



**CITY OF WALKER
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: May 4, 2010

To: Mayor VerHeulen and Walker City Commissioners

From: Chief Catherine M. Garcia-Lindstrom

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**Re: 2010 MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL FROM THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Patrol officers responded to the 1200 block of Pannell NW for the report of shots fired. As officers arrived the suspect was leaving the scene in a pick-up truck. The suspect barricaded himself in his residence in the City of Grand Rapids and surrendered to police after short negotiations. The suspect admitted that he intended to kill one of his friends and then kill himself. He also admitted to discharging the weapon to test fire it. He was charged with felonious assault, CCW, and reckless discharge of a fire arm. At the preliminary exam the victim, who is friends with the suspect, dropped the felonious assault charges with the prosecutor's approval. The other charges were bound over to circuit court.

In April officers took a suspicious situation complaint on Harding NW where an 11 year old boy reported that an unknown female called him by name and told him to get into her vehicle. The boy said he did not know the woman. The area was checked and a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle was located on an adjacent street. The female owner of the vehicle was interviewed and denied involvement. The investigation is on-going. In the meantime, the nearby elementary school principle was informed of this situation and asked to relay this type of situation to area children.

The "Walker-Grandville Action Coalition Against Minor's Drinking and OUIL By Minors" recently completed a detailed analysis of the data for Walker violations. A copy of that information is attached for your review.

The Walker Police Department is continuing to work on the approval process to certify the new records management system with Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR). This process takes several months to accomplish to the acceptance level (per FBI standards) with the State of Michigan Central Record Division of the State Police.

Training: The WPD honor guard unit participated in the annual one-day Kent Metro Honor Guard training with the six additional agencies in the consortium (GRPD, Kentwood, Wyoming, EGR, Grandville, KCSD). The entire agency completed the physical training/defensive tactics (PT/DT) update. A/Capt Howe completed his second of four segments of Staff and Command instruction. Detective Raap attended a two-day forensic death investigation training.

Volunteers: The group logged 249 hours of patrol time and 39 hours of other/special event hours. The newest member, Claude “Bob” Walter was sworn in at a City Commission meeting in March.

DB: Interviews were held for a replacement candidate who will be assigned to the detective bureau upon Detective Iwanski’s retirement this summer.

Chaplains: We had our regular monthly meeting in March. Our newest member, James Durr, completed two ride-along shifts with different officers.

Community Related: Planning meetings have started to prepare for the June Metro High School Police Academy (15th annual). As part of our continued community policing effort we assisted the Kent Career Center’s criminal justice program with student interviews and evaluations. We honored the raffle coupons winners we offered during Char Burn’s fundraiser (to provide a police ride to and from school for three students). They were thrilled with their “prize.”

Directed Patrols:

The speed board has been out in full force. The unit has been deployed in the following locations:

1. 3200 Fruitridge N/B
2. 3200 Fruitridge S/B
3. 2500 blk Kinney N/B
4. 2500 blk Kinney S/B
5. 1000 3 mile
6. Maynard/Butterworth
7. 200 Cummings SW
8. 300 Cummings NW
9. 2700 Walker S/B
10. 2100 Walker N/B
11. 900 Harding
12. 1000 Harding
13. Butterworth/Wilson
14. Butterworth/Vets
15. 1500 Pannell E/B
16. 1100 Pannell W/B

17. 3800 Richmond E/B
18. 3200 Richmond W/B
19. 1900 Mullins S/B
20. 1500 Mullins N/B
21. 1100 Sunset Hills

Directed Patrols

1. Traffic DP. 411 Wilson traffic avoiding traffic control device /**closed**
2. Speeding vehicles on Cummings /**closed**
3. Speed vehicles on Millcreek 4/20/10
4. Speeding vehicle on Obrien 4/6/10
5. Red light violations 4/5/10
6. 1400 Block of Werner Disorderly 4-1-10

Non-Traffic

Residential Property checks:

1. There was (2) new property checks completed in March.
There was nothing unusual located during these checks.

Finally, our a highlights summary from the Detective Unit are attached for your review.

Attachments

DETECTIVE BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2010

Cases Assigned	<u>108</u>	Arrests:	Adult	<u>21</u>
Cases Closed by Investigation	<u>55</u>		Juvenile	<u>0</u>
Previous Assignments Closed	<u>7</u>			
TOTAL CLOSED:	<u>62</u>			

Breaking and Entering:

Residence	<u>4</u>	Homicide	<u>0</u>
Business	<u>3</u>	Suicide/Attempt	<u>0</u>
Construction Site	<u>0</u>	Suspicious/Natural Death	<u>2</u>
Destruction of Property (MDOP)	<u>7</u>	Kidnapping	<u>0</u>
Larcenies	<u>11</u>	Criminal Sexual Conduct	<u>4</u>
Larcenies from Vehicles	<u>8</u>	Indecent Exposure	<u>1</u>
Stolen Vehicles (UDAA)	<u>5</u>	Child Neglect/Abuse	<u>1</u>
Retail Fraud	<u>19</u>	Missing Persons/Runaways	<u>5</u>
Embezzlements	<u>0</u>	Harassment/Stalking	<u>6</u>
Checks (U&P/Stolen/Fraud)	<u>5</u>	Suspicious Situation	<u>5</u>
Arsons	<u>0</u>	Larceny of Gas	<u>2</u>
Robberies	<u>0</u>	Warrants Obtained	<u>21</u>
Assaults	<u>11</u>	Sex Offender Violations	<u>0</u>
		OTHER:	<u>5</u>

Investigative/Recorded Reports	<u>76</u>	Hrs
Supplementary Written Reports	<u>83</u>	Hrs
Violations of Check Laws	<u>25</u>	Hrs
Interviews	<u>102</u>	Hrs
Appearance in Court	<u>20</u>	Hrs
Assist Other Departments	<u>10</u>	Hrs
Polygraph	<u>0</u>	Hrs
School/Training Received	<u>20</u>	Hrs
Classes/Seminars Taught	<u>0</u>	Hrs
Property Room	<u>0</u>	Hrs
Surveillance	<u>0</u>	Hrs
Warrants Obtained	<u>26</u>	Hrs
Vacation / Holiday	<u>50</u>	Hrs

SUMMARY

The price of scrap metal appears to be up due to the increase in scrap theft. Officers responded several times in the previous 30 days to the same business on Walker Ridge NW, for reports of scrap metal theft. These incidents resulted in 4 adult arrests for scrap theft. A similar scrap metal theft case at a business on North Park NW resulted in the arrest of one adult suspect. A third case of scrap theft that resulted in an adult arrest was in the 3700 block of Three Mile Rd NW where road patrol officers caught the suspect in the act of stealing scrap metal.

