



**CITY OF WALKER
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: July 12, 2010

To: Mayor VerHeulen and Walker City Commissioners

From: Public Safety Director Catherine M. Garcia-Lindstrom

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

Detective Iwanski retired from the Department after 28 years of service. His position is not being filled due to budget issues. In addition, Beth Isham was laid off permanently due to the same budget limitations. The loss of both these wonderful people will be felt by all who remain.

Attached to this monthly report is a copy of a comparison analysis for Kent County—not just Walker, of Minors in Possession of Alcohol offenses in 2009. The information is very informative and useful for community efforts in addition to the law enforcement community. (Attachment)

Sgt Mankel's squad did an outstanding piece of proactive police work concerning a theft of copper that occurred at a business on Fruitridge. The officers set up surveillance on a suspect for B&E then apprehended the suspect which led to a full confession.

A Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) report was investigated which occurred at a local bar. The complainant, a female said that she was dancing with a female friend when the suspect joined in dancing with them. While they were dancing he grouped her buttocks and rubbed her inner thigh. She said at the time she did not realize that this was a crime until she mentioned it to her friend who is a bouncer at the bar. The bouncer and his coworkers approached the suspect and physically detained him until the police arrived. The suspect maintains that he never touched the victim. Neither the victim nor witness would return the detective's phone calls. There was no video of the incident. The prosecutor denied issuing any charges in this matter.

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).

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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.

The KANET team attended the raid/entry school at Fort Custer put on by the Michigan State Police. An informant was established from one of the road patrol complaints and started buying marijuana from a subject in one of our trailer parks. This resulted in a search warrant at this residence on July 1st. Several other consent searches were conducted throughout the county where drugs were recovered and these persons are in the process of cooperating further with the unit.

There is an ongoing investigation involving three suspects who are responsible for entering garages and sheds to commit larcenies. The suspects would drive around neighborhoods during the night time looking for open doors. Upon finding an open door the suspects would enter and steal items such as gasoline containers. The suspects have been identified and we are currently looking for additional victims.

Patrol officers responded to a gas station on Remembrance Road for a malicious destruction of property (MDOP) report. A wall of the building was spray painted with "gang" graffiti. Surveillance video was obtained. Four individuals captured on the video were interviewed. Two people interviewed identified the suspect who spray painted the building. Several attempts to interview him were unsuccessful. Due to prior personal contacts with this suspect, and the fact that two witnesses identified him, a warrant was sought for MDOP under \$1000. The Kent County Prosecutor's Office issued the warrant and it was entered into LEIN. The damage estimates for the building were \$995. The investigation uncovered a local group with a gang mentality. The gang calls themselves "Thug Life Outlaws" and the graffiti was the letters "TLO." Several young adults associated with this group were identified. Most of them congregate in the area of Werner Street NW and are the same group responsible for the recent Minor's in Possession of Alcohol Ordinance effort.

Training: Detective Raap and Chief Garcia-Lindstrom attended one-day N-Dex training. Officer Raisanen attended two-day shooting reconstruction training at MSU, with a laser trajectory unit awarded to us to be shared with Grandville PD. Three investigators attended the one-day Child Assessment Center training to assist with dealing with children CSC incidents. The SRT unit trained as well.

Volunteer Patrol: Member John Stuckey passed away after his fight against lung cancer.

Chaplains: Chaplain Ron Baker resigned from the corps after taking a new position in Fremont Michigan. Ron was our last founding chaplain with the department and we will miss him.

Honor Guard: Our Honor Guard assisted by our volunteers perform casket duty for Volunteer John Stuckey's funeral. It was very moving and he will be missed.

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Community Related: The (15th annual) Metro High School Police Academy went very well in June.

