

# BADGER BEAT



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## CAMPUS CRIMESTOPPERS BULLETIN 262-tips

By Detective Steve Maeder

Featured Case: Burglary  
Harvey Street Apartments (UW Housing  
Complex) 2924 Harvey Street

Crimestoppers is looking for you to help bring in a burglar. Sometime during the evening or overnight hours of August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003 someone broke into the Harvey Street Apartment complex, which is currently undergoing renovation. The apartments are located just south of the Bagels Forever store on University Avenue.

The perpetrator(s) entered through a window. A Milwaukee Skill Saw, a 12" Dewalt mitre saw and a Milwaukee Veri-Speed Sawzall were stolen.

Perhaps you saw something that night or you have seen this stolen property. If this is the case, or if you have any information to share at all, please call Campus Crime Stoppers at 262-TIPS. You can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward. You can also call Detective Steve Maeder at 262-7752. Thanks for helping keep our campus safe!

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Medical Emergency	9-1-1
UW Police Non-Emergency	262-2957
UW Campus Crime Stoppers	262-TIPS
Security Division	262-1354
Madison Police Non-Emergency	255-2345
SAFEride/SAFEwalk	262-5000
Women's Transit Authority (WTA)	256-7233

Remember to familiarize yourself with the locations of the campus EMERGENCY PHONES along your regular travel routes. Just picking up the receiver or pushing the button on these phones automatically puts you in contact with the UW police dispatcher.

## UW Police Keep on Truckin' for Special Olympics

By Officer Kathern Paige and Detective Steve Maeder

Pulling a 30-ton semi-truck with a rope is not your typical Sunday pastime, but on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, members of the UW Police Department did just that. The UW team took on the diesel-powered behemoth at the first ever Semi-Truck Pull benefiting Special Olympics of Wisconsin. The competition was part of the weeklong 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Company. The celebration took place at State Fair Park, the House of Harley and other venues throughout the Milwaukee area. Special Olympics is the official charity of law enforcement.

Special Olympics challenged law enforcement agencies to assemble teams of 10 persons to see who could pull the semi-truck 25 feet in the shortest time. The competition arena was "pit row" at the Milwaukee Mile. Providing the muscle for the UW Police team, called the "Brawny Badger Coppers" were Police Officers Kari Sasso, Kristen Radtke, Marshall Ogren and Jamie Weishoff; Detectives Steve Maeder and Carol Ann Glassmaker; Sergeant Tamara Kowalski, Security Officer John Willems and reinforcements Deputy Craig Vandermoelen (Dane County Sheriff's Office) and Zachary Paige (son of Police Officer Kathern Paige).

Police Officer Kathern Paige who founded the team and served as captain provided the brains, organizational skills and moral support. Officer Paige has served as the liaison to Special



Wisconsin Special Olympics Semi-Truck Pull  
State Fair Park, Milwaukee

Olympics for the UW Police Department and has organized successful teams for the other main Special Olympics fundraisers, the Torch Run and the Polar Plunge.

It was no small feat, but the Brawny Badger Coppers pulled the semi-truck across the line in 34.6 seconds. The UW Police team was the only team not from the Milwaukee area. Unfortunately, the other 7 teams mostly consisted of people the size of Green Bay Packer Gilbert Brown. The first place team from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office made the pull in 12.5 seconds! Amazing!

For their courageous efforts the top three teams were awarded medals by Special Olympians. The event raised \$2000 for the athletes of Wisconsin.

Despite having to reach for ice packs and "Ben Gay" to relieve their pain, the Brawny Badger Coppers went away from the event feeling good and ready to take on that 30-ton semi once again at next year's event.

## Why A Newsletter?

The University of Wisconsin Police Department thinks YOU should know what we're all about. "BADGER Beat" is a monthly newsletter published as an outreach effort to inform the campus community while building a cooperative relationship with the people we serve. We hope you find it interesting as well as informative. Comments or suggestions for future issues should be directed to Sgt. Kurt Feavel at the Department's Crime Prevention Office at 1429 Monroe Street, Madison, WI. 53711, e-mail: [kdfaveal@facstaff.wisc.edu](mailto:kdfaveal@facstaff.wisc.edu) or telephone: 262-4520

# Identity Theft: Can it happen to you?

By Detective Doug Scheller

Identity theft occurs when someone uses the identifying information of another person — name, social security number, mother's maiden name, or other personal information — to commit fraud or engage in other unlawful activities. For example, an identity thief may open up a new credit card account under someone else's name. When the identity thief fails to pay the bills, the bad debt is reported on the victim's credit report. Other common forms of identity theft include taking over an existing credit card account and making unauthorized charges (typically the identity thief forestalls discovery by contacting the credit card issuer and changing the billing address on the account); taking out loans in another person's name, writing out fraudulent checks using another person's name and/or account number; using personal information to access, and transfer funds out of another person's bank or brokerage account, and cellular telephone subscriber fraud. In extreme cases, the identity thief may completely take over his or her victim's identity — opening a bank account, getting multiple credit cards, buying a car, getting a home mortgage and even working under the victim's name.