On 3-15-10 road patrol took a report of a stolen purse at a retail store on Wilson NW. The victim left her purse in a shopping cart in the parking lot after loading her groceries into her vehicle. She returned and her purse was gone and had not been turned into security. Two charges were made at Meijer with her credit cards that same day as well as a charge at Applebee's restaurant in Standale. Meijer located good surveillance photos of the suspect. The photos were distributed among law enforcement, and identification was made. An interview and interrogation was done with the suspect and he confessed to finding the purse and using both of the victim's credit cards for his purchases.

A Stalking complaint was investigated in which the male suspect continued to call, walk by the victim's residence, and on one occasion entered the victim's home. The suspect was located and interviewed. He admitted to the stalking. The prosecutor issued Stalking and Illegal entry charges.

A Harassment complaint was investigated in which the suspect obtained the phone numbers of employees at a business. He would then call them and leave sexually explicit messages. The investigation revealed the identity of the phone owner. The suspect was interviewed and admitted that he obtained the numbers from his wife's phone and made the calls. A harassment by use of phone warrant was issued.

In the month of April we did a search warrant in the city of Grand Rapids on 5th St N.W. One person was taken into custody and charged with PWID cocaine and maintaining a drug house. Some cash and property was seized from the residence.

A consent search was conducted at a residence on Sydney Ct. in the city of Walker. We had received several complaints on this address since last fall. Seized from the residence was crystal meth and a large amount of property. The subject was charged with PWID meth and maintaining a drug house. The suspect was on probation for the same charges from 2008.

In the end of April, our vice officer conducted patrol squad trainings which consisted of vehicle hides and drug identification. A lot of good feedback was obtained from the squads and problem areas in the city of Walker were relayed back to the squads.

Search Warrant – Griggs S.E.
Search Warrant - 5th St N.W.
Consent Search - Sydney Ct N.W.
Traffic Stop - Monroe & North Park St.

SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

Search Warrant - Huizen S.W. Wyoming
Search Warrant - Garfield N.W.
Reliability Buy - Kentwood
Search Warrant - Cedar Springs
Buy/Bust - Kentwood

Substance Use-Related Offenses Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

In 2008-2009, the Walker Police Department issued a total of 598 citations for substance use-related offenses. Table 1 presents the number of citations issued for operating while intoxicated (OWI), minor in possession (MIP), narcotics offenses, and liquor violations. OWI was by far the most common offense, accounting for 45.7% of all substance use-related offenses reported by the Walker Police Department during this time frame.

Table 1: Substance use-related offenses, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

Offense	Number	%
Operating While Intoxicated	273	45.7
Minor in Possession	141	23.6
Narcotics	137	22.9
Liquor Violations	47	7.9

Substance Use-Related Offenses by Age

The average age of suspects involved in all substance use-related offenses was 26.6 years. Table 2 presents the average age of suspects involved in the offenses listed above in Table 1. Individuals involved in narcotics offenses were younger, on average, than individuals involved in liquor violations or OWI offenses. The average age of those cited for narcotics offenses was 25.5 years compared to 31.0 years for those charged with OWI and 30.2 years for those charged with liquor violations. The average age of individuals cited for MIP was 18.0 years.

Table 2: Average age of suspects involved in substance use-related offenses, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

Offense	Average Age
Operating While Intoxicated	31.0
Minor in Possession	18.0
Narcotics	25.5
Liquor Violations	30.2

Figures 1-4 represent the age distribution of suspects issued citations for narcotics possession, OWI, MIP, and liquor violations. Data on narcotics offenses suggest that 3 of every 10 offenses were committed by individuals between 21 and 25 years of age and greater than 6 of every 10 offenses were committed by individuals 25 years of age and younger. Individuals 21 to 25 years of age also dominated offenses for OWI. Individuals under the legal drinking age of 21 accounted for 1 of every 10 citations for OWI. Youth between the ages of 17 and 20 accounted for 86% of all offenses for minor in possession. Nine of every 10 liquor violations were committed by individuals 21 years of age and older.

Figure 1: Narcotics offenses by age group, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