Directed Patrols:

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

1. 3100 Fruitridge
2. 4000 Bullrush
3. 1500 3 mile
4. 0000 Sunset hills
5. Nolan/Chaska
6. Harding/Corneila
7. 4052 Bullrush
8. 4052 Bullrush
9. Obrien/Covell
10. Walker/Sharp
11. Obrien/Linacre
12. Harding /Bristol
13. Cummings/Park
14. Kinview/Maplerow (citizens request)
15. Imperial/Kinney
16. 1000 Pannell
17. Kinnrow/Kinview
18. West River/N. Park

Directed Patrols

1. Kinnrow@Maplerow stop sign violations –Closed 6-29-10

Non-Traffic

Residential Property checks:

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

Records Stats

Our Records Staff continue to work with our new Records Management System (RMS) vendor to streamline the design of the new software. Our assistance was part of the contractual agreement and the reason we received reduced pricing of the system as compared to the other RMS software we looked at. Unfortunately the first release of the RMS was not as user friendly as we had hoped. In addition, our records personnel were all made part-time in July 2009 (in a separate action from the rest of the non-contractual workers—who were still full time but had their reduced pay for reduced hours). Consequently these two factors have caused us to fall behind in our report data entry and are why we do not have May or June stats in the system in order to produce a report this

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month. The second version of the software was installed recently, but it is too early to tell what impact it will have on the backlog.

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

Attachments

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Minor in Possession Offenses Kent County, 2009

For the purposes of this analysis, data on minor in possession (MIP) offenses was obtained from seven police jurisdictions in Kent County, including the Kent County Sheriff Department, for the year 2009. The Kent County Prevention Coalition thanks the participating jurisdictions for their willingness to share data in order to create a profile of alcohol-related consequences in Kent County.

The data presented in this report represent the total number of MIPs issued by the seven jurisdictions and do not represent unique individuals receiving MIPs (some individuals received multiple MIP offenses over the course of the year). In 2009, the seven participating police jurisdictions issued 1,143 citations for MIP. Table 1 presents the number of incidents and percentage of total for the seven police jurisdictions. Nearly 8 out of every 10 citations for minor in possession in Kent County were issued by the Kent County Sheriff Department (42.3%) or the Grand Rapids Police Department (35.9%). Each of the other jurisdictions contributed between 3 and 5 percent of the total number of citations issued by the seven departments.

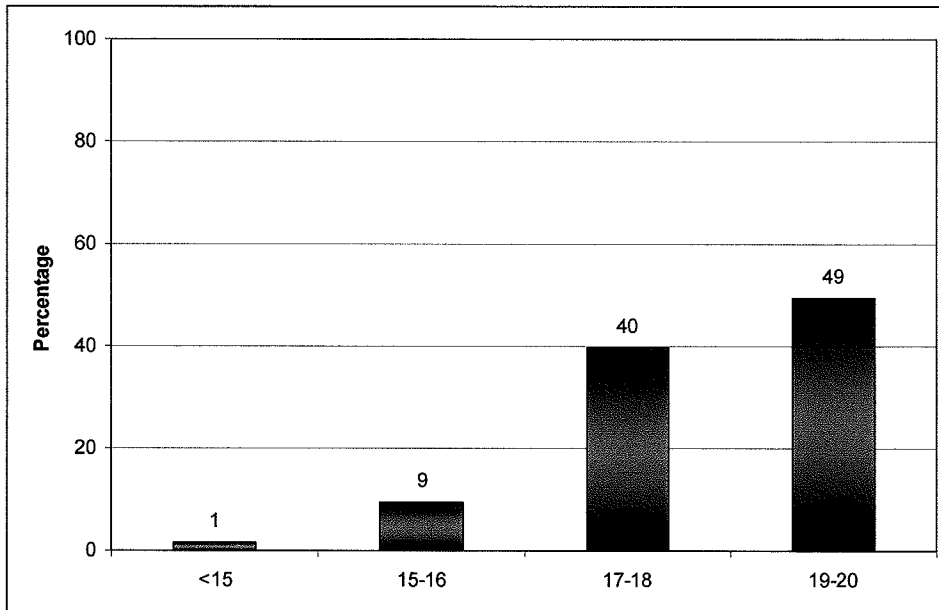
Table 1: MIP offenses, Kent County, 2009

Jurisdiction	Number	%
Kent County Sheriff Department	484	42.3
Grand Rapids Police Department	410	35.9
Walker Police Department	60	5.2
Grandville Police Department	53	4.6
Cedar Springs Police Department	49	4.3
Lowell Police Department	48	4.2
East Grand Rapids Police Department	39	3.4
Total	1143	

MIP Offenses by Age

The average age of suspects involved in all MIP offenses was 19.2 years. When data was limited to only those who were less than 21 years of age at the time of offense, the average dropped to 18.7 years. Although 6% of MIPs in 2009 were issued to individuals age 21 and older, analyses from here forward will focus on MIPs issued to individuals under age 21. Figure 1 presents the age distribution of individuals issued MIP citations in 2009. Nearly one of every two MIPs (49%) was issued to individuals 19-20 years of age. One out of every 10 MIPs issued in 2009 was given to youth 16 years of age or younger.