For individuals who are victims of identity theft, the costs can be significant and long lasting. Even where the individual consumer is not legally liable for these debts, the consequences can be considerable. A consumer's credit history is frequently scarred, and he or she typically must spend numerous hours sometimes over months or years contesting bills and correcting credit reporting errors.

During this time, the victim may be denied loans, employment, and may even be prevented from opening up new bank accounts.

In 1998, Congress passed the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act (Identity Theft Act), and Wisconsin also has a statute (943.201) prohibiting Misappropriation of personal identifying information or personal identification documents.

The problem of identity theft has rapidly reached enormous levels. Identity theft is estimated to approach \$1 billion in costs to victims and financial institutions from almost nothing in the early 1990's. More than 13 million Americans have fallen victim to identity theft since 2001, and the number of victims in 2002 grew 81 percent from 2001. The most common crime associated with identity theft is credit card fraud, in which the stolen information is used to forge credit cards in the victim's names and make purchases against them.

There are steps that consumers can take to prevent the likelihood of identity theft, to discover if you are a victim, and to react if you are a victim. The University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Department has an excellent publication from the Federal Trade Commission titled "I.D Theft: When Bad Things Happen To Your Good Name" which covers all of these preventative and reactive steps.

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## The HEART of UWPD

### UW Police Officers Compete in Wisconsin Adventure Race

By Officer John Deering

HEART (High Energy Adventure Racing Team) of the University of Wisconsin Police Department competed in this year's Wisconsin Adventure Race (WAR) on August 23, 2003 in the "Driftless Zone"—the scenic terrain of Southwestern Wisconsin. The race was 70 miles long and covered 270 square miles. The race included multiple disciplines including: coasteering, biking, paddling, rappelling, hiking, orienteering and a Tyrolean Traverse.

The HEART of UWPD team consisted of four UW Police Officers—John Deering, Erik Pearce, Cherise McFarlane and Ruth Ellestad along with a great support crew of Sergeant Kurt Feavel and his wife Julie. The team trained all summer for the competition focusing on biking, paddling and running.

The team was sponsored by Machinery Row Bicycles. Owner Roger Charly has generously sponsored the team and we greatly appreciate his support.

Although the members of the HEART of UWPD are amateurs in adventure racing, each member is competitive and their goal this year was to finish the race. They were successful in that goal, finishing in 18<sup>th</sup> out of 38 teams, an incredible finish for a new team. They are already making plans for next year's race.



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## Do's and Don'ts of 9-1-1

By PCO Steve Heimerl

The number 9-1-1 was intended as an easy to remember, no-coin needed method of reaching the correct police, fire and EMS agency. In general, 9-1-1 is an emergency number for any police, fire, or medical incident. I would like to address some incidents of when, and when not to use the 9-1-1 line as a way of contacting the police.

- First of all, do not program 9-1-1 into your auto-dial telephone. You won't forget the number and programming it invites accidental dialing.

- Do use 9-1-1 to report an emergency. An emergency is any serious medical problem (chest pain, seizure, bleeding, falls), any type of fire (vehicle or building), or any life-threatening situation (fights, person with a weapon), any crime in progress.

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# Community Update

## Eagle Heights Community

Officer Anita Kichefski

October is Fire Prevention Month

We have many new residents in University Apartments this fall. In conjunction with Fire Prevention Month, now is a good time to remind all of our residents (and the rest of the campus community) about fire prevention and rental insurance. We all know there are numerous fire alarms on campus often triggered by faulty smoke detectors. Many people on campus have come to ignore alarms and not leave the building as required. What we all need to realize is there are several legitimate alarms each year and the fire alarm may be used to evacuate a building for some other reason (such as a chemical spill in a laboratory).



University Apartments also experiences several real fires every year. Fortunately, most of them turn out to be small kitchen fires that are quickly extinguished. Unfortunately, there are far too many of them...including incidents when residents were NOT at home. Therefore, residents (and everyone else on campus!) should always be in the habit of evacuating (leave your apartment) whenever you hear a fire alarm. Since not all alarms are wired to the police department for automatic fire response, call the Resident Manager or 9-1-1 before you leave your apartment IF it is safe to do so. Do not re-enter the building until you get permission from the Fire Department.

