

Two Rivers Police Department Monthly Report May 2024



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Elijah Vue Search

Elijah Vue was reported missing on February 20th, 2024. In May the search for Elijah Vue entered its fourth month as the department continued its investigation and search efforts along with the help of numerous other agencies including Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation, the FBI, Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office and many others.

Searches continued to be tightly focused based primarily on tips and leads. We continued to provide regular updates to the public and media through press releases and news interviews. The joint investigative team continued to work closely with the Manitowoc County District Attorney's office as they remained focused on determining what happened and anything that might aid search efforts.

We continue to remain focused and hopeful that we will locate Elijah, discover what happened to him and bring closure to this incident.



PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY **AND NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as Peace Officer's Memorial Day to honor those that gave the ultimate sacrifice in serving their communities. Since that date, the day and week surrounding it has been commemorated throughout the United States as Police Week. In 1994, President William Jefferson Clinton signed a law requiring the American Flag to be flown at half-staff on May 15. Flying the flag at half-staff is a rare honor and serves as a tribute to the United States Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty.

It is important to remember those who have died in the line of duty while serving this noble profession and those that continue to serve and are willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice to protect the citizens of their communities.



In Memory of our fallen officers



Leo Rocque: On October 5, 1926, Police Officer Leo Rocque, a five-year veteran of the Two Rivers Police Department and first shift patrolman, reported for his tour of duty on the night shift. Between 2:00 and 3:00 AM a bell, used to summon police services, was activated at the Police/Fire station entrance, then located at 17th and Washington Streets. As Officer Rocque looked through the window in an attempt to locate the caller, a .30 caliber bullet crashed through the window glass and struck Officer Rocque in the throat. Officer Rocque collapsed and was pronounced dead at the scene. No arrests were ever made and the investigation remains open.



Thomas R. Dodge: On September 10, 1975, at 2:36AM, Police Officer Thomas R. Dodge, a six-month veteran of the Two Rivers Police Department, and his partner were sent to a south side residence to check the welfare of a walk away hospital patient. Upon knocking on the second story apartment door, the officers were met with gunfire directed at them through the closed door. A single round from a 12-gauge shotgun struck Officer Dodge in the left side of his chest, fatally injuring him at the scene. The assailant was subsequently apprehended and was confined to a Wisconsin State mental health facility where he eventually died in 2004



Our department remembered Peace Officer Memorial Day and National Police Week by attending and participating in several annual ceremonies and events throughout the week.



School Visits and Presentations

We made visits to Koenig Elementary School and Magee Elementary School. Our Honor Guard presented the colors and Chief Meinnert spoke to the students about Peace Officer Memorial Day, National Police Week and the stories of our fallen officers. One of the highlights for us during LE Memorial week is appearing at the schools and interacting with the students.





Law Enforcement Memorial Bridge Ceremony

We gathered at the Law Enforcement Memorial Bridge (22nd St. Bridge) for a short ceremony and to place a wreath to commemorate fallen officers Rocque and Dodge. Officers and attendees placed ribbons on the wreath in remembrance.





Manitowoc County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony

In the afternoon, after the Law Enforcement Bridge Ceremony, we gathered with agencies from across Manitowoc County to remember all fallen law enforcement within the county that died in the line of duty. After a brief ceremony a wreath was laid in remembrance of the fallen officers.





Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony

At the end of Police Week, officers from across the state gathered in Madison at the capitol to remember our fallen officers throughout Wisconsin. Our department has been fortunate enough to be involved for the last 13 years taking part either in a color guard or in the Sunrise Guard Mount Ceremony, which resembles a similar ceremony to the movements of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The memorial service is annually attended by hundreds of officers and dozens of agencies from across Wisconsin.







Memorial Day

On Memorial Day we remembered those who died in service to our country. Their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

The morning of Memorial Day our Honor Guard and officers attended a bell ringing ceremony, prior to the parade, to remember those from Two Rivers who died serving many of the conflicts our country has fought in. Our honor guard was requested to lead the parade as the main color guard for this important parade and ceremony. At the ceremony we had the privilege of presenting our nation's color.