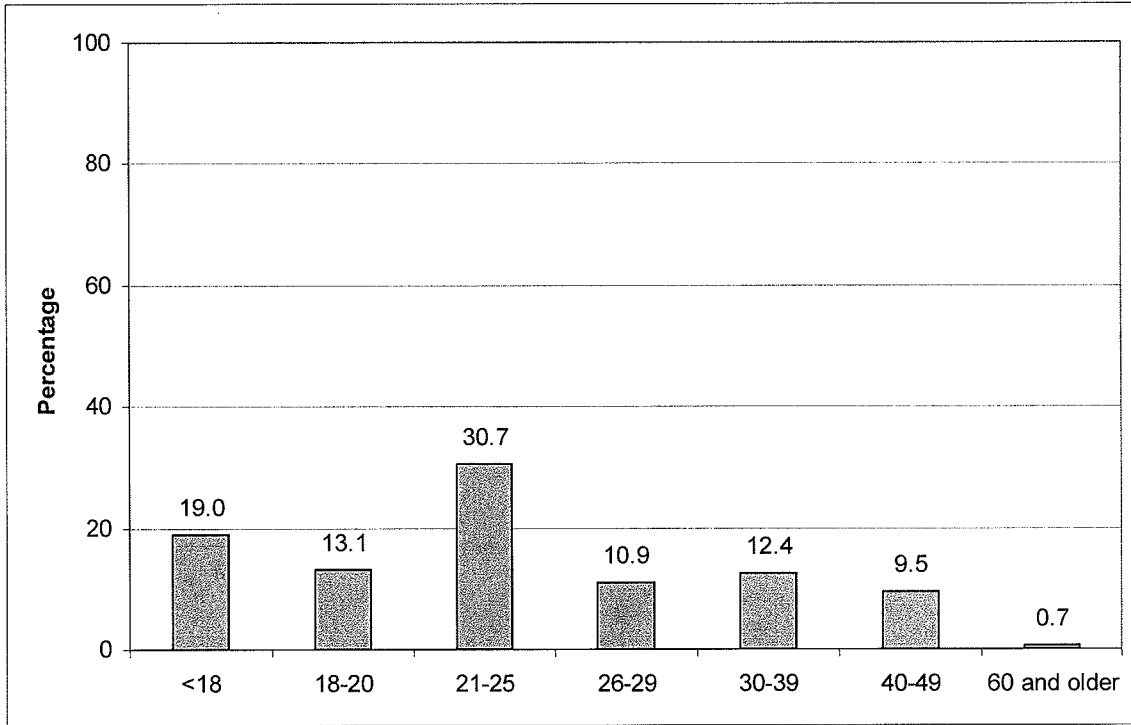


Figure 2: OWI offenses by age group, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

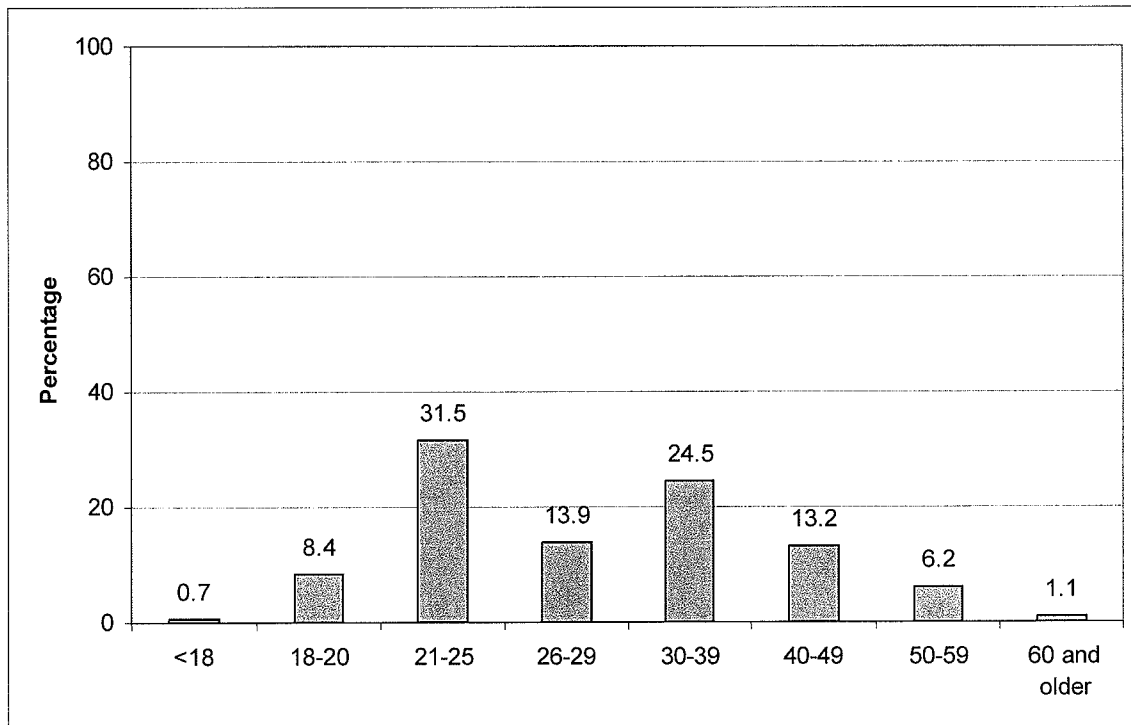


Figure 3: MIP offenses by age group, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

