

SARATOGA SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



POLICE BLOTTER INFORMATION- April 2011

STATISTICAL DATA FOR APRIL 2011:

The Saratoga Springs Police Department has handled a total of **1619** offenses, to date.
The Department handled: **420** reported incidents for the month. (**503-** in 2010; **421-** in 2009)
The Department handled: **13** reported traffic accidents in April 2011. (**22-** in 2010; **25-** in 2009)
The Investigations Division has been working 36 **active** cases during the month of: **April 2011.**

CASE SAMPLING FOR APRIL 2011:

EXTREME DUI

Saratoga Springs Police Officers were dispatched to a single car accident in the afternoon hours. Officers found a car had run into a wall. Officers spoke with the driver of the car and noticed he could barely stand up and had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. The driver was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence. The driver agreed to take an intoxilyzer test and was found to have a blood alcohol content of .436, which is over five times the legal limit. B.A.C.'s of .400 or greater have been known to be fatal. The driver was booked into jail for D.U.I., open container, and unsafe lane travel.

CAR BURGLARY & ARREST

A Harvest Hill's resident reported that a laptop and camera had been stolen from his unlocked car, sometime over night. The victim was able to provide officers with serial numbers of the items taken. Detectives checked local area pawn shops and found the stolen items had been pawned.

Detectives were able to track down the suspect responsible for pawning the items. The suspect was interviewed by detectives. The suspect admitted to over twenty car burglaries in Saratoga

Springs, and several others in Northern Utah County. The suspect told detectives he would break into cars at night, and would only target unlocked cars and take any electronic items he could find. The suspect said he would often trade the stolen goods for drugs.

Detectives are working to recover the other stolen property. The suspect was booked into jail on several theft and vehicle burglary charges.

MARIJUANA ARREST

A SSPD Officer noticed a suspicious vehicle parked off by itself in a parking lot, in the early morning hours. When the officer stopped to talk to the three people in the car they hurried out of the car and started to walk away. The officer noticed there was drug paraphernalia sitting in the center console. A police K-9 searched the car and found two small bags of marijuana. Two people in the car said the marijuana belonged to them. One person was cited and released for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The other person had two outstanding warrants and was booked into jail for the warrants and drug charges.

RECOVERED STOLEN CAR

A SSPD Officer noticed a car parked in Inlet Park after the park was closed. There was no one in the car. The officer checked the cars license plate and found it had been reported stolen out of Texas. Officers checked the area and found two people in the park. A female told officers the car belonged to her. The female had no paperwork in the car and the car was not registered in her name. The female was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and an outstanding warrant. The female was booked into jail.

CAR BURGLAR ARRESTS

Officers were conducting extra patrol in the area of several recent car burglaries. Officers noticed two juveniles walking around the area after curfew. The juveniles said they were on their way to visit a friend and were smoking. The juveniles were unable to give the friend's address or last name. The juveniles were taken home and officers spoke with them and their guardian. The juveniles admitted to trying to get into 30 cars on previous nights. The juveniles turned over several pieces of property they had stolen. Investigators are currently working on the case. Several charges are pending against the juveniles.

PARENTAL ASSAULT

SSPD Officers were dispatched to the Saratoga Shores subdivision on a report of an assault in progress. The caller told dispatch his 17 year old son was out of control and had assaulted him. Officers arrived on scene and interviewed the involved parties. Officers found the 17 year old had punched his father in the face and had broken a lamp. The argument was over his parents pending divorce. The 17 year old was placed under arrest and booked into a juvenile facility for assault and criminal mischief.

OFFICER ASSAULT

While patrolling Inlet Park, SSPD Officers noticed three cars parked in the parking lot, after the park was closed. Officers found three people walking back from the “hot pots. “ Officers noticed one of the people was carrying a beer bottle. When officers informed the people the park was closed, the person with the beer became belligerent towards officers and started to run away. Officers caught up to the person. While trying to take the person into custody, he continued to scream obscenities at officers and hit and elbowed the arresting officers. The suspect was booked into jail for assault on a police officer, trespassing, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct. The officers received minor cuts, abrasions, and bruises from the incident.

As a reminder Inlet Park is closed from 11pm to 6 am, and alcohol is not allowed in city parks.

SLOW DUI

A SSPD Officer observed a car traveling twenty miles per hour under the speed limit on S.R. - 73. The car was also having a hard time staying in its’ lane. The officer stopped the car and spoke with the driver. While speaking with the driver, the officer noticed the driver was showing signs of recent marijuana use. The driver was asked to perform some field sobriety tests. Based on the driver’s performance on the tests, he was placed under arrest for D.U.I. While inventorying the contents of the suspects’ car, officers found a small amount of marijuana and a pipe. The driver was booked into jail for D.U.I drugs, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

ECSTASY IN THE PARK

In the early morning hours, SSPD Officers noticed a car in the parking lot of Inlet Park after the park was closed. The officer noticed there were two people in the car. When the driver opened the car door, there was a very strong odor of marijuana inside of the car. The driver said there was an ounce of marijuana in the center console. While officers were speaking with the two in the car, five more people who were with the two walked up to the car. The group admitted to drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana. When officers searched the car, they located Ecstasy, marijuana, and several open containers of alcohol. The group was charged with drug possession in a drug free zone, underage drinking, and possession of paraphernalia.

CAR THEFT

A Saratoga Hills resident reported that their car had been stolen sometime during the night, from the front of their house. The car was left unlocked and the keys were in the center console. The car has been listed on the National Crime Information Center database as stolen. At this time the car has not been located.