2023 Employee Awards and Recognition Night

May 2024 marked the first annual Two Rivers Police Department Employee Awards and Recognition Night. In the past the department had an Officer of the Year award sponsored by the Eagles with a recipient selected by peer and supervisor nominations. We recently updated our awards and commendation policy and we thought it was fitting to recognize more of our employees for all their amazing accomplishments throughout the year. The Two Rivers Professional Police Association sponsored the awards banquet that was well attended by many of our staff, including citizen guests and Tom Schranck of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:



Officer Jeremy Stodola- Valor Award (In addition Officer Stodola was recognized by the Wisconsin Professional Police Association for the Team Award for his rescue efforts in a 2023 drowning at Neshotah Beach)



Officer Justin Krueger- Merit Award



Assistant Chief Melissa Wiesner- Merit Award



Sergeant Jacob Schweigl
Life Saving Award



Officer Cale Beyer
Life Saving Award



Officer Amanda Verhelst
Life Saving Award



Officer Leander Menn
Life Saving Award

Additionally, the following individuals were recognized for years of service and retirements:



Police Secretary Kathy Schroeder
25 years of service



Lieutenant Robert Wandrie
10 years of service



Chief Brian Kohlmeier
Retired 2023



Police Secretary Kim Pritzl
Retired 2023



Chief's Award recipient:

Our community helps us and supports us throughout the year and often they show incredible acts of bravery. We recognized citizen Cooper Boye with the 2023 Chief's Award for his assistance with the rescue attempts for a Neshotah Beach drowning victim.



Thank you once again to all that attended and congratulations to all award recipients!

E-Bike Patrol

We have always prided ourselves on being a progressive department, able to change with the times. An example of this is our recent acquisition of three brand new fat tire Aventon E-Bikes. The bikes offer us the ability to ride for longer periods of time reaching areas inaccessible or undesirable for vehicles to enter. It enables us to respond much quicker to calls than a regular bike and arrive on scene without being fatigued from having to pedal the majority of the way. It is also a fantastic tool to build rapport with people in our communities as it is proven to make officers more approachable.

Our old bike patrol program had fallen by the wayside in recent years due to being consistently understaffed, maintenance issues with our bikes as well as an increase in the amount of gear officers are expected to carry and changing uniform requirements. In addition, with bike trail usage becoming more popular and the public's desire for officer presence in these areas, it was difficult to do that on a standard bike due to distance and response times. All this combined to make using the old pedal bikes less desirable and caused us to look for a solution in E-Bikes.



After some research into the possibilities of E-Bikes they were purchased through a grant and a donation made by a long-time department benefactor Luanne Smith. (Luanne gave us great assistance in starting our K-9 program as well as other PD projects in the past). We had a great resource in Officer Menn who had spent some time as a professional bike technician and he assisted in getting the gear necessary to outfit our new bikes such as lights, siren, saddlebags and decal markings.

We plan to utilize the bikes throughout the year weather permitting, not only for special events, but on regular patrol. The consensus among officers that have utilized them has been overwhelmingly positive as has the reception within the community.

May Training

- Officer Beyer attended a two-day course on Spanish for Law Enforcement at Fox Valley Technical College. We have a large Hispanic population Manitowoc County and the ability to communicate with non-English speakers is becoming more important than ever.
- Officer Lutze and Officer Krueger attended a free Autism awareness training in Grafton. They also are putting together the highlights of their training to share with our other officers.
- Officer Tremel attended a week-long instructor course for Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control at Northeast Technical College. Completion of the course enables Officer Tremel to become one of our in-house instructors for pursuit driving.
- Detective Lieutenant Glaser and Detective Klumpyan attended a “No Body Homicide” investigation course. Though a rarity in most homicide cases, the training was considered very valuable and gave them critical insight in how to conduct an effective investigation of this nature
- Assistant Chief Wiesner attended a four-day FBI National Academy Retrainer conference in Minocqua. As part of her FBI National Academy alumni status, AC Wiesner has the opportunity to attend multiple trainings a year on leadership, wellness and other topics and is provided with valuable networking opportunities.
- Sergeant Schweigl attended a one-day High Risk Vehicle Contact instructor update at Northeast Technical College. WI DOJ changed the model for high risk traffic stops and all instructors needed to receive an update on the new version they are now to expected to instruct. The change has been implemented and trained at our department for the last year by Officer Tobison being who is our other vehicle contacts instructor
- With May having multiple law enforcement memorials and a Memorial Day Parade and ceremony members of our honor guard participated in numerous practice sessions internally and with other agencies. Current Honor Guard members include- Officer Torres, Officer Propson, Officer Zipperer, Officer Tobison, Lt. Wandrie, Det. Lt. Glaser, and Captain Raatz.
- Assistant Chief Wiesner and Secretary Griepentrog attended an Open Records and Advanced Open Records training course at Fox Valley Technical College. One of the many challenges of an Administrative position is determining what types of records can be released and what cannot.
- All of our civilian secretarial staff attended CPR training.