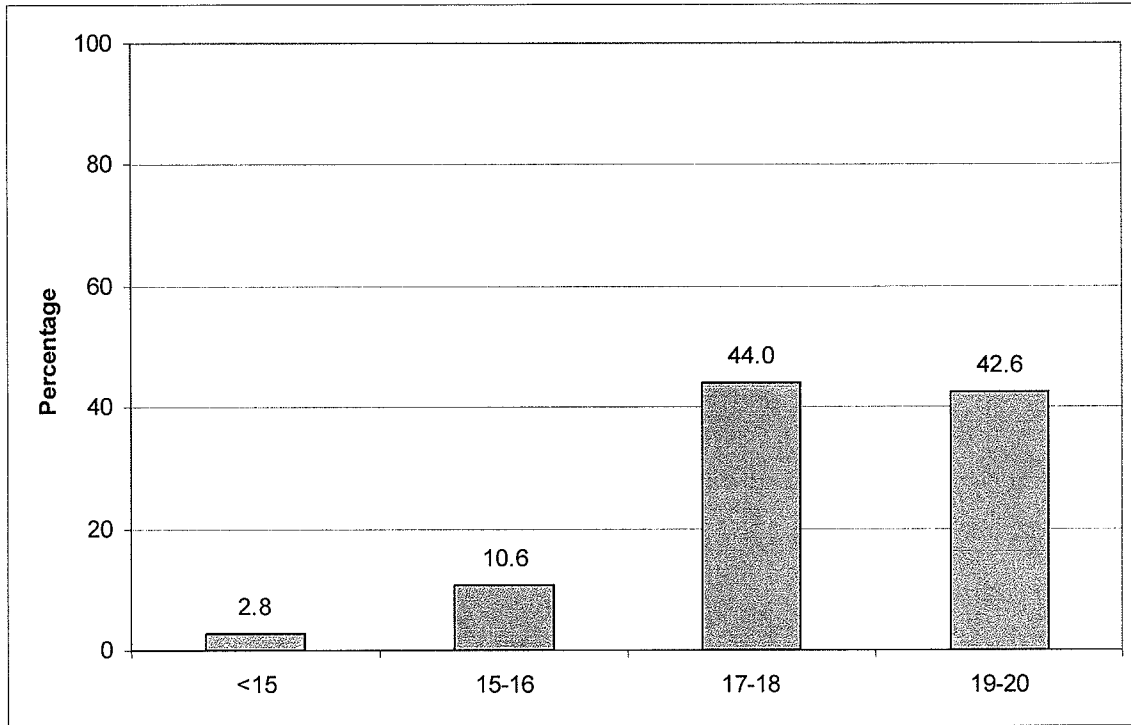
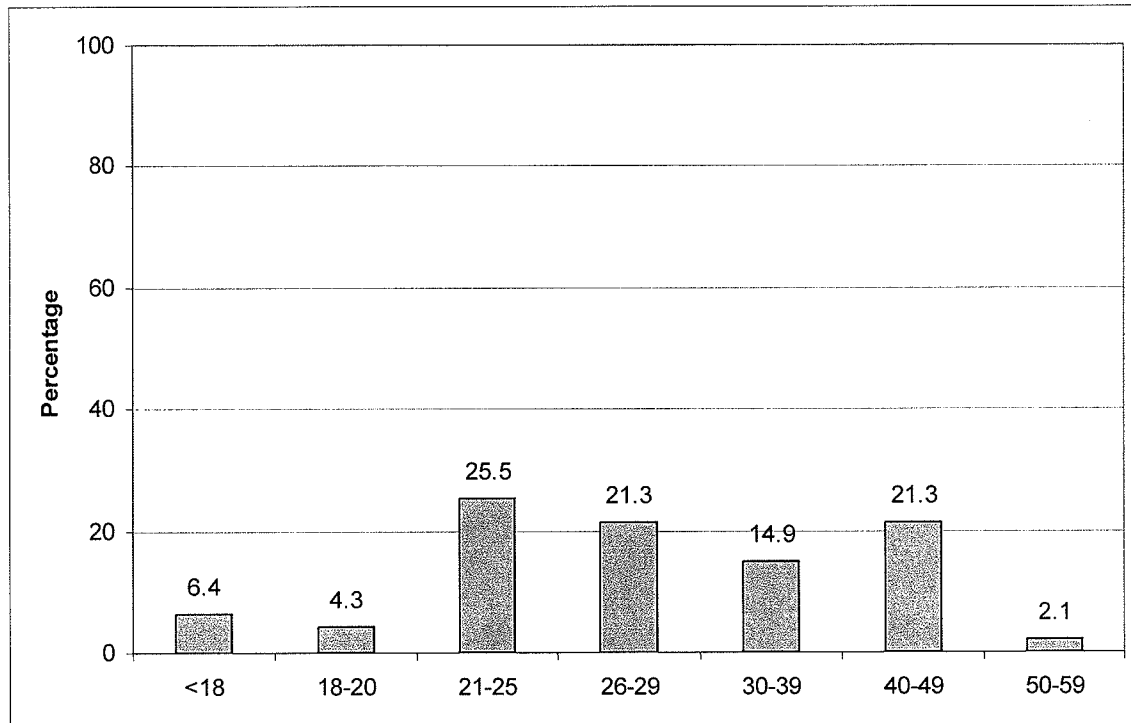


Figure 4: Liquor violations by age group, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009



Substance Use-Related Offenses by Race/Ethnicity

Figures 5-8 present substance use-related offenses by race/ethnicity. According to the 2000 US Census, the population of Walker is 96% Caucasian, 1.5% African American, and 2.8% Hispanic. Overall, 9 out of 10 substance use-related offenses were committed by Caucasians. Despite the fact that African Americans make up less than 2% of Walker's population, 13.1% of narcotics offenses in 2008-2009 were committed by African Americans. Narcotics offenses were the only substance use-related offense where Caucasians weren't responsible for 90% or more of the total offenses committed.

Figure 5: Narcotics offenses by race/ethnicity, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

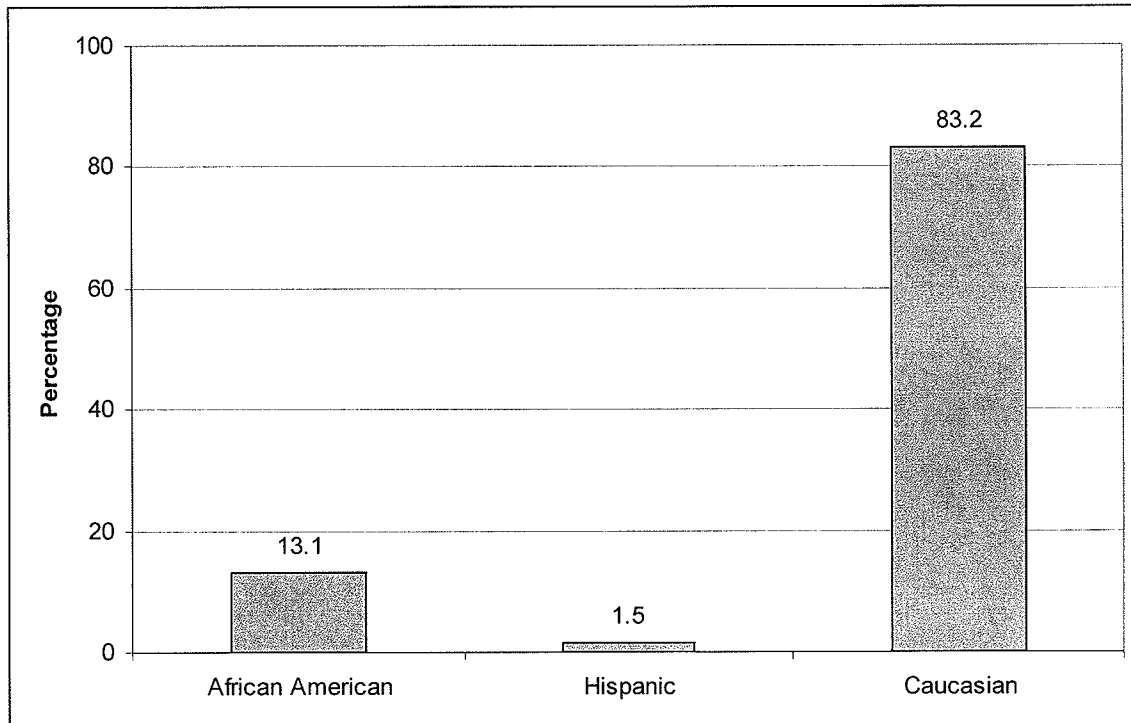


Figure 6: OWI offenses by race/ethnicity, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

