies. On the 900 block of Chickamauga Avenue, a man said that someone knocked on his door at 2:15 am. When he went outside, he was confronted by 2 M/B's armed with guns. They took his wallet and fled on foot. The victim later heard a car speed off. Maybe, you don't answer door knocks in the dead of night by exploring outside. Oh, and leave your wallet inside.

- At dinnertime, in the 700 block of Glenview Drive, a stoner was attempting to buy marijuana from what he thought were two ganja dealers. One of them pulled gun and demanded his money. The victim thought they were joking until they shot him in his leg. The suspects grabbed the victim's money and fled on foot. Marijuana is dangerous.
- On the 700 block of South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, at around 7:00 pm, some dude states that he and some guy were talking with friends when 4/M/B's, all armed, approached from around the corner of the building. The suspects pointed the guns at the victims and took their belongings. Then, they compelled the guy, but not the dude, to disrobe. (Details on what happened to the "friends" that the victims were originally socializing with are incomplete. They might have foreseen the imminent nudity and averted their eyes.)
- About the same time, at Rebecca Street & Cahal Avenue, a man said he was in the parking lot at this location when 3/M/B's **approached him and asked to use his cell phone**. He agreed and handed one of them the phone when the suspect pulled a gun and ordered the victim out of his car. The suspects jumped in the victim's vehicle, but were unable to disengage the brake so they could take off in the car. They then fled on foot.
- On Friday, the 5<sup>th</sup>, East had one robbery. On the 400 block of North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, shortly after mid-night, a woman said that she was parking her car when she saw someone coming towards her armed with a silver pistol. (It's probably best to comply at that point.) The suspect told her to give him her phone and car keys. Four suspects, in all, either came up to assist the suspect in taking the car or went back to the vehicle they had come in. The suspects then fled with the victim's car.
- On Sunday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, East had one robbery. At Trevecca Avenue & McClurkan Avenue, at mid-night, a man states that he was at the stop sign when 2/M/B's approached his car, pointed a gun at his head and stated "give me your wallet." The victim complied and the suspect fled on foot.
- On Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, East had one robbery. At 1500 Porter Road, the "K" building, at 4:45 am, a guy said that he and his friend followed some women home from a club to this location. As they went up the stairs they heard two gun shots and decided to leave. When they went to leave, a M/B approached and pointed a handgun at them, taking their money and cell phone. The victims fled on the horse they rode in on.

### Other Stuff:

- 1/3 of the cars stolen last week had the keys left in them. In an interesting statistical coincidence, 33% of the auto theft victims were irresponsible.

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