- Officers Beyer, Zipperer, Stodola, Dimmick and Menn all received E-Bike patrol training with the help of Waukesha PD who were gracious enough to come up to Two Rivers and spend a day helping train our officers. Since receiving the E-Bikes it was important to us to have something beyond our regular bicycle training and working with the US Attorney's Office we were able to secure some instructors to facilitate this. Thank you Waukesha PD and the US Attorney's Office for your assistance!

Anniversaries



Sergeant Jacob Schweigl
May 5, 2023
1 Year



Officer Leander Menn
May 22, 2022
2 Years



Officer Seth Tobison
May 23, 2022
2 Years

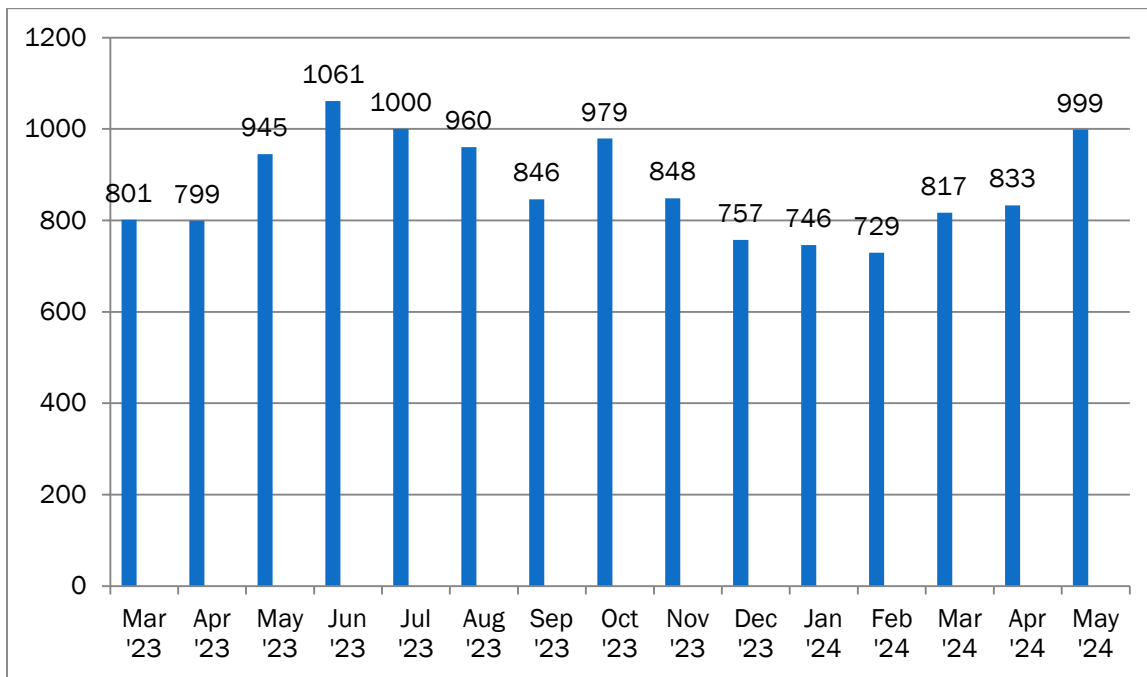


Susan Griepentrog
Police Secretary
May 5, 2021
3 Years

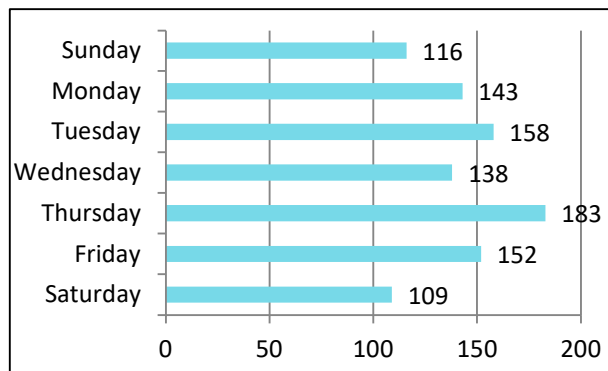
CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE