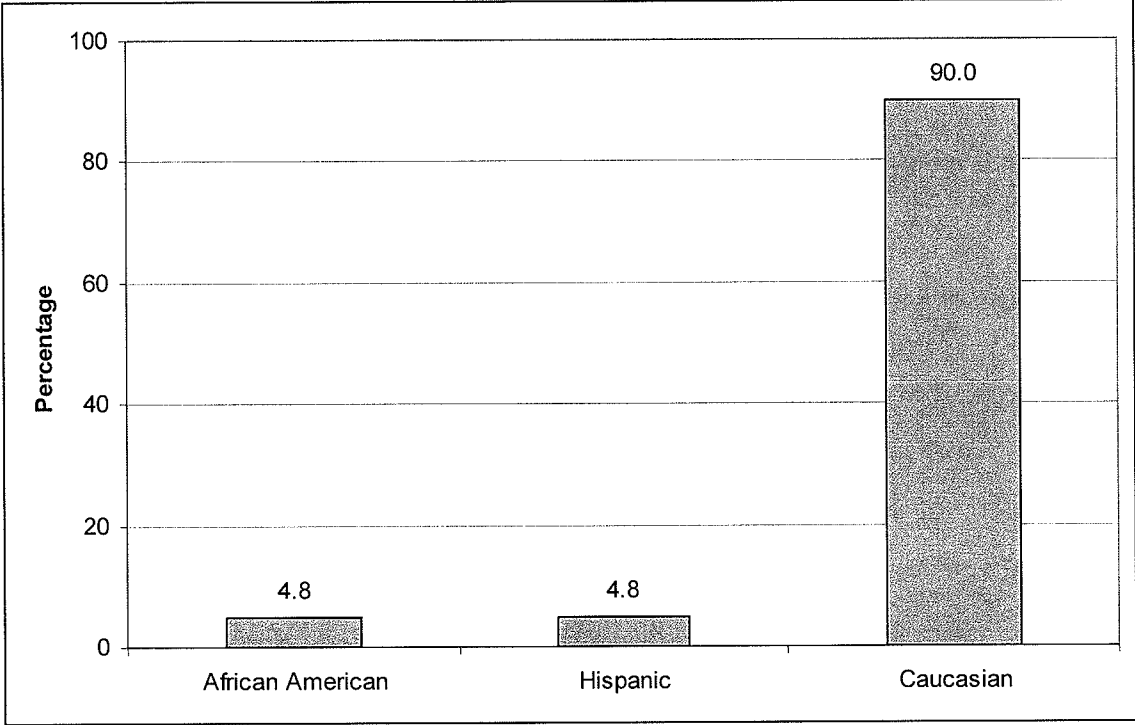


Figure 7: MIP offenses by race/ethnicity, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

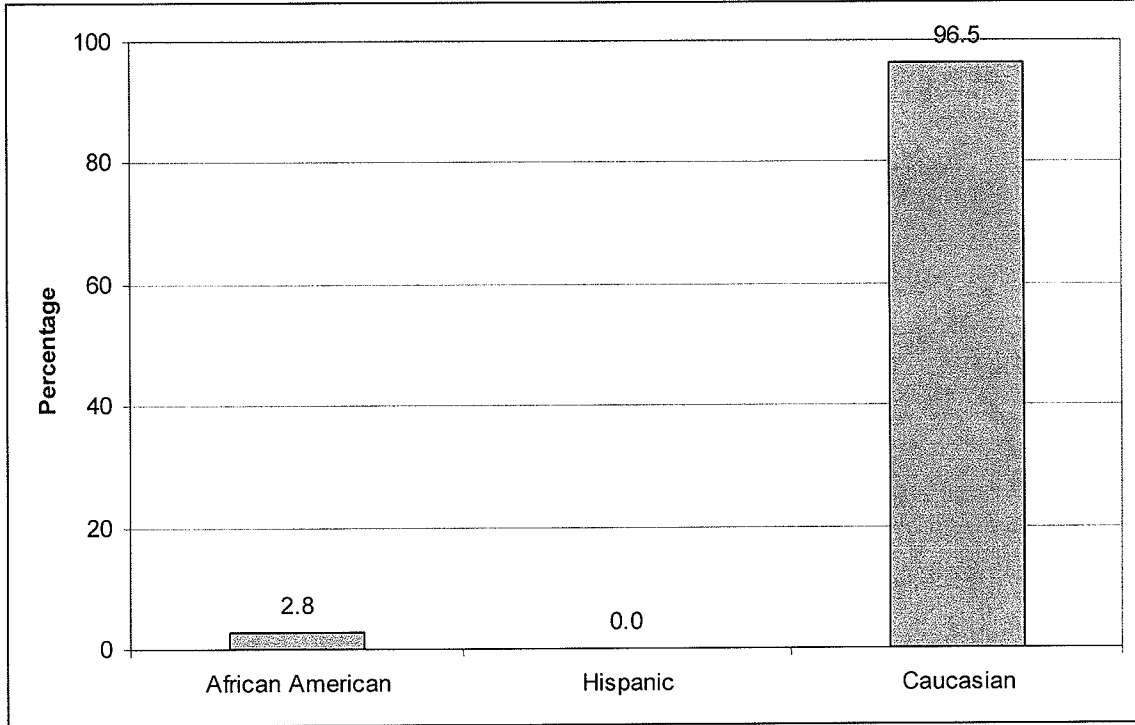
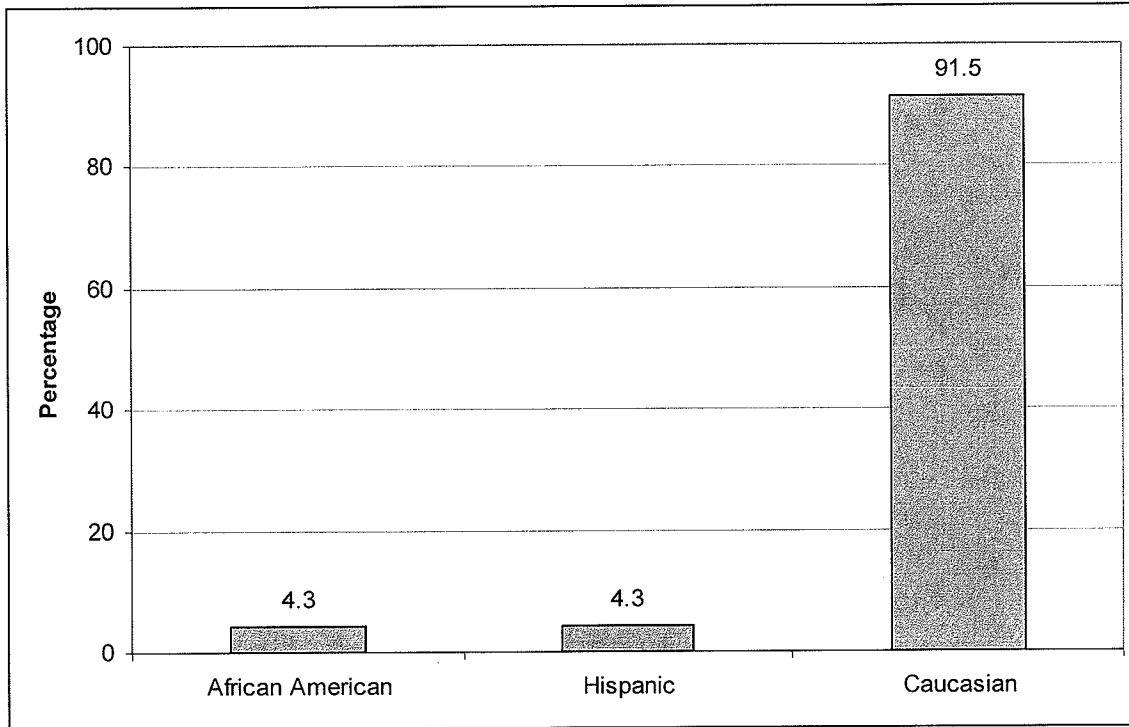


