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Manslaughter Verdict



On Tuesday February 17, 2008, a Carver County jury returned a guilty verdict for 2nd Degree Manslaughter on Anthony Joseph Aunan of Zumbrota, MN. Mr. Aunan was on trial for the October 2007 death of a Chaska woman who died as a direct result of Mr. Aunan giving her some of his prescription Methadone. Officer Elroy Schmidt was the lead investigator in the case and obtained important incriminating statements from Mr. Aunan. Mr. Aunan has a sentencing date set for April 10, 2008. The conviction of 2nd Degree Manslaughter is punishable by up to 10 years in prison, and a fine of up to \$20,000.

Home Invasion



The Chaska Police Department is asking for the public's help to identify a suspect responsible for a residential burglary and assault that occurred at about 5:00 AM on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

At about 5:00 AM, Chaska officers responded to an assault and burglary complaint in the Riverview Terrace Mobile Home Park. An adult female reported being grabbed from behind in her own home. The suspect then put a rag soaked in purple PVC cement to her face. The suspect fled when the victim fought back and yelled. The victim was treated and released from an area hospital with minor injuries.

The Chaska Police Department is seeking help in identifying the suspect in this crime. The suspect is a male of medium height and would likely have purple colored dye-like marks on his hands, face and clothing. He may have had a strong solvent odor on his clothing.

The Chaska Police Department and the Riverview Terrace Mobile Home Park are offering a monetary reward for the information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person responsible. Anyone with information should contact the Chaska Police Department Tip line at 952-227-2479.



Around the Clock -Sgt. Ben Anderson

Chaska Officers issued 25 citations and 31 warnings during this reporting period

DWI:

Officer Juell stopped a vehicle for speeding and having an inoperable taillight on Hwy 41. The male driver was intoxicated, failed field sobriety evaluations and was arrested for DWI.



Disturbances:

An adult male fell down a flight of stairs in a residence in downtown Chaska. The male suffered severe head injuries and was flown to HCMC.

While in school, a Chaska High School student possessed a device used for smoking marijuana. He also had marijuana hidden in his shoe. He was cited for possession of marijuana and possessing drug paraphernalia.

Numerous vehicles were damaged when they were broken into in a residential parking garaged on Ehlers Avenue. Items were stolen from the damaged vehicles.

Officers responded to a domestic assault complaint at a residence on Waters Edge Drive. A mother and her adult son were involved in an argument. During the dispute, the son pushed his mother several times. He was arrested and charged with domestic assault and 5th degree assault.

While at their residence, an intoxicated father and his teen-aged son became involved in an altercation with one another. The father slapped him numerous times while pushing him against a wall and onto the floor. The father then pushed an officer when confronted by police. He was arrested and charged with domestic assault and obstructing the legal process with force. A breath test indicated a .215 BAC.

Emergency personnel responded to a residence on Manuela Drive in reference to a child who had been run injured by a vehicle. A vehicle backed over a three year old child at a family gathering. The child was transported to a local hospital and was later airlifted to HCMC and is listed in serious condition.



Did You Know....

Pardon Me, Is That Ice Cube, Hopping?

- ❖ Wood frogs can be frozen solid and then thawed, and continue living. They use the glucose in their body to protect their vital organs while they are in a frozen state.
- ❖ Rice is thrown at weddings as a symbol of fertility.
- ❖ The blue whale is the loudest animal on the earth. Its whistle can reach up to 188 decibels.
- ❖ Before 1859, baseball umpires were seated in padded chairs behind home plate.
- ❖ The Tonle Sap River in Cambodia flows north for almost half the year and then south for the rest of the year.
- ❖ During WWII, because a lot of players were called to duty, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles combined to become *The Steagles*.



Telephone Numbers

Emergency: 911
Police Service: 952.361.1231

Administration: 952.448.4200

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952.227.2479

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - August 4TH

CITY OF CHASKA TO JOIN CITIES NATIONWIDE FOR "AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME"



On Tuesday, August 4th, neighborhoods throughout Chaska are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "25th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by Chaska Police Department.

National Night Out is designed to (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (3) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 5 to 10 p.m. on August 4th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Chaska and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Chaska will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

There will be visits to the neighborhood parties from the Chaska Police Department, Chaska Fire Department, McGruff Crime Dog, Target and Xcel Energy and Ridgeview ambulance. Chief Knight will also be making visits to area parties.

Contact: Officer Janke, Chaska Police Department 952-448-4200
or e-mail: jjanke@chaskamn.com if you are interested in having your neighborhood participate.