May 2024: 999	2023 YTD TOTAL: 4,124 TOTAL LAST YEAR: 10,497
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Monthly Calls Comparison Chart:



Calls for Service by Day of Week:

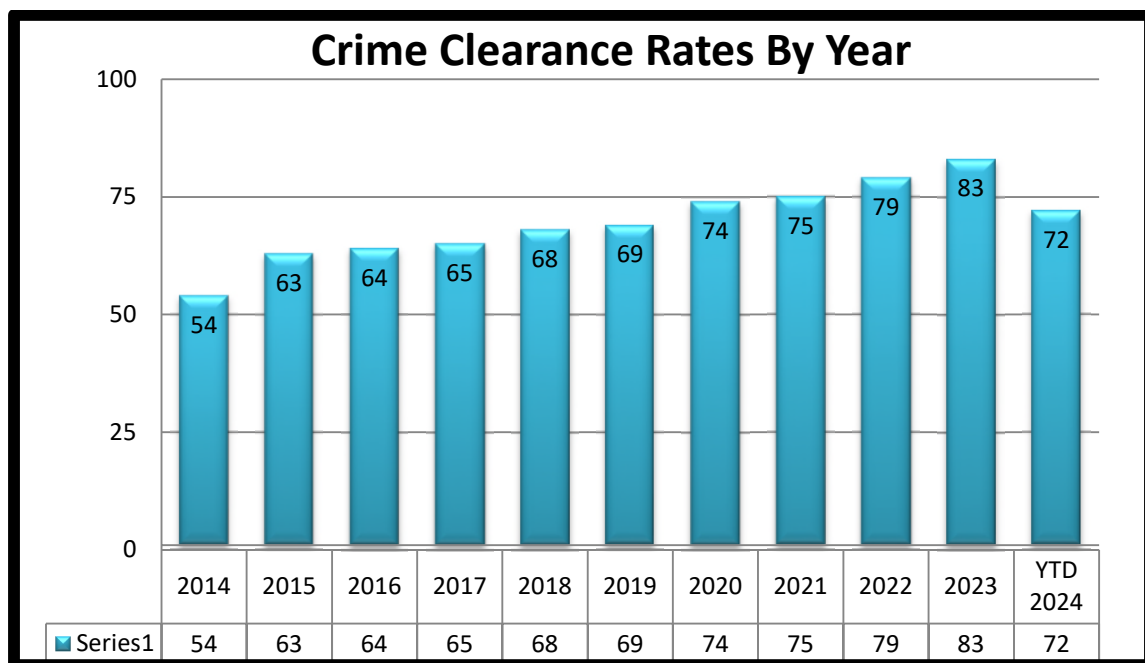


CRIME CLEARANCE RATE:

Each law enforcement agency in the Nation submits monthly reports to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. This program collects and reports crime offense data for the Nation, categorizing crime data as Part I or Part II offenses. Part I offenses include: Murder/Non-Negligent, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Assault(s), Burglary, Larceny/Theft, Motor Vehicle Thefts, and Arson. Part II offenses include all other crime classifications outside those defined as Part I offenses. These monthly reports also afford the Two Rivers Police Department the ability to monitor our crime clearance rate. The crime clearance rate is simply the percentage of offenses reported as compared to how many of those offenses were cleared or resolved. The Two Rivers Police Department is proud to note that our crime clearance rates are generally well above the average for the State of Wisconsin. Because some cases that are reported in one month may be solved or “cleared” the next month or months later, it is difficult to state crime clearance rates as purely a monthly rate. For our purposes, we continue to track our CCR rates across the months and years as well.