Here are some basic fire prevention and safety tips everyone should follow:

- 1. Smoke Detectors:** Test smoke detectors monthly to ensure they are functioning properly and change the battery annually. Make sure your whole family knows the location of fire extinguishers and fire alarm pull stations and how to use them. Make sure children know pull stations are NOT toys.
- 2. Candles, etc:** Never leave candles, incense, and similar items unattended. Make sure cigarettes are properly extinguished outside and never smoke inside University buildings unless it is a designated smoking area. Grills must be safely away from buildings and coals attended until cooled.
- 3. Flammables:** Never store flammable or explosive material in your apartment (i.e. gasoline, propane, etc.).
- 4. Kitchen:** Never leave cooking food unattended. Make sure the stove is turned off before you leave and keep the stove and oven clean so old grease and dirt do not begin to smoke.
- 5. Electrical:** Never overload electrical outlets. Make sure all appliances (i.e. coffee pots, irons) are turned off and/or unplugged and that electrical cords are not damaged or frayed. Keep fans and space heaters a safe distance from flammable objects.
- 6. Children:** Always keep matches and lighters away from children. Children often try to set fires out of curiosity, so educate your children on the dangers of fire. Teach them how and when to call 9-1-1.
- 7. Escape Plan:** If your smoke detector is functioning properly you should have enough time to safely exit when you hear the alarm. Have an escape plan and a backup plan and practice them with your whole family. Plans include: selecting routes to take to exit; ensuring hallways and stairwells are NEVER obstructed and designating a meeting place.
- 8. Renter's Insurance:** Contact an insurance company to get insurance that will cover the cost of replacing your belongings in the event something is damaged or destroyed. It will also cover the cost of clean-up and repairs to the apartment itself – if the fire is caused by resident negligence, you will be charged for repair. Renter's insurance only costs about \$10-15 a month...it is well worth it!!

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## Southeast Campus Community

Officer Peter Grimyser

Welcome Back!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all the returning students, staff, faculty and also extend greetings to the new students at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. During the summer months Badger Watch was introduced to the South East community and has taken off. Also along with the rest of the campus, the South East community has had to deal with the problems of road construction.



The road construction is expected to be completed in late November. Please remember to watch your speed in the construction zone and to pay extra attention to the pedestrians, bicyclists and construction workers. Plan ahead, give yourself extra time to drive to class or appointments and know alternative routes to avoid construction related traffic congestion. For drivers who use Dayton Street, the far right lane is designated for bicyclists, buses and for vehicles making right turns.

During the month of October the University Police will be coordinating with officers and deputies from the City of Madison Police Department and Dane County Sheriff Department over a period of several weeks to help educate and enforce pedestrian and bicycle laws. The officers and deputies will be assisted by members of Bucky's Bicycle Ambassadors. For more information on bicycle and pedestrian laws go to [www.dot.state.wi.us/safety/index.htm](http://www.dot.state.wi.us/safety/index.htm)

I also would like to recognize the staff and faculty members from Grainger Hall, Primate Center, 1220 Capitol Court and Wendt Library who are participating in Badger Watch. All four building expressed interest in participating in Badger Watch and now have it operating within their respective buildings. Badger Watch is a crime prevention program similar to a neighborhood watch, but it is geared specifically towards our campus. If you are interested in learning more about Badger Watch email me or call me to set up an appointment to discuss getting Badger Watch started in your workplace today! Badger Watch is campus wide and has over a hundred faculty and staff members participating in the program. Badger Watch is also being expanded to on-campus residence halls.

If I can be of any assistance to you please stop by my office which is located in room #130 in Wendt Library or call me at 265-5223. I am also available on the web at [pggrimyser@wisc.edu](mailto:pggrimyser@wisc.edu)

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**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO REVIEW THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CHILDREN FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY. SEVERAL POINTS NEED TO BE EMPHASIZED:**

- 1. Assume all alarms are real and immediately exit your apartment leaving the door UNLOCKED.**
- 2. Do not reenter your apartment building until it is cleared by the Fire Department and the alarm is reset.**
- 3. Teach your children about the dangers of fire and keep matches and lighters out of their reach. It is NOT O.K. for children to experiment and play with fire.**
- 4. Have a practiced family escape plan.**
- 5. Do not take time to gather any belongings.**
- 6. Follow the basic fire prevention tips listed above.**
- 7. CONTACT AN INSURANCE AGENT FOR RENTER'S INSURANCE...It only costs about \$10-\$15 a month.**



# Mugshots



Ruth Ellestad has been employed as a police officer with the UWPD since 2002. Ruth attended the Police Corps academy before joining the department and currently works second shift patrol.

