

SARATOGA SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



POLICE BLOTTER INFORMATION- November 2011

STATISTICAL DATA FOR November 2011:

The Department handled: 391 reported incidents for the month. (356- in 2010; 436- in 2009)
The Investigations Division has been working 96 **active** cases during the month.

CASE SAMPLING FOR November 2011:

THEFT

An Officer from Saratoga Springs was patrolling in the area of Saratoga Road, when he noticed a person hide behind a power pole, attempting to conceal himself. The Officer approached this person, not knowing what was transpiring. Further investigation by the Officer revealed a theft in progress. The investigating Officer detected wire cutters lying next to the power pole. He also found several pieces of copper wire, recently cut. The proactive work by this fine Officer resulted in the arrest of male adult, who was stealing copper wire for profit. The male was arrested for multiple criminal violations and taken to the Utah County Jail.

VEHICLE BURGLARY

A citizen of Saratoga Springs parked his company vehicle in his driveway after returning home from work. The citizen walked his dog before retiring for the evening. He returned to his vehicle the following morning to discover damage to his driver's side door. The handle was completely removed from the door and the alarm system was cut for a quiet entry into the vehicle. Several expensive work tools, including a wallet with personal banking information were stolen. All of the financial banking cards were immediately cancelled. This case is being investigated by the Saratoga Springs Detectives.

DRUGS

A Saratoga Springs Officer went to a secluded park to give his police dog a break, while he was at the park. The Officer smelled an odor, resembling marijuana. The Officer and his Canine walked past an unoccupied vehicle with its windows rolled down. The odor of marijuana became more intense the closer the Officer walked towards the vehicle. The highly trained Narcotics Canine alerted on the vehicle. The Officer returned to his patrol vehicle load his police dog, when the owner of the vehicle returned. The Officer approached the owner of the vehicle and more signs of drug possession and use were detected. The owner was arrested for possession of controlled substance and will be appearing in the Saratoga Springs Justice Court.

THEFT

Saratoga Springs Officer responded to a theft of a bronze statue. The statue was a monument of a mother and child lost in a house explosion several years ago in the community. This case was publicized with the media outlets with the hope of finding it. An Officer received a tip from a concerned citizen following the news release. The Officer dedicated himself in following every little bit of information provided by the concerned citizen. The statue was located and two male adults were arrested for the crime. This case was filed with the Utah County Attorney's Office and the statue was returned.

BURGLARY

A homeowner in Saratoga Springs walked into her garage and saw an adult male walking around her garage looking at her lawn mower. The homeowner followed this man to her neighbor's house, where she asked him what he was doing. The man replied I am looking for my stolen bike. The homeowner called her neighbor's for help and then man took off running. Some of the neighbor's followed this man, until he jumped into a truck. The helping neighbor's were able to write down a license plate number to a white newer model pickup. Several Officers went through the area looking for this white truck; however they were unsuccessful in locating it, at this time. This case has been turned over to the Saratoga Springs Detectives.