Public Safety Department
July 2022 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

Officer Carter attempted to make a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle when it abruptly stopped, and the driver exited and walked towards a home. Instead of knocking on the door, the driver faked like he did and then ducked out the side yard. Additional officers circulated the area, and Officer Hall deployed K9 Copper on the abandoned car and received a positive indication. Officers began a search warrant for the car. Officer Carter had last seen the driver enter an apartment complex and set up a perimeter. Officers then located the suspect "working" on one of the units. He was brought back to the car, where the warrant was approved, and the car was searched. Heroin and meth were found hidden in a hollowed-out battery. The suspect was arrested and booked for felony possession.

Officers responded to a Residential Burglary in Ivins. A transient male had broken into an unoccupied home listed for sale. The homeowner and a neighbor had detained the male and were waiting outside the home on our arrival. The male was arrested and booked without incident.

Officers responded to a report of a 911 Hang Up located in Ivins. During the investigation, it was found that a suspect was suicidal and was walking around Ivins with a firearm. The suspect told officers over the phone that he wanted a shootout with the police, or he would shoot anyone that he passed. Officers tracked the suspect to the Lava Ridge Intermediate School. Officers continued to speak with him over the phone and attempted to talk him down. The suspect fired two rounds at the school. Incident Command was set up and was able to contain the suspect to the school grounds. The suspect was ultimately taken into custody after being shot with less lethal munitions by SWAT personnel. The suspect was charged with two counts of felony discharge of a firearm, two counts of discharging a firearm in city limits, failure to obey an officer's command, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct. Washington County Sheriff's Office, St. George Police Department, SWAT, and the Crisis Negotiation Team assisted with this call.

Task Force requested a K9 to assist on a car suspected of bringing drugs back to Old 91 across the state line. Officer Hall and K9 Copper responded and assisted with locating, stopping, and conducting a sniff. Approximately 1/2 lbs. of meth, an ounce of cocaine, and a gun were located. The drugs were in large distributable quantities, and the suspect was also charged with possession with intent to distribute. Two suspects were arrested during the incident.

SCI responded to assist US Marshals on a wanted fugitive. The suspect refused to come out, and Marshalls went into the home to get him. He was arrested for seven 1st Degree Felony rape of a child charges.

Code Enforcement had 17 cases this month, 10 in Ivins and 7 in Santa Clara City.

The Victim Advocate has assisted with five protective orders that were all signed and are protecting seven victims. She also assisted one victim in receiving reparations. DCFS has referred at least five child abuse cases that Detective Bate is investigating. She also started year two of the VOCA Grant and working on year-end reporting so year one can be closed out.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Santa Clara-Ivins Animal Shelter remains full of animals and has a continuous cycle of dogs. They assisted with a hoarding situation which gave us many cats at once. They are currently working with rescues to find homes for the 37 cats that were taken from the home.