

Fulton Safety Committee report – December, 2009

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Below are summaries of crime reports from Fulton, Linden Hills, Lynnhurst, Armatage, and Kenny neighborhoods.

Arrests / citations

November 20 At about 12:05 p.m., police responded to a shoplifting incident at Gas Plus Marathon, 4419 France Ave in Linden Hills. A reporting person caught and detained a suspect. Officers cited a 16-year-old male for shoplifting and transported him back to school.

November 22 At about 1:30 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on West Calhoun Parkway at Upton Ave in Linden Hills. The driver, 24-year-old Kevin Wayne Berens of 4014 Blaisdell Ave, was arrested for a felony probable cause pickup order for credit card/ATM fraud and cited for driving with a revoked license, possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle, and failing to stop at a Stop sign. A passenger, 24-year-old Sean Lamount Smith of New Brighton, was arrested for a gross misdemeanor warrant for escaping from custody. Berens has prior convictions in Hennepin County for possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle, giving police a false name, violating the city drug ordinance, hit and run, 5th degree felony possession of a controlled substance, and aiding/abetting attempted 1st degree robbery. Smith has prior convictions in Hennepin County for driving while intoxicated (3), driving with a revoked license (11), fleeing police on foot, disorderly conduct, attempted theft, and 4th degree felony possession of a controlled substance.

November 26 At about 5:10 p.m., officers responded to a report of a drunken sleeper on a Metro Transit bus at 47th & Bryant in Lynnhurst. Officers arrested 49-year-old John Paul Morris of 4014 Blaisdell Ave for a misdemeanor warrant for public urination. Morris has prior convictions in Minnesota for criminal damage to property, indecent exposure involving a minor, loitering, disorderly conduct, driving while intoxicated, giving police false information, criminal contempt of court, trespassing, being in a park after hours (3), possession of liquor in a park (6), and burglary (2). Morris is on the list of the 5th Precinct's top 30 offenders.

November 29 At about 1:20 p.m., an officer stopped a driver on West Lake Calhoun Parkway at Upton Ave in Linden Hills for consuming beer while driving. 51-year-old David Lauritz Kulstad of Edina was cited for open bottle. Kulstad has a prior conviction in Hennepin County for driving while intoxicated.

Unsecured property

November 8 Between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m., an unknown suspect entered an unlocked vehicle which was parked on the street on the 4900 block of Upton and took unlisted items. The suspect took a garage opener from the vehicle and used it to enter a garage, from which unlisted items were also taken.

November 11 Between 10:10 and 10:45 a.m., an unknown suspect entered a vehicle which was parked in the lot at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave in Lynnhurst and took a wallet and cell phone from a purse. The report notes that the vehicle was most likely left unlocked.

November 11 Between 10:30 p.m. and 8 a.m., an unknown suspect entered a garage on the 5200 block of James in Lynnhurst through a raised overhead door and then entered two unlocked vehicles which were parked inside. The suspect took cash from a purse in the first vehicle and cash from the center console in the second.

November 14 Between 6:00 and 10:30 p.m., an unknown suspect entered a garage on the 4000 block of Queen in Linden Hills either through an unlocked side door or open overhead door and took unlisted items. Neighbors found a bike left behind in the alley.

November 14 Between November 14 and 18, an unknown suspect entered a garage on the 4800 block of Ewing through an open overhead door and took unlisted items.

November 24 Between November 24 and 30, an unknown suspect entered a garage on the 4800 block of Chowen through an unlocked side door and took unlisted items.

Other property crimes

November 8 Between 7 a.m. November 8 and 9 a.m. November 9, an unknown suspect stole the license plates from a vehicle which was parked at a residence on the 4800 block of Fremont in Lynnhurst.

November 8 Between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., an unknown suspect entered a vehicle which was parked on the street on the 5300 block of Vincent, rummaged through it, and took cash from the ashtray. It is not clear from the police report whether or not the vehicle was locked.

November 11 Between November 11 and 13, an unknown suspect broke into a car which was parked in the rear driveway of a residence on the 5800 block of Fremont in Kenny. The loss was not listed.

November 13 Between midnight and 10 a.m., an unknown suspect removed both rear wheels from a vehicle which was parked outside an apartment building on the 4300 block of Upton in Linden Hills.

November 15 Between 5:30 and 6:20 p.m., an unknown suspect broke into a vehicle which was parked on the 4700 block of West Lake Harriet Parkway and took a backpack.

November 15 Between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m., an unknown suspect smashed out the front passenger side window of a vehicle which was parked in a driveway on the 5700 block of Dupont in Kenny and ransacked the vehicle. No loss was reported.

November 16 Between 2:45 and 7:00 a.m., an unknown suspect smashed the driver's side window of a vehicle which was parked in the rear driveway of a home on the 5000 block of Emerson in Lynnhurst. The suspect ransacked the center console, tore the grille away from the radio, and severed the wires and connections to the four-wheel drive knob.

November 17 Between 2:30 p.m. November 17 and 2 p.m. November 18, unknown suspect(s) stole a rear tire from a vehicle which was parked in a driveway on the 5000 block of Colfax in Lynnhurst. Both of the vehicle's front tires had been tampered with, as if the suspect(s) also tried to remove them.

November 20 At about 11:55 p.m., a resident on the 5800 block of Washburn in Armatage heard a pounding noise and saw a suspect stabbing something into the right rear wheel of a vehicle. Both rear tires were punctured and flat. The suspect got into another vehicle and left the area.

November 26 Between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m., an unknown suspect smashed the front passenger side window of a vehicle which was parked at an address on the 4000 block of Vincent in Linden Hills. The loss was unknown at the time the report was made.

November 27 Between November 27 and 30, an unknown suspect entered two vehicles which were parked on the street at 55th & Thomas in Armatage. The suspect took unlisted item(s) from the first vehicle, but nothing was missing from the second although it was ransacked. The victim found a metal pipe in one of the vehicles. The victim stated that both vehicles were locked, but there was no sign of forced entry.

November 28 Between 11 a.m. and 10:50 p.m., unknown suspect(s) cut a screen and lifted a window to gain entry to a home on the 5600 block of James in Kenny. The suspect(s) ransacked the house and left through a different window. The loss was unknown at the time the report was made.

December 3 Between 10:15 p.m. and 7:50 a.m., an unknown suspect smashed the passenger side window of a vehicle which was parked at an address on the 2700 block of West 43rd St in Linden Hills, ransacked the vehicle, and removed unlisted item(s) from the center console.

December 4 Between 4:30 and 6:45 p.m., an unknown suspect broke the rear window of a garage on the 3700 block of Abbott in Linden Hills and tried to gain entry to the garage and home. There was no sign of entry; all doors were locked and secured. There were footprints in the rear driveway leading to the door.

December 4 Between 10:25 p.m. and 10 a.m., an unknown suspect broke out the front passenger side window of a vehicle which was parked on the street at Linden Hills Boulevard & Queen Ave. The loss was unknown at the time the report was made.

The Fulton Safety committee will not meet in December.