

Weekly Report

Notable Notes:

- Officers have been very busy the past few weeks responding to and handling various calls. Officers have responded to suicide, attempted suicide, drug and alcohol overdoses, emotionally disturbed persons, domestic disputes, robbery, thefts, numerous first aids, as well as a variety of other calls.
- The police department will return to pre-pandemic assignments and schedules on June 15th.

Patrol Division:

- On May 17, 2020 at approximately 1812 hours, Newark Police were called to a residence in the 400 block of Capitol Trail for a report of a fight in progress. Arriving officers contacted two subjects who had been involved in a fight that had broken up prior to police arrival. While officers were at the scene, a female later identified as Patricia Burgess, 37, of Newark, began to interfere with the investigation by yelling, cursing and approaching the officers and other persons at the scene. Burgess was not involved in the initial fight. Despite having been warned, Burgess persisted in interfering with the investigation and officers then attempted to place Burgess under arrest. Burgess fought with officers and kicked an officer in the chest. The officer was not injured. Burgess was transported to Newark Police headquarters where she was charged with Offensive Touching of a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting Arrest and Disorderly Conduct. Burgess appeared before Justice of the Peace Court #11 by video and was released on \$3,000 unsecured bail.
- On May 18, 2020 at approximately 1534 hours, Newark Police were called to the parking lot of a business in the 200 block of South Main Street for a report of an assault that had just occurred. Responding officers contacted a female victim who advised that she had been punched in the face by an acquaintance while in a vehicle in the parking lot. There was a court order in place prohibiting the suspect from having contact with the victim. The suspect, who was later identified as David Rizzo, 46, of Bear, fled the scene on foot prior to police arrival. The victim did not require medical attention. While officers were speaking with the victim, the Newark Police 911 Center received calls that there was a male running through backyards in the 200 block of Murray Road. The male was attempting to enter residences on the street. Newark Police Officers checked the area and located Rizzo hiding in bushes on the property of the West Park Elementary School on West Park Place. Rizzo was taken into custody without incident. Officers contacted residents at the two houses on Murray Road. The residents advised that Rizzo attempted to enter their residences but was unable to do so due to locked doors. No damage was caused and no entry was gained. Rizzo was found to be wanted on warrants from New Castle County Police, Wilmington Police and Middletown Police. In addition, he was wanted on capiases from multiple Delaware courts. Rizzo was transported to Newark Police headquarters where he was charged with two counts of Attempted First Degree Burglary, Offensive Touching and Breach of Release. Rizzo appeared before Justice of the Peace Court #11 by video and was ordered to be held in default of \$11,100 secured bail. Rizzo was turned over to the custody of the Howard R Young Correctional Institution in Wilmington.
- On May 19, 2020 at approximately 2156 hours, Newark Police responded to a residence on Julie Lane for a possible domestic dispute involving a knife. Upon arrival, officers discovered that a male victim observed another male yelling at a group of four females. The victim attempted to intervene, to separate the male suspect from the females, when the male suspect, a 30-year-old white male from Newark, pulled a knife on the victim and threatened him. The suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival in a black SUV. Warrants were obtained charging the suspect with Aggravated Menacing and Terroristic Threatening.

Auxiliary Services Division:

- During the week of May 18th, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program grant application was submitted

Administration Division:

- NPD's new moveable ARMAG ammunition magazine was delivered this week and installed with the assistance of the Delaware National Guard and City Electric.
- The NPD Recruits are in week 2 of the 3-week virtual DSP Academy. They will physically report to the Academy after the third week of online training.

Criminal Investigations Division:

- Victim Services Coordinator Melissa Pennachi received information on changes to Title IX of the Education Amendment, which requires universities to respond promptly and effectively to address any report of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct and actively take steps to prevent it. The new regulations will narrow the scope of complaints that universities are required to investigate and will likely affect investigations involving Newark Police.
- The Criminal Investigations Division is continuing to review and investigate cases involving the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI). SAKI Background: Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1, dated 6/25/2015, the Criminal Justice Council, with support of the Delaware Police Chief's Council and the State of Delaware, applied for a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to address the backlog of untested sexual assault kits. On 10/1/15, the CJC received funding for the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) grant. With the assistance of the Delaware State Division of Forensic Science (DFS), Bode Cellmark Forensics was contracted to test the untested sexual assault kits. The untested sexual assault kits were processed by Bode Cellmark Forensics in an effort to identify any sample(s) containing DNA, specifically that relating to the suspect(s). Newark Police has been working directly with the Delaware Attorney General's Office to review the results of the tested sexual assault kits and to determine if any additional follow up investigation is needed.

NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEEK 05/10/20-05/16/20

INVESTIGATIONS

CRIMINAL CHARGES

	2019 TO DATE	2020 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2020	2019 TO DATE	2020 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2020
<u>PART I OFFENSES</u>						
a)Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
b)Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	0	4	0	0	1	0
Rape	4	1	0	1	2	0
Unlaw. Sexual Contact	2	2	0	0	0	0
Robbery	5	6	1	5	8	0
- Commercial Robberies	3	1	1	4	0	0
- Robberies with Known Suspects	0	2	0	0	1	0
- Attempted Robberies	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other Robberies	2	3	0	1	7	0
Assault/Aggravated	13	7	1	11	5	0
Burglary	29	12	0	57	43	0
- Commercial Burglaries	1	1	0	0	41	0
- Residential Burglaries	22	10	0	43	2	0
- Other Burglaries	6	1	0	14	0	0
Theft	179	168	8	177	79	0
Theft/Auto	17	25	2	4	4	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other	48	68	3	61	43	0
TOTAL PART I	297	293	15	316	185	0
<u>PART II OFFENSES</u>						
Other Assaults	115	99	2	58	78	1
Rec. Stolen Property	0	0	0	4	3	0
Criminal Michief	44	41	2	30	31	0
Weapons	11	6	0	33	14	1
Other Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alcohol	61	22	0	91	22	0
Drugs	78	23	1	118	28	2
Noise/Disorderly Premise	286	210	22	98	86	20
Disorderly Conduct	62	51	2	48	40	2
Trespass	94	104	6	43	25	0
All Other	138	91	6	164	97	2
TOTAL PART II	889	647	41	687	424	28
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>						
Alarm	52	54	4	0	0	0
Animal Control	215	173	11	1	20	0
Recovered Property	81	80	5	0	0	0
Service	13443	12186	528	0	0	0
Suspicious Per/Veh	189	174	7	0	0	0
TOTAL MISC.	13980	12667	555	1	20	0

	THIS WEEK <u>2019</u>	2019 TO <u>DATE</u>	THIS WEEK <u>2020</u>	2020 TO <u>DATE</u>
TOTAL CALLS	827	17,635	528	14,945



**Newark Police Department
Weekly Traffic Report
05/10/20-05/16/20**



TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	2019 YTD	2020 YTD	THIS WEEK 2019	THIS WEEK 2020
Moving/Non-Moving	5242	2346	286	8
DUI	81	31	2	0
TOTAL	5323	2377	288	8

*Included in the total collision numbers

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS				
Fatal	1	0	0	0
Personal Injury	93	52	6	0
Property Damage (Reportable)	471	267	25	9
*Hit & Run	95	54	2	1
*Private Property	120	52	6	1
TOTAL	565	319	31	9

Note: Typically, the YTD numbers are generated by adding the current week statistics to the YTD statistics from the previous reporting period. Periodically, the numbers for this report will be generated from the beginning of the year to capture data that may have otherwise been omitted due to a processing delay or other administrative anomaly, more accurately updating the year-to-date totals.