	May
Reported Part 1 Cases	15
Cases Cleared	7
Crime Clearance Rate	47%

Crime Clearance Rate YTD: 72%



Adult & Juvenile Arrest/Charge Summary:

The following is the total of ADULT and JUVENILE ARRESTS/CHARGES made by this department this month. This may not represent the actual number of individuals arrested as there are generally many cases where an individual will have multiple charges or counts of a specific charge. These statistics represent charges and arrests made for Criminal Code as well as Municipal Ordinance violations.

2024	
Adult Arrests	87
Juvenile Arrests	8
Total	95

2024 Parking Summary:

Overtime	0
Restricted	5
Winter	0
YTD Total	387

TR305.13(1) REGISTRATION LAMP- PROPER WORKING CONDITION	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
347.48(2m)(b) SEATBELT - OPERATOR USE REQUIRED	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
347.39(1) NO MUFFLER/DEFECTIVE MUFFLER	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
347.14(1) OPERATE VEHICLE W/O STOPPING LIGHTS	1	0	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
347.13(3) OPERATE VEHICLE W/O REGISTRATION LAMPS	2	6	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
347.13(1) NO TAIL LAMP/DEFECTIVE TAIL LAMP-NIGHT	2	2	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
347.12(1)(A) FAILURE TO DIM HEADLIGHTS- ONCOMING VEHICLES	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
346.88(3)(C) OBSTRUCTION OF DRIVER'S VIEW/REAR WINDOW	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
346.595(5) MC/MOPEDS RIDING MOTORCYCLE W/O HEADLAMPS	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
346.59(1) IMPEDING TRAFFIC BY SLOW SPEED	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
346.57(5) SPEEDING - EXCEEDING ZONED & POSTED LIMIT/HWY CONST	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
346.57(3) DRIVING TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
346.39(1) FAILURE TO STOP FOR FLASHING RED SIGNAL	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
346.34(1)(B) TURN VEH W/O PROPER SIGNAL	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
346.31(3) IMPROPER LEFT TURN	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
346.31(2) IMPROPER RIGHT TURN	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
346.31(1) FAIL TO FOLLOW INDICATED TURN	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
346.29(2) STAND OR LOITER ON ROADWAY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
346.24(1) FAIL YIELD RIGHT OF WAY PED. UNCONTROLLED INTERSECTION	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
346.23(1) FAIL YIELD RIGHT OF WAY PEDESTRIAN CONTROL INTERSECTION	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
346.14(1m) AUTOMOBILE FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
346.13(3) DEVIATE FROM DESIGNATED LANE	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
346.13(1) UNSAFE LANE DEVIATION	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
346.12 DRIVING THROUGH SAFETY ZONE	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
346.05(1) OPERATE LEFT OF CENTER LINE	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
346.04(2) FAIL TO OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNAL/SIGN	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

9-2-7/PARK DISORDERLY CONDUCT WITH MOTOR VEHICLE (IN PARK)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8-4-1(B) ABANDONMENT OF VEHICLES PROHIBITED	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8-2-8 PARKING IN FRONT YARDS AND STREET SIDE YARDS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7-2-2 DRIVING ON BEACHES	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
6-5-15 ANIMAL FECES	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
6-5-14 HARBORING VICIOUS ANIMALS	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
6-5-8(D) FAILURE TO PAY FOR REDEEMED ANIMAL	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
6-5-6 PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO OBTAIN RABIES SHOT	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
6-5-1 DOG LICENSE	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
4-1-12 DEPOSIT OF SNOW AND ICE ON STREET PROHIBITED	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ORDINANCE Totals	25	24	13	28	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
Totals	25	24	13	28	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112

May 2024 Juvenile Arrests

Statute	Crime Code and Description	Counts	# of Arrests using Crime Code
943.01(1)	290 CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	1	1
9-2-11	90B CURFEW VIOLATION	1	1
9-1-4 W/O INJ	90C DISORDERLY CONDUCT WITHOUT INJURY	1	1
947.01(1) 90C	90C DISORDERLY CONDUCT - GENERAL	1	1
6-1-1 125.07(4)(B)	90G UNDERAGE DRINKING-POSSESS/CONSUMES	1	1
9-1-2(E)(1)	90Z NO PERSON UNDER 18 MAY BUY/ATTEMPT TO BUY ANY ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICE	1	1
9-1-3 (2) 120.12(20)	90Z SMOKING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY PROHIBITED	1	1
9-2-7	90Z DISORDERLY CONDUCT WITH MOTOR VEHICLE (NOT IN PARK)	1	1
Totals:		8	8