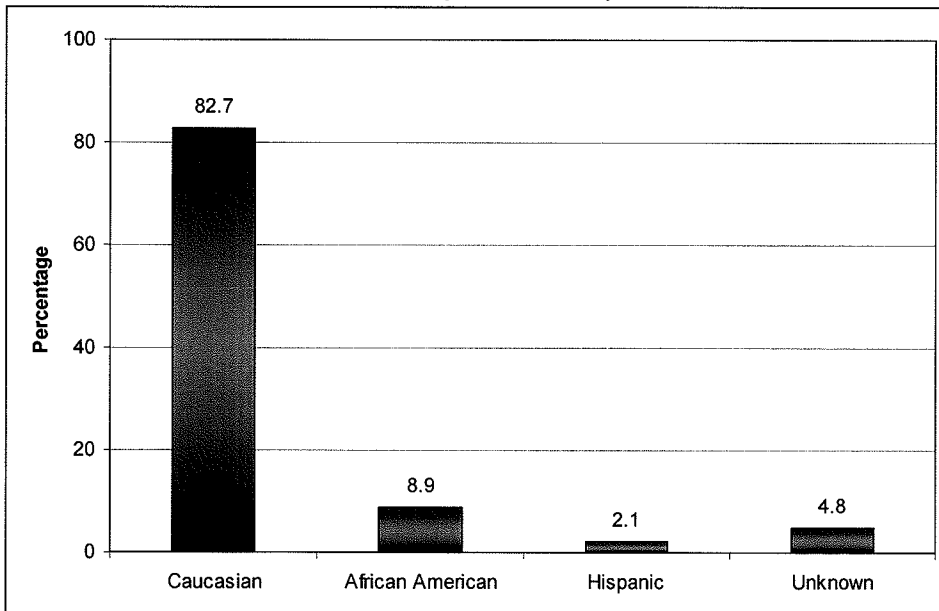
Figure 1: MIP offenses by age group, Kent County, 2009



MIP Offenses by Race/Ethnicity

Figure 2 presents MIP offenses by race/ethnicity for the year 2009. Nearly 83% of MIP offenses in the seven police jurisdictions were issued to Caucasians. According to the 2008 American Community Survey, the population of Kent County is 81.8% Caucasian, 8.9% African American, and 9.3% Hispanic. Unfortunately, race/ethnicity was unknown for nearly 5% of MIPs issued in 2009. In addition, some police jurisdictions do not distinctly identify Hispanic individuals charged with an offense, so the county-wide data for Hispanic individuals receiving an MIP is under-represented.