Figure 8: Liquor Violations by race/ethnicity, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009



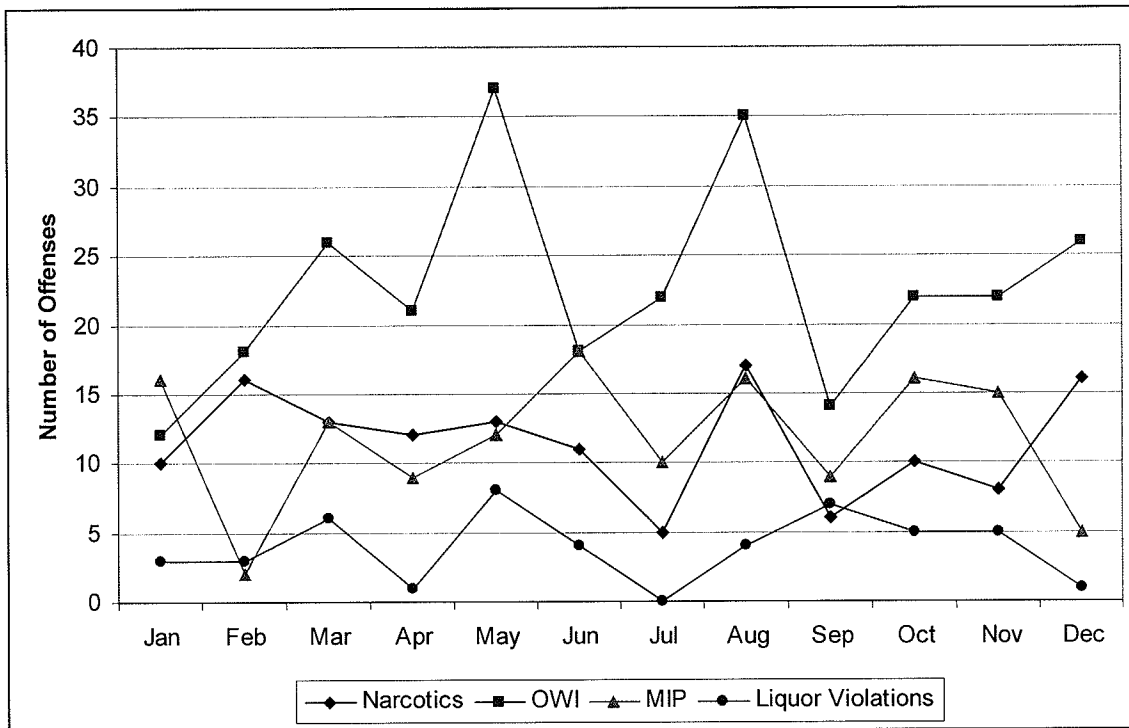
Substance Use-Related Offenses by Gender

Males accounted for 74% of all substance use related offenses in 2008-2009. Females accounted for 31% of narcotics offenses, 26% of offenses for OWI, and 21% of liquor violations. Females only accounted for 16% of offenses for minor in possession during 2008-2009 in Walker.

Substance Use-Related Offenses by Month

Figure 9 presents the number of substance use-related offenses during 2008-2009 by month. This analysis suggests a slight increase in offenses for OWI during the months of May and August. Substantial monthly increases for the other three offenses were not identified. It will be necessary to plot multiple years' worth of data before confidently identifying any seasonal or monthly trends in offenses for OWI and other substance use-related offenses.

