

RICHMOND POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

November 10, 2015-November 23, 2015

TRAFFIC TICKETS

Speeding: 27

Vehicle not inspected: 2

Traffic control signals: 5

Operating after suspension (civil): 2

Texting while driving: 1

Using cell phone while operating: 8

Failure to carry registration: 1

Failure to yield @ intersection: 1

Plates not assigned to vehicle: 1

Failure to yield to emergency vehicle: 1

TOTAL TRAFFIC TICKETS ISSUED: 50

WRITTEN WARNINGS ISSUED: 54

PARKING TICKETS ISSUED: 5

INCIDENTS REPORTED

Accidents: 2

DUI: 1

Suspicious Circumstances: 9

Agency assists: 9

Citizen assists: 2

Disorderly conduct: 1

Citizen assist: 1

Fireworks: 1

Larceny: 2

Fraud: 1

Animal problem: 1

Phone problem: 1

Motor vehicle complaints: 7

VIN number verifications: 2

Miscellaneous: 1

Medical assists: 2

Directed patrols: 4

Parking complaints: 2

Property watch: 4

Domestic dispute: 1

Vandalism: 2

Juvenile problem: 1

Alarm: 1

Threatening: 1

TOTAL INCIDENTS REPORTED: 59

ARRESTS

Operating under the influence: 1

Home improvement fraud: 2

Grand larceny: 1

TOTAL arrests: 4

- PUBLIC PLEASE BEAWARE: Currently there are three different scams going on that our citizens should be aware of, two of these have recently affected our residents. The first involves getting a phone call advising that a family member has been in an accident that is his/her fault and if they don't send money or other tangible items then the family member will be prosecuted for a crime. A recent variable of this same scam is you get a phone call advising that a family member has been arrested and that you need to send money to an address via Western Union. These are bogus, however people everyday still fall for the scam. Another common scam going on is you will receive a call from the I.R.S.(not real) indicating that you have failed to pay all your taxes and if you do not sent the designated amount of money you will be arrested and jailed. When this call comes in you may speak with the caller or they will leave a message on your phone indicating you need to call a certain number for response. The last is either by phone or mail indicating that you are a jackpot winner of Publishers Clearing House. All you need to do is to pay the taxes to receive the million or more dollars to cash the check. Again this is a scam with one out of state gentlemen sending \$40,000.00 to cover the taxes on \$1.6 million winnings. This scam maybe mailed to you with what looks like official Publishers Clearing House logos. DO NOT FALL FOR THESE!
- November 10, 2015@ 11:35 hours, Officer Brett Lindemuth was dispatched to assist Richmond Rescue at a home located on Snipe Ireland Road for Lifeline activation. When rescue arrived they could not gain access to the locked home nor locate the key that was to have been left in a specific location. Rescue will not break into the home so police are dispatched. Officer Lindemuth ended up kicking in two doors to gain entry, however the homeowner was not present. Later the owner was located in good health and it is unknown why the Lifeline activated.
- November 11, 2015@ 08:24 hours, Cpl. Rick Greenough and I were dispatched to a Jericho Road apartment for a domestic dispute. After arrival at the scene it was determined that the 20 year old male had unlawfully restrained his 19 year old girlfriend. He was flash cited into Chittenden Superior Court to answer a charge of unlawful restraint. This was the second time we have been dispatched to this apartment in less than two weeks for a similar incident.
- November 11, 2015@ 19:26 hours, Officer John Hamlin was dispatched to the home of a 75 year old female for a fraud complaint. The victim was called by what she thought was her grandson initially when someone else took over the phone conversation indicating that her grandson had caused a traffic accident by running a red light while on his cell phone and unless she paid \$4,000 they would prosecute her grandson. The caller advised she needed to purchase two \$500 gift cards right away so she went to Shows in Williston, purchased two gift cards and relayed the card numbers to the caller who advised he would call back the next day for the additional

\$3,000. Prior to the second call she was able to reach the grandson and family only to learn that she had been a victim of a scam.