Figure 2: MIP offenses by race/ethnicity, Kent County, 2009



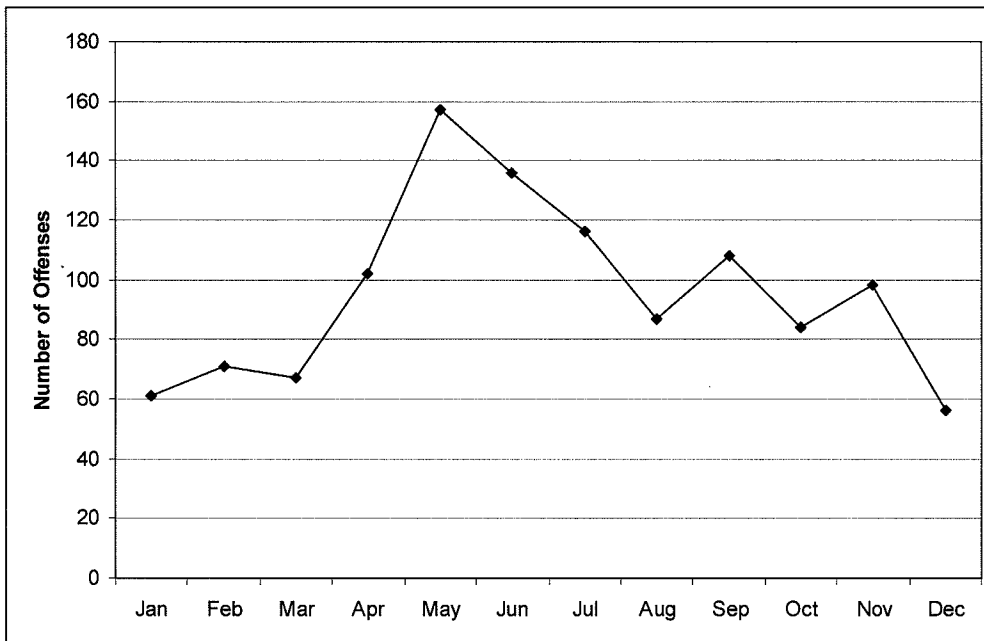
MIP Offenses by Gender

Males accounted for 71% of all MIP offenses in Kent County in 2009.

MIP Offenses by Month

Figure 3 presents the number of MIP offenses during 2009 by month. This analysis suggests an increase in MIPs during the month of May, with elevated numbers continuing through the early summer months of June and July. These monthly data, however, are driven by offenses issued by the Kent County Sheriff Department and the Grand Rapids Police Department. Although data from 2009 reveal this potential trend, it will be necessary to plot multiple years' worth of data before confidently identifying any seasonal or monthly trends in MIP offenses.

Figure 3: MIP offenses by month, Kent County, 2009



MIP Offenses by Suspect Residence

Based upon data from the seven police jurisdictions, 42% of MIP offenses in 2009 were issued to residents of Grand Rapids (Table 2). This is not surprising given that 37% of the Kent County population aged 15-20 resides in Grand Rapids (2000 US Census). When rates of MIPs were calculated using the population of residents aged 15-20 from the 2000 US Census for the various cities in Kent County, a different picture was uncovered (Table 3). Based upon this analysis, the rural cities of Lowell, Rockford, and Cedar Springs had the greatest rate (per 1,000 population) of MIPs issued in 2009. The reader must keep in mind that it is possible for the same individual to receive multiple MIPs over the course of the year. Also, the populations in these areas have likely changed greatly since the 2000 US Census. Thus, the issue of MIPs may not be as great as these numbers suggest in these rural cities.

Table 2: MIP offenses by suspect city of residence, Kent County, 2009

City	Percentage
Grand Rapids	42.3
Lowell	5.6
Wyoming	4.2
Rockford	4.1
Comstock Park	3.5
Walker	3.3
Grandville	3.2

Table 3: MIP offenses by suspect city of residence, Rate per 1,000 youth aged 15-20, Kent County, 2009