May 2024 Adult Arrests

Statute	Crime Code and Description	Counts	# of Arrests using Crime Code
941.30(1) 13A	13A 1ST DEGREE RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING SAFETY - ASSAULT	1	1
941.30(2)	13A 2ND DEGREE RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING SAFETY - ASSAULT	1	1
948.03(5)(A)(5)	13A PHYSICAL ABUSE OF CHILD - REPEATED ACTS	2	2
940.19(1)	13B BATTERY - SIMPLE	4	4
947.01(1) 13B	13B DISORDERLY CONDUCT - SIMPLE ASSAULT	4	4
940.32(2)	13C STALKING	1	1
940.45(7)	13C INTIMIDATE VICTIM - DOMESTIC ABUSE CRIME	1	1
943.20(1)(A)/SHOPLIFTING 9-2-12	23C THEFT SHOPLIFTING	1	1
961.41(3G)(B)	35A POSSESSION OF TETRAHYDROCANNABINOLS/8 GM OR LESS	1	1
961.41(3G)(E) FELONY	35A POSSESS OTHER SCHEDULE DRUG	1	1
961.41(3G)(E) MISD	35A POSSESS THC	1	1
961.573(1)	35B POSSESS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	4	4
961.575(1)	35B MANUFACTURE/DELIVER PARAPH UNDER 17 YOA	1	1
941.29(1M)(A)	520 POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY FELON - WI	13	3
941.295(1)	520 POSSESSION OF ELECTRIC WEAPON	2	1
941.298(2)	520 POSSESSION OF FIREARM SILENCER	3	1
941.30(2)	520 2ND DEG RECKLESS ENDANGER SAFETY - WEAPON	1	1
9-1-4 W/O INJ	90C DISORDERLY CONDUCT WITHOUT INJURY	2	2
947.01(1) 90C	90C DISORDERLY CONDUCT - GENERAL	2	2
947.01(2) 90C	90C DISORDERLY CONDUCT - WEAPON	1	1
346.63(1)(A) CIR	90D OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE	2	2
346.63(1)(A) ORD	90D OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE	1	1
346.63(1)(B)CIR	90D OWI - OPERATE W/PAC OVER LEGAL LIMIT	1	1
813.12(8)(a)	90F KNOWINGLY VIOLATE A DOMESTIC ABUSE ORDER	1	1
813.125(7)	90F VIOLATE/HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDER	1	1
948.215	90F CHRONIC CHILD NEGLECT - SPECIFIED HARM DID NOT OCCUR	10	2
968.075(1)(a)	90F DOMESTIC ABUSE	3	3
6-1-1 125.07(4)(B)	90G UNDERAGE DRINKING- POSSESS/CONSUMES	2	2
6-1-21	90G SOCIAL HOST	1	1
943.14	90J CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO DWELLING	1	1
51.15	90Z EMERGENCY DETENTION/MENTAL HEALTH	2	2
6-5-14	90Z HARBORING VICIOUS ANIMALS	2	2
9-3-4	90Z DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS	3	3

9-6-4/OWNERS	90Z RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNERS FOR MAINTENANCE/CONTROL INSECTS/RODENTS AND OTHER PESTS	3	3
946.41(1) OBSTRUCT	90Z OBSTRUCTING AN OFFICER	3	3
946.41(1) RESIST	90Z RESISTING AN OFFICER	1	1
946.415(2)(A)	90Z FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OFFICERS ATTEMPT TO TAKE PERSON INTO CUSTODY	1	1
946.49(1)(A)	90Z BAIL JUMPING-MISDEMEANOR	8	4
946.49(1)(B)	90Z BAIL JUMPING-FELONY	12	5
961.46	90Z DISTRIBUTION TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 18	4	2
968.09(1)	90Z WARRANT ON FAILURE TO APPEAR	2	2
973.10	90Z PROBATION HOLD	9	9
Totals:		121	87