- November 12, 2015@ 14:35 hours, Cpl. Bill Bullock took a theft complaint from a Burlington resident. Seems the complaint was upset with her adult daughter who had borrowed her cell phone for several weeks without returning it and wanted to make a theft case. Cpl. Bullock contacted the daughter who resides in Burlington and arrangements were made to have the phone returned.
- November 12, 2015@ 15:24 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau along with Fire and Rescue responded to a reported accident with injuries on Kenyon Road just underneath the Interstate overpass. The vehicle was located on its roof in the culvert upon arrival. According to the operator and passerby's, the roadway became very slick after the rain and fresh grading of the road. The operator was transported by rescue to the emergency room with non life threatening injuries.
- November 14, 2015, Cpl. Bill Bullock has been following up on the theft of a \$14,000 check from a local business that was mailed to the wrong address. The person who received the check had it deposited into his checking account claiming he spent the money on medical bills. Cpl. Bullock had obtained a subpoena for his bank records which showed no medical payments. The suspect from central Vermont was charged with one count of grand larceny.
- November 16, 2015, Officer Brett Lindemuth continues to work with the States Attorney's Office on our drug search warrant case from earlier. Numerous court subpoenas have been issued in several counties for an inquest which will be held in Chittenden County. Some of the involved people have been located and served while others are still being located to include other states.
- November 18, 2015@ 10:56 hours, I responded to a suspicious complaint from Lemroy Court. A neighboring homeowner observed a male walking around the back of a home. I arrived in approximately 2 minutes and checked the home as well as three adjacent homes which all were secured. This did not lead to any criminal activity, but is a positive that a neighbor was watching out.
- November 18, 2015@ 18:00 hours, Cpl. Rick Greenough and I attended the community meeting put on by the Donovan's, owners of the Lucky Spot Store. A rough count had 129 people in attendance to talk about the heroin crisis that is ongoing.
- November 18, 2015@ 17:09 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau took a theft of a tree stand complaint from Huntington Road. The victim advised the theft occurred sometime between 111415 & earlier on 111815. The stand was on a neighbor's property where numerous people had been given permission to hunt and the victim believes it may have been taken by a male he has had run ins with in the past while hunting. At 20:46 hours, Officer Nadeau is approached by a concerned citizen regarding improper parking at the Park & Ride located by exit 11. When he arrives he observed 5 illegally parked vehicles, 3 of which are nowhere near a designated parking spot. All 5 were issued parking tickets, two owners were contacted by phone and removed their vehicles and a third was towed from the lot.
- November 19, 2015@ 13:50 hours, I observed a burglary call come up on my cruiser computer screen for 307 Pond Road. The caller, a contractor had gone to the home for work and observed a suspicious vehicle at the home and a white female in the home with an African American male

located outside. He was able to get a physical description of the vehicle as well as the plate number. As I was on Cochran Road and the closest I went to the Pond Road home and met with the home owner who had just arrived. I was able to get some quick property information and at about the same time the suspect vehicle was spotted by a Trooper getting on the interstate at exit 11. The vehicle was stopped and I was able to give them some confirming information that led to the arrest of both subjects (who were in FSU control with GPS trackers), seizure of the vehicle while a warrant was applied for and closure for the victims. This was an example of a private citizen taking action and area law enforcement working together!

- November 20, 2015@ 12:44, I responded to a report of an unresponsive male at a business located on Bridge Street. Rescue was currently returning from a call and was 10-15 minutes out so I responded with my assigned AED. Luckily when I arrived a few minutes later the 83 year old male was responsive and breathing but disoriented. It appears he had some sort of seizure so he was transported to the hospital for treatment.
- November 20th@22:19 hours & November 21, 2015@12:14 hours a victim had filed two separate complaints of her vehicle being vandalized while parked at an area business overnight. These cases are being handled by both Officer Mat Nadeau and Cpl. William Bullock. This is not the first time the victim has reported damage to her vehicle to include slashed tires, paint damage and broken mirrors and indicates a former boyfriend which so far has not been proven. These cases are being jointly investigated and we are hoping that these latest incidents will produce some security video.
- November 22, 2015, Officer Brett Lindemuth has been working on a home improvement fraud case since 2014. Two adult males are now being charged with the crime from a home build site in Richmond. One fraud was in the amount of \$4,000 while the second was in the amount of \$6,000.
- November 22, 2015, evening shift, Officer John Hamlin assisted the Williston Police Department with the reported abduction of a female and possibly a second female near Taft's Corner. Officer Hamlin was given a description of the vehicle and asked to post along West Main Street while units from VSP and Hinesburg posted in other locations. He was later released without knowing the outcome of the case.
- November 23, 2015@ 11:15 hours, Officer Brett Lindemuth was advised of needles located at the Exit 11 Park & Ride. At the scene he located three different hypodermic needles as well as a rubber arm wrap normally used by heroin users to inject them. He collected these which were later disposed of safely at Richmond Rescue.
- November 23, 2015@ 14:53 hours, a female crime victim appeared at the office to give a statement regarding the vandalism to her vehicle. Officer Lindemuth detected an odor of alcohol but thought she had walked to the office as she only lives a few hundred feet from the office. After she left he happened to look out the window and observed her get into a vehicle and then observed her to almost drive into the hedgerow next to the parking lot. He was able to run out of the office and confront her as she was leaving the lot. After doing dexterity tests he took her into custody and after several hours she gave an evidentiary breath test which

registered a BAC of .14%. She was released on a citation to a friend with a court date for December.

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