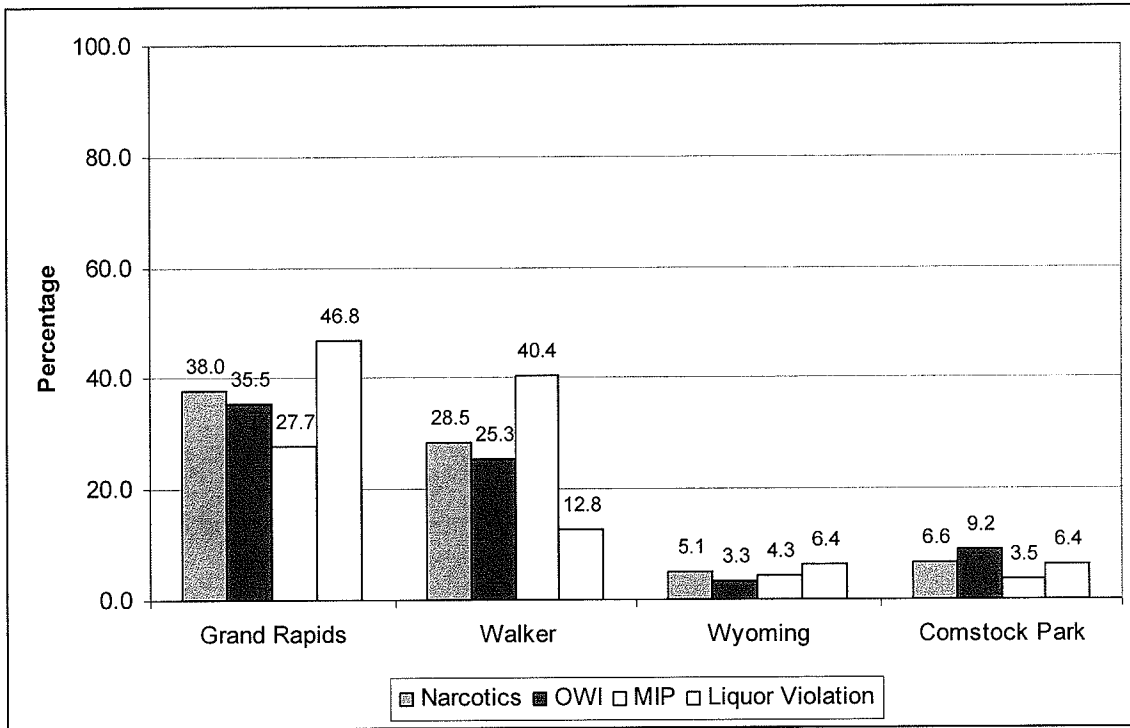
Figure 9: Substance use-related offenses by month, Walker Police Department Department, 2008-2009



Substance Use-Related Offenses by Geography

Thirty-five percent (35%) of all substance use-related offenses investigated by the Walker Police Department in 2008-2009 were committed by residents of Grand Rapids. Figure 10 presents data for select cities of residence for individuals charged with narcotics offenses, OWI, MIP, and liquor violations (as a percentage of total citations issued per category) by the Walker Police Department in 2008-2009. Residents of Grand Rapids accounted for the greatest percentage of all offenses except those for minor in possession. Walker residents accounted for 40% of all minor in possession offenses while Grand Rapids residents accounted for 27.7% of these offenses. Residents of Comstock Park accounted for nearly 1 of every 10 offenses for OWI.

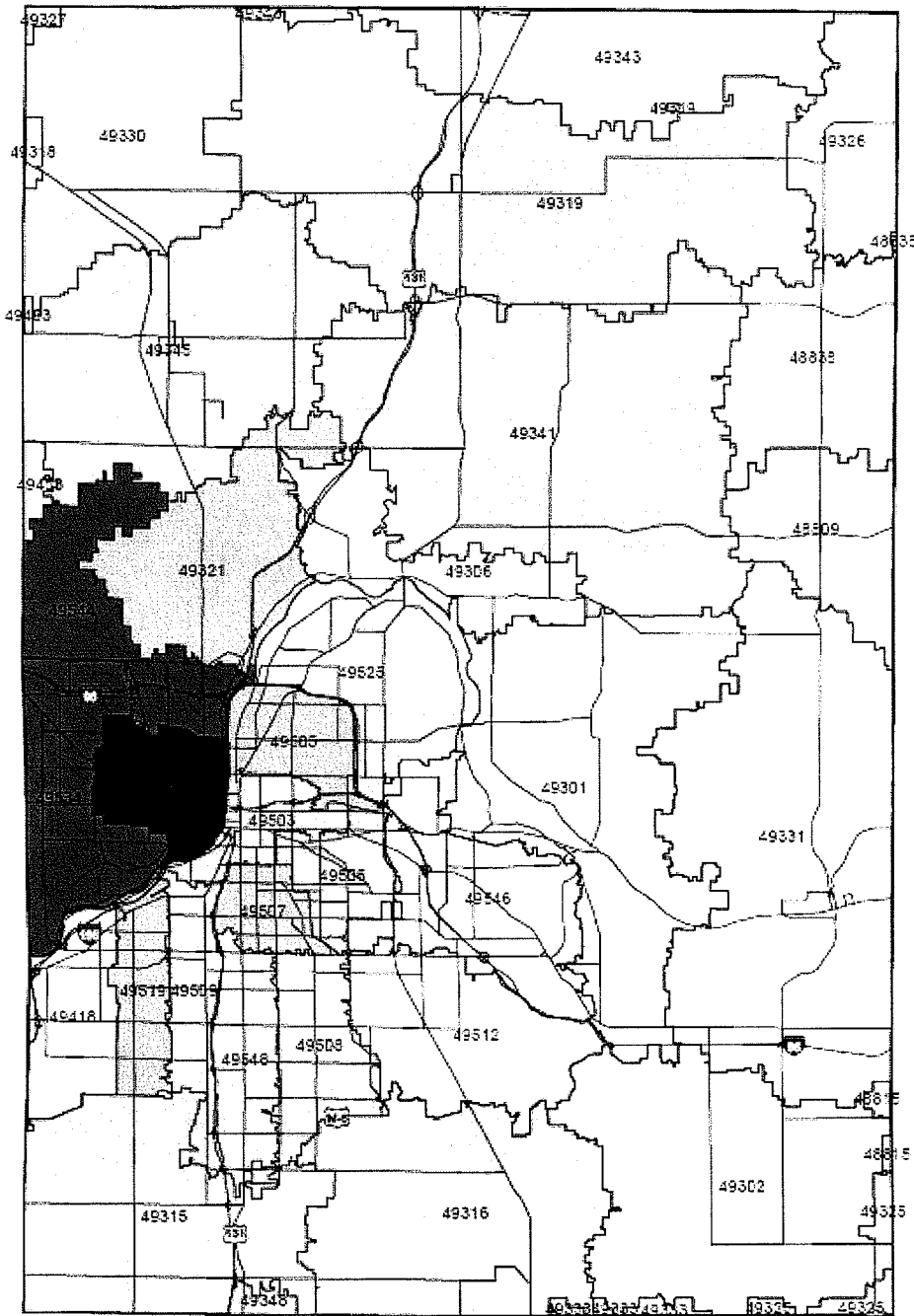
Figure 10: Substance use-related offenses by suspect city of residence, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009



