



Schererville Neighborhood Watch



Weekly Report



Neighborhood
Edition

12/18/23 – 12/25/23

Schererville Police Department

25 E. Joliet St. Schererville, IN

Call 911

www.schererville.org/police



SEVERE WEATHER DRIVING: DOs & DON'Ts



DO SLOW DOWN



DON'T USE HANDHELD DEVICES



DO WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT



DON'T USE CRUISE CONTROL



DO FILL YOUR GAS TANK



DON'T DRIVE UNLESS NECESSARY



DO KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANTI-LOCK BRAKES



DON'T DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE



REMEMBER, PLEASE **CALL 911** IMMEDIATELY TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



REPORTS

* **Open garage doors found on the following streets:**
Eggert Dr., Oriskany Dr., Saratoga Ave., Knoxbury Dr.,

* **PARKING PROBLEM** – Lakeview Dr., While on routine patrol, I observed a vehicle parked with its driver side tires against the curb. A Local Ordinance 560 3.04(A) written warning was issued, and left under the driver's windshield wiper.

* **SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE** – Krame Dr. - Officers of the Schererville Police Department were dispatched to the above location in reference to a white passenger van at above location. On arrival, officers located multiple vans in the area. The complainant states that her daughter with children remotely started their vehicles, and noticed that a white passenger van with windows was waiting between the vehicles. The white van left the scene but stayed in the area. Officers were unable to located the white van involved.

* **PARKING PROBLEM** – Pershing Rd. On December 20, 2023, at approximately 3:15 pm, while on patrol I observed a red 1999 Dodge Ram parked with its driver side against the curb and parked against the flow of traffic outside of a residence on Pershing Rd. A written warning was issued and placed on the windshield.

* **RECKLESS DRIVER** – Pine Island Subdivision - Unsure of the reason for the reckless driving behavior, or why the driver was attempting to avoid me, a felony stop was conducted. The driver was given commands to shut off the vehicle and exit facing away from me. The driver was given directions and was eventually taken into custody without incident. While speaking with the driver, I asked him what the reason for the speed was and why he was attempting to avoid me. After explaining to me that his license was valid and there was nothing illegal in the vehicle, the driver stated he just made a "dumb decision".



Citations for his speed, as well as, multiple stop sign citations. The driver was also informed he would be charged through the Schererville Town Court for reckless driving (9-21-8-52) - Class C Misdemeanor

* **VANDALISM** – Pershing Rd. - Schererville officers were dispatched to the address above in reference to eggs thrown at the home around 1 am on 12/21/2023. I spoke to the home owner whom advised there was no damage at this time.



- * **SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT** – Woodhollow Dr. – I responded to the listed location in regards to an anonymous individual dropping off a paper bag on a home owners lawn. Upon arrival, I made contact with home owner who stated that this is the second time a bag has been randomly placed in his front yard. I observed the bag there was cheap fireworks, containers, and nails. The home owner advised he just thinks it is weird.
- * **SUSPICIOUS PERSON** – Winterberry Ln - I made contact with the complainant via phone call in reference to suspicious activity with solicitors. The complainant stated he just wanted to document an interaction with two male, white solicitors who arrived to his residence asking weird questions. The complainant reported that the solicitors were asking if his wife was home and how many people lived there. The complainant said they did not give their names or leave any business cards. They alleged to be selling windows. The complainant did not give any personal information and refused any services from the solicitors.
- * **VANDALISM** – E. Wilhelm St - Dispatched to a home on E. Wilhelm St. in reference to a spray painting on the fence behind the above location. Upon arrival, I made contact with the R/P advised that she noticed this morning that the fence at 311 Joliet St had "Prey for Us" spray painted on it. The R/P believes this is in reference to the documentary against Baptist religion. The R/P advised that she is Baptist and believes this may be targeted at her. I advised the R/P that I would check with the home on Joliet St to see if they were aware of the spray painting. The R/P asked that I also contact Schererville Code Enforcement Ofc Decero. I advised her that I would send him an email and she advised she would contact him as well.