Ruth graduated from UW-Madison with a double major in Spanish and Social Welfare. During her junior year she studied abroad in Madrid, Spain where she was able to practice her language skills. Ruth enjoys running, biking, triathlons and recently participated in her first Wisconsin Adventure Race.



Hi! I'm Officer Gruber and I'd like to welcome all incoming freshman, returning students, and UW-Staff members. I'm a proud UW-Platteville Alumni! I graduated in May of 2000 with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Spanish. After having graduated, I completed a Police Academy sponsored by UW-Platteville and soon became hired as a Police Officer in McFarland. I worked in McFarland for two years, a small suburb located approximately 10 minutes southeast of Madison. I became employed with UWPD in September of 2002. I enjoy the diversity, challenges, and variety that our PD offers its officers. Some of that variety includes a crime prevention program, detectives bureau, and a community oriented policing program.

In time away from work, I enjoy to be physically active by engaging myself in activities such as weight lifting, biking, tennis, hiking and racquetball. Also, I value time I'm able to spend with family and friends. If you see me on campus, I encourage you to introduce yourself and say Hi. I always enjoy meeting new and old faces alike. Have a safe and happy Halloween.

## 9-1-1 continued...

- Do not call for anything that is not an emergency. Instead, use our regular seven digit number; 262-2957. Non emergency incidents would be something similar to; damaged property, break in to your vehicle, theft of property, vandalism (all when the suspect is gone), aggressive panhandlers, intoxicated persons who are not disorderly but need their welfare checked, requesting access to a building after hours, you need directions, your car is missing and you wonder if it was stolen or towed, car accident with no injuries.
- If you dialed 9-1-1 in error please do not hang up the phone right away. Your call still goes through and we then have to attempt to call you back. When we get a 9-1-1 call the caller's phone number and location is displayed on our computer screen. If we do not get an answer or we get a busy tone an officer must respond to your location to make sure everything is OK.
- If the weather is foul and there are loud sirens with a steady tone going off outside, do not call 9-1-1. This is part of the severe weather warning system for Dane County. When these sirens go off you need to seek shelter from potentially severe and damaging storms.
- All Campus Centrex phones in buildings owned by the University, payphones in UW buildings, Eagle Heights and University Houses will all be routed to the University Police Dept when dialing 9-1-1. Centrex phones in buildings leased by the University will all go to the Dane County Communications Center. Cell phone callers, regardless of their location, will be connected with the Dane County Communications Center. Phone number and location information is not displayed on 9-1-1 cell phone calls. That technology is still evolving.

Sticking to these basic guidelines will help us to utilize our resources in the most efficient manner, making for a safer University for all of us. If you have any questions feel free to call and talk to one of the dispatchers or send an email at: [uwpddispatch@mhub.uwpd.wisc.edu](mailto:uwpddispatch@mhub.uwpd.wisc.edu) and one of our dispatchers will respond to your questions.

## CRIMES REPORTED ON CAMPUS

—Data compiled from University Police Records—  
—may differ from data with other origins—

July 2003

<i>PERSONS CRIMES - TOTAL</i>	11
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1
ROBBERY	1
BATTERY	2
EXPOSURE	1
<i>PROPERTY CRIMES - TOTAL</i>	77
BURGLARY	1
LARCENY/THEFT	36
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	34
<i>PUBLIC ORDER - TOTAL</i>	86
NARCOTICS VIOLATION	2
LIQUOR LAW	12
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE	24
<i>TRAFFIC OFFENSES - TOTAL</i>	264
OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE	
WHILE INTOXICATED	7
ASSIST OUTSIDE LAW	
ENFORCEMENT AGENCY	55
<i>POLICE SERVICE - TOTAL</i>	704
CONVEYANCE	12
DETOX CONVEYANCE	9
<i>SECURITY SERVICE - TOTAL</i>	119
<i>ALCOHOL RELATED CITATIONS</i>	16

Person Crimes include: Homicide, Sexual Assault, Robbery Battery, Exposure, Child/Domestic Abuse, Threats, Extortion.

Property Crimes include: Burglary, Larceny, MV Theft, Arson, Forgery, Fraud, Embezzlement, Stolen Property, Criminal Damage.

Public Order Crimes include: Weapons, Narcotics, Liquor Law, Disorderly Conduct, Obstructing, Admin. Code, Demonstration, Obscene/Nuisance Calls, and all other except Traffic.

Police Services include: Bombs, Missing Person, Injury/Death, Alarms, Warrants, Emergency Detentions, Animals, Conveyances, Special Events, Found Property, Assist Law Enforcement Agencies, and Checks.

Alcohol Related Citations includes: Underage Alcohol, Procuring Alcoholic Beverages for Underage Person, Possession of False ID.