The following maps provide a geographical representation of the residences (by zip code) of those involved in substance use-related offenses during 2008-2009. Although these maps are limited to Kent County zip codes, they provide an idea of where those who are issued citations for substance use-related offenses live. The maps indicate that the majority of offenders who live in the city of Grand Rapids reside in the 49504 zip code, which borders Walker.

Figure 11: Narcotics Offenses by Offender's Zip Code of Residence, Walker Department, 2008-2009

Narcotics Offenses Walker Police Department, 2008-2009



Offenses

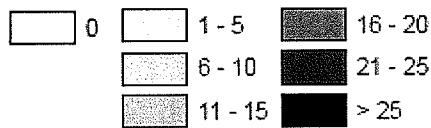
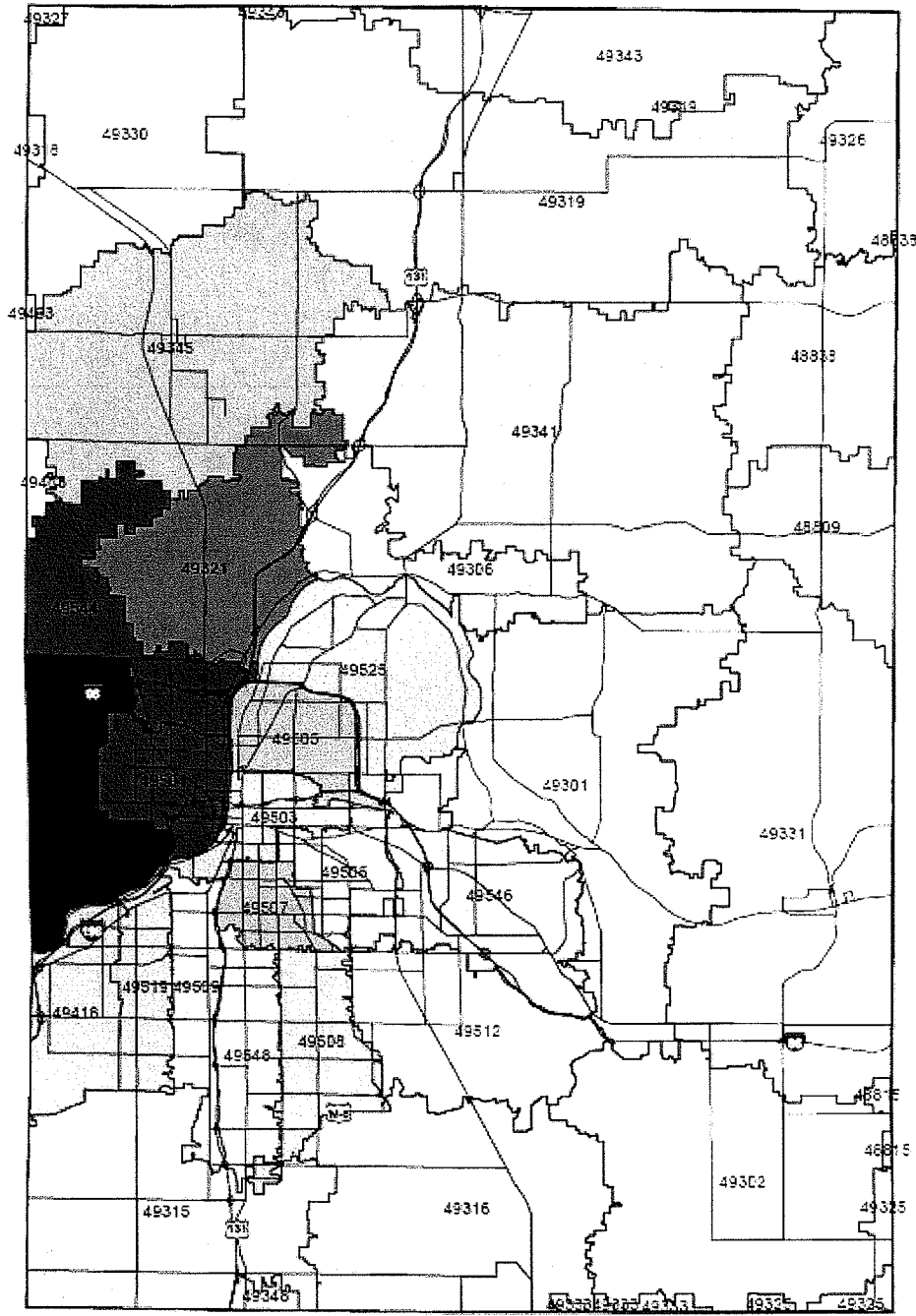


Figure 12: OWI by Offender's Zip Code of Residence, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

Operating While Intoxicated Walker Police Department, 2008-2009



Offenses

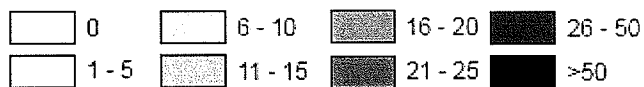


Figure 14: Liquor Violations by Offender's Zip Code of Residence, Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

Liquor Violations Walker Police Department, 2008-2009