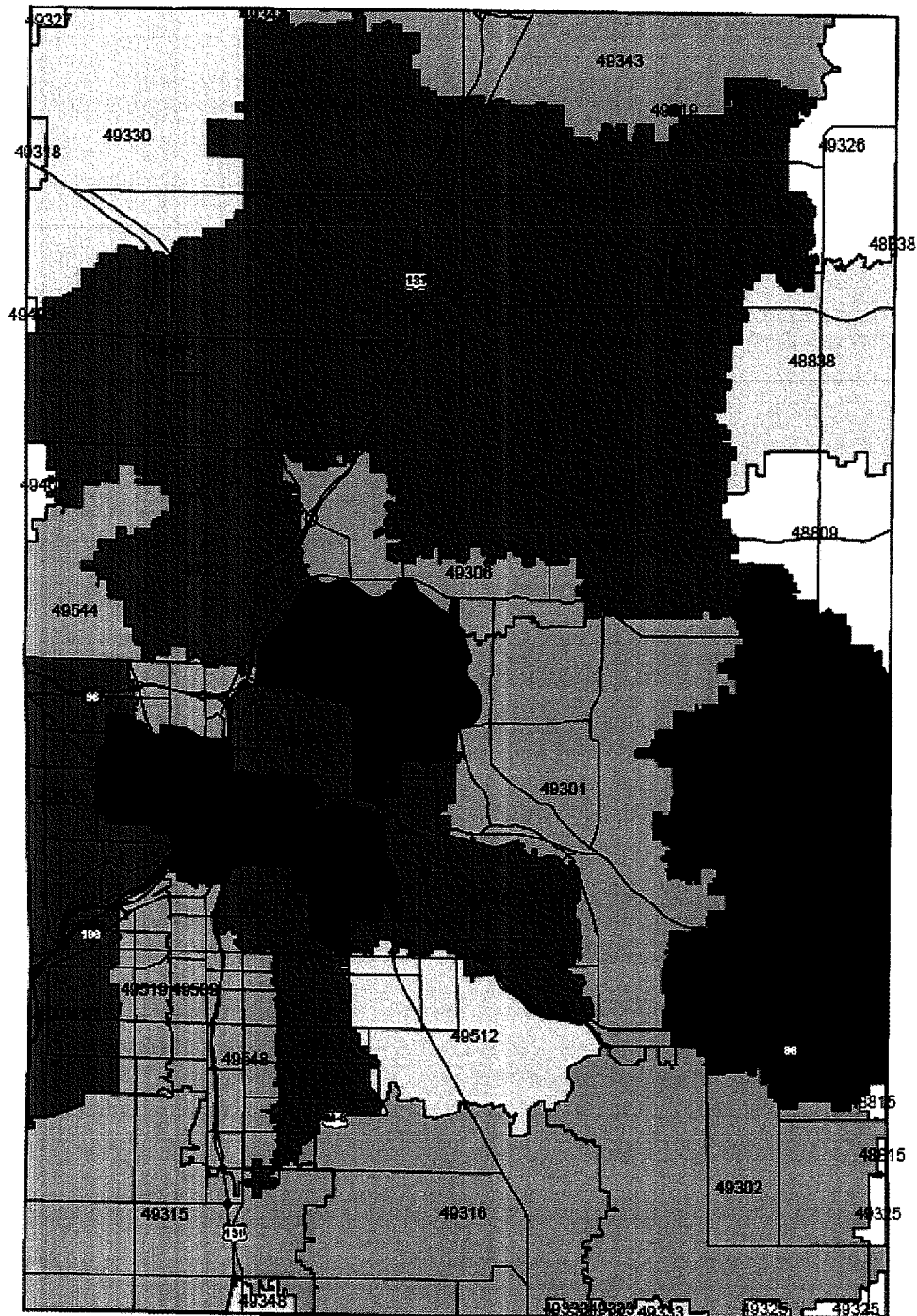
City	Rate per 1,000*
Lowell	179.6
Rockford	114.3
Cedar Springs	107.5
Sparta	74.9
Byron Center	63.9
Comstock Park	31.4
Grand Rapids	23.0

*Rate calculated using the population of youth aged 15-20 in respective cities from 2000 U.S. Census

The following map provides a geographical representation of the residences (by zip code) of those issued MIPs during 2009. Although this map is limited to Kent County zip codes, it provides an idea of where those who are issued citations for minor in possession live. This information is important for targeting interventions aimed at reducing alcohol use among youth in Kent County.

Figure 4: MIP offenses by suspect zip code of residence, Kent County 2009

MIP Offenses Kent County, 2009



Offenses



SUMMARY

Previously a 12 yr old boy was referred to Juvenile court for CSC charges involving acts against his sisters and another female student in his school.

Within two weeks from this referral, the principal at the school reported that the suspect had inappropriately touched two more students.

The students were interviewed and the suspect was lodged in KC Juvenile detention.

Three previously reported CSC cases were closed.

The first involved a 35 yr old male allowing a 12 yr old female to sleep in his bedroom. According to her on two separate occasions his hand touched her lower abdominal area but not touching her vaginal area. He also mentioned that he had been accused of this 20 yrs ago in the city of Grand Rapids. At the request of the prosecutor attempts to locate that victim and the police reports were made. Neither were located. The prosecutor denied charges.