ARRESTS

- * Truelove RA Nesbitt, 26 Driving While Suspended-Prior (IC 9-24-19-2) Class A Misdemeanor
- * Jada Marie Wilson, 30 Driving While Suspended-Prior (IC 9-24-19-2) Class A Misdemeanor
- * Michael Thomas Anderson Jr, 46, Possession of Cocaine (IC 35-48-4-6)- Level 6 Felony, Possession of A Controlled Substance (IC 35-48-4-7)- Class A Misdemeanor, Possession of Paraphernalia (IC 35-48-4-8.3)- Class C Misdemeanor, Possession of Paraphernalia (IC 35-48-4-8.3)- Class C Misdemeanor
- * Brian P McInurff - 56 YOA - Motor Vehicle Theft - IC 35-43-4-2, Criminal Mischief - IC 35-43-1-2 Criminal Mischief - IC 35-43-1-2
- * Raquan Lamon Lewis, 23 Possession of A Controlled Substance (IC 35-48-4-7) Class A Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana (IC 35-48-4-11) Class B Misdemeanor, Possession of Paraphernalia (IC 35-48-4-8.3) Class C Misdemeanor
- * Blake Anthony Talbert 29 years old Battery, i.c. 35-42-2-1, Class B misdemeanor
- * Larry Hunter, 69 Possession of Cocaine (IC 35-48-4-6) Level 6 Felony
- * Arely Celis; 23 Possession of Controlled Substance IC 35-48-4-4 Class A Misdemeanor
- * Colin J. Flaherty - Age: 18 Reckless Driving - IC 9-21-8-52 - Class C Misdemeanor
- * Hayley N. Serbin (28 YOA) OWI-Endangering | IC 9-30-5-2(b) OWI IC 9-30-5-2(a)
- * Jesse Echols, 22 YOA Possession of Cocaine, IC 35-48-4-6, Level 6 Felony, Possession of Paraphernalia IC 35-48-4-8.3 Class C Misdemeanor
- * Lizbeth Robles, 28 YOA OWI - Endangering a Person - IC 9-30-5-2(b) - Class A Misdemeanor, OWI BAC Greater than .15% - IC 9-30-5-2- Class A Misdemeanor, Operating While Intoxicated - IC 9-30-5-2(a) - Class C Misdemeanor
- * Timothy Alan Malo - 41 YOA - Possession of Marijuana - IC 35-48-4-11, Possession of Paraphernalia - IC 35-48-4-8.3
- * Cain E. Morales Jurado- 53 YOA -Sexual Battery- IC:35-42-4-8, Public Indecency- IC:35-45-4-1
- * Justin P Ramstetter; 34 YOA - Theft (Prior)- IC:35-43-4-2, Theft- IC:35-43-4-2, Crim Trespass- IC:35-43-2-2





Help to Prevent Thefts from Vehicles

Residents are encouraged to follow these important safety tips to help prevent these types of incidents from occurring in their neighborhoods:



- **ALWAYS lock your vehicle** and keep your windows rolled up when you are away from your vehicle. Thieves will sometimes walk down a street or through a business district checking door handles for easy access to your vehicle’s contents.
- **ALWAYS remove valuables from plain view**, such as purses, wallets, briefcases, GPS units, laptops, large amounts of loose change, CD wallets, radar detectors, and other similar items. This can lead to smashed windows or other damage from forced entry attempts. Bring these items inside at night.
- **NEVER leave purses or wallets inside of your vehicle at gas pumps**, even if you are only going to go inside to pay for a few minutes. Thieves will sometimes wait in gas stations for subjects who leave their vehicles unlocked while they have their back turned to their vehicle.
- **ALWAYS report suspicious activity in your neighborhood immediately** by calling 911. Never yell at someone who you believe is stealing as this will only give them a running start from the responding police officers. Keep an eye on their location from a safe position/location and keep the dispatcher updated if you feel that someone is possibly stealing or attempting to steal from vehicles.



Please Remember Your “9pm Routine”

The Munster Police Department encourages all residents to remember their “9pm Routine”, which is an initiative that has been publicized by several other area police departments. Each night at 9:00pm, residents are encouraged to do the following:

- **Check your vehicle doors** to make sure that they are locked and that all valuables are removed from plain view.
- **Check your garage** to make sure that the service door is closed and locked, as well as the connecting door to your residence if one is present. Make sure that the overhead garage door is closed and secured.
- **Check exterior doors and windows** to your home to help eliminate any possible points of entry.
- **Turn on exterior lights** to brighten up vehicles in the driveway and around your home. Make sure that dusk to dawn and motion-detecting lights are working, as well as any present video surveillance system.



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**Sec. 6-81 Definitions.**

As used in the ordinance, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- a. **Unsafe Building Department** shall mean the Unsafe Building Department of the Town of Schererville, Indiana.
- b. **Unsafe Building Administrator** shall mean the chief administrative officer of the Unsafe Building Department of the Town of Schererville, and shall be the enforcement authority hereof.
- c. **Hearing Authority** shall mean the Board composed of the following persons duly appointed by the Town of Schererville, Town Council, namely, the Town Building Inspector, Town Plumbing Inspector, Town Electrical Inspector, and Town Engineer. An employee of the enforcement authority may not be designated as the hearing authority.
- d. **Order** shall mean any written directive issued by the Unsafe Building Department in accordance with Section [6-82](#).
- e. **Person** shall mean any entity capable of holding an interest in real estate, including (by way of example but not limitation) individuals and corporations.
- f. **Substantial Property Interest** shall mean any right in real estate susceptible of being affected in a substantial way by actions authorized by this ordinance, including a fee interest, a life estate or future interest, a present possessory interest, or equitable interest of a contract purchaser.
- g. **Unsafe Building** shall mean any Building or structure, or any part thereof, that is in an impaired structural condition or state which renders it unsafe or dangerous to any person or property; or is a fire hazard; or is a hazard to public health; or is a public nuisance; or does not comply with standards for building conditions or maintenance, the violation of which would be dangerous to any person or property, found in an ordinance enacted by the Town of Schererville or in a State Law.
- h. **Unsafe Premises** shall mean any Unsafe building; or the tract of real estate on which an unsafe building is located.

(Ord. No. 1001, § 4, 2-12-86)