A patient at an assisted living facility reported that she had sexual intercourse with an unidentified male. Her guardian wished to pursue charges because the victim was incompetent to consent. The investigation revealed the name of a suspect. A photo lineup was conducted with the victim. She was not willing to cooperate and did not identify the suspect. Case closed out.

In 2009 a Warrant for CSC was obtained for a suspect who fled the state. That individual was tracked to the State of Missouri . Where he was arrested. They also had local charges on him. They agreed to place a hold on him.

Upon contacting that department it was discovered that the suspect was turned over to ICE and deported to his home country. The warrant was left in LEIN.

There are several new fraud related cases, one of which involves a suspect contacting the victim soon after a legitimate loan denial. The suspect claims he specializes in bad credit risk loans. The victim was instructed to go to a web site and complete an application and pay a fee.

Counterfeit currency continues to be circulated in the area. The investigation is being coordinated with the United States Secret Service.

Several fraud and embezzlement cases remain active and are under continued investigation.

Detective Martiny had dual responsibilities throughout the month of June. Working the road and training in the Detective Bureau as time permitted.

Detectives Heugel and Martiny investigated a larceny at a local Pub in the south district involving the taking of a purse and then continuing into the City of Grand Rapids where ATM cards were used at a business to purchase merchandise. After completing the investigation, a 2 count felony warrant was obtained.

Detectives Heugel and Martiny investigated the larceny of personal property taken from a home in the south district. Two suspects have been interviewed and the information received will lead to addition investigation and potential charges.

Officer Martiny has been shadowing Detective Heugel in the detective unit since the announcement that he will be the general case detective as of July 1, 2010. During this limited training period he shadowed on several interviews, learned what data bases are available to him for investigative purposes, and handled property crime cases.

SUMMARY

After the SOR verification period ended in on April 15, 2010 there were two Walker sex offenders who failed to verify their addresses. One of them was located at the Kent County Jail and his records were updated. The second was late to verify during the January 2010 verification period. In January He was given a warning about being late to verify and he was informed that if he was late in April 2010 he would be charged with a 93 day misdemeanor. He was interviewed and acknowledged his warning from January. After certified copies of his verification history were obtained a warrant was issued for his arrest. He turned himself in and pled guilty to the charge. He has been of the SOR since the late 1990's for a CSC involving a person less than 13 years of age.

Road patrol units took a report from a utility employee who witnessed suspicious behavior between a two-year-old female child and an adult male. Detective Raap and I responded to the call and notified CPS once the investigation was underway. We made contact with the victim, victim's guardians, and the suspect at their residence in Walker. The suspect was the live in uncle of the child victim. As the investigation progressed, the suspect was lodged at the Kent County Jail for CSC 2nd. The warrant was obtained later the same weekend. The victim was interviewed at the CAC and had a medical examination. Since this incident a second family member, 4 year old biological sister of the victim, has been interviewed at the CAC. Small disclosures were made during that interview and more was disclosed to her parents after the interview. A second CAC interview is set up for the 4 year old. The defendant waived his preliminary hearing to preserve a plea offer.

The same day scrap theft information was placed on the hot sheet night shift road patrol units located a pickup truck at a business on Three Mile Rd NW, with over 2 thousand pounds of new metal product loaded in the bed of the truck. Three male suspects were located and arrested that night. They were charged with larceny over \$1000 and under \$20, 000. One of the suspects was a parole absconder out of Lansing, Michigan. All three suspects waiver their preliminary hearings to preserve plea offers. Nice job to the road patrol on the extra patrol request!

VICE JUNE:

- 01 Training Battle Creek
- 02 Training Battle Creek
- 03 Training Battle Creek
- 07 Surveillance
- 08 Surveillance
- 09 Surveillance
- 10 Search Warrant [REDACTED]
- 14 Follow-up [REDACTED] from Walker PD complaint
- Follow-up 1 [REDACTED] from Walker PD complaint
- Surveillance [REDACTED]
- 15 Follow-up in office
- 16 Vacation
- 17 Vacation
- 21 Reliability buy [REDACTED]
- Consent search [REDACTED]
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