

***March Issue***

# ***IMPD DOWNTOWN NEWS***

## **Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department DOWNTOWN DISTRICT**

### **FEBRUARY OFFICER OF THE MONTH**

### ***“Officer BOBBIE J. JAMES”***

On Sunday, January 29, 2012, Officer Bobbie James received a radio run to a burglary in progress at 4:14am . Officer Bobbie James saw a male subject pushing a bicycle in the 200 blk of North Park avenue, while en-route to the burglary at 353 N. Park avenue. When the suspect saw Officer James' police vehicle, the suspect instantly dropped the bicycle and fled-on-foot. Officer James immediately broadcast the suspects' description and direction-of-travel via radio. Late shift officers immediately set up a perimeter to prevent the suspect from escaping.

Prior to receiving additional officers to the scene, Officer Greg Burge, who initially received the radio run with Officer James, established the furthest point south to guarantee the suspect's movements were restricted to three directions. This restriction allowed arriving officers to focus on three possible direction-of-travel and increased the probability of containing the suspect within the perimeter. Officers continued to operate overhead emergency lights to limit the suspect's movements and to ensure a visual boundary existed for K-9 officers.

While on the perimeter, Officer Jamal Abdullah saw the suspect moving and alerted officers. Abdullah updated the suspect's direction-of-travel and provided a detailed description of the suspect. Late-shift officers ceased the opportunity to tighten the perimeter thus forcing the suspect into hiding. The suspect was contained inside a one-block radius. Because the suspect was securely contained inside a small perimeter, the suspect heard officers request a K-9 officer. Upon K9's arrival, the suspect emerged from his hiding place and surrendered because he had no place to run.

The suspect was actively on parole for theft related offenses and will serve additional backup time in addition to the unrelated burglary charge. The stolen property was recovered and returned to the victim (bicycle). The homeowner was extremely pleased and at awe with the apprehension of the suspect. The homeowner advised his garage had been buglarized three times and did not think an officer could catch a criminal who kicks in a door, quickly ascertains property, and promptly flees on-foot.

Sgt. Carpenter believes late shift officers prevented numerous other burglaries from occurring due to the apprehension and would like to commend the actions of all officers involved. However, Officer Bobbie James' quick response time made the apprehension possible. Officer James broadcast the suspects' physical description via radio and provided an accurate direction-of-travel. Subsequently, a perimeter was established and the suspect was successfully apprehended.

The suspect would have certainly continued to victimize downtown businesses and residential homes if James would not have been so diligent in her duties. Officer James has provided the City of Indianapolis with more than twenty four years of dedicated service. Sgt. Scott Carpenter believes Officer Bobbie James deserves to be awarded Officer of the Month for February.

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## **Downtown District Investigations and Arrest !**

**On March 16, 2012** at 1230pm Mr. Thompson and Mr. Williams were found breaking into vehicles and stealing items. The Downtown District Bike unit, Sgt. King, Officers Wheeling and Schneider made the arrest and charged the suspects with Theft & Receiving and Criminal Mischief.

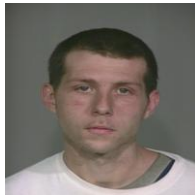


**David Thompson**



**Stephen Williams**

**On February 21, 2012**, Mr. Kirkland was arrested and charged with the burglaries in reference: to Baseys Downtown Grill Spirits. Detective Shaffer charged him with (1) count of Burglary and (2) counts of Theft.

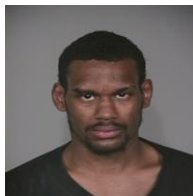


**Jeffrey C. Kirkland**

**On March 30, 2012**, Mr. Blount and Mr. Floyd were both arrested and charged with Robbery. Captain Allender made the stop and apprehension.

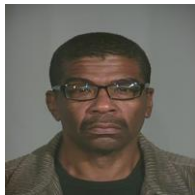


**Joshua Blount**



**Melvin Floyd**

**On March 23, 2012**, Detective Busic has charge Mr. Owens with burglary and has a criminal warrant for his arrest; in reference to 555 Massachusetts Avenue, Burglary incident.



## **Alert community is a safe community!**



**There are several ways for drivers to prevent a car break-in.** The most important action any car owner can take is to hide valuable items whenever the car is left alone. Even if you park your car in a safe area that is well-lit, it could still prove to be appealing if an item of value is left in plain sight. Some commonly stolen items from vehicles include GPS devices, mp3 players, laptops, cell phones, and detachable stereo face plates.

Even if you leave nothing of value in your vehicle, a thief may think that they have spotted something or may break in just to rummage through your car for valuables. Additional steps that you can take to minimize your risk of a break-in include:

- Always lock your car
- Close the windows
- Never leave your car unattended with the engine running
- Do not hide spare keys in or under the vehicle. They can be found
- Secure your vehicle tag with one-way screws
- Invest in an alarm system or theft deterrent device
- Have your VIN etched on all the windows of the car
- Do not leave valuables in plain view
- Never leave registration/insurance card in the vehicle
- Avoid leaving your vehicle in public parking lots for an extended period of time

## **“Crime Stoppers”**



If you wish to remain anonymous call Crime Stoppers at 262-TIPS (8477), 800-222-TIPS (8477), or submit an online tip at [www.CrimeTips.org](http://www.CrimeTips.org). You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1000 if the information leads to a felony arrest. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards

## **Crime stats are now at your finger tips!**

The following is the link through the Department of Public Safety to get the stats you desire.

**<http://imaps.indygov.org/publicsafetymaps/Default.aspx>**

- **You view at map site or hit tabular report**

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### **From Diana Vanarsdall MCSD 911**

At meetings I attended this past week at the beginning of my presentation I asked a question of residents; “What keeps you from calling 9-1-1 to report crimes”? Some of the answers were: 1. Fear of retaliation. 2. Just do not want to get involved 3. Do not want an officer to come to my door. I have discussed in past that anyone can remain ANONYMOUS. At the beginning of call tell the dispatcher that you wish to remain anonymous and no information will be broadcast. You will not get an officer at your door. As for involvement, you are involved in a sense because this is your community and neighborhood. The police cannot be everywhere.

**DOWNTOWN DISTRICT 2012  
COMMUNITY TASK FORCE MEETING DATES**

Information is power, and we ask that you please accept this as our personal invitation to be empowered with timely and relevant information that can help you to be an active and knowledgeable community member in our unified efforts to maintain and improve the quality of life for our community. Our Task Force Meetings are just one element of your front line communications network with your District Commander and the officers working on your IMPD Downtown District. The purpose of these meetings is to continue enhancing the two way communications between residents, police officers, city agencies, and area businesses. **Our meetings take place in the Historic Union Station, 39 West Jackson Place, suite #500, Indianapolis, IN and are open to all who wish to attend. (just enter under blue IMPD awning, off of Louisiana Street)**

Please feel free to direct your inquiries about or suggestions for future topic discussions to: Officer Tony Brown, District Community Relations Officer at 327-6515 or send your email to [Tony.Brown@indy.gov](mailto:Tony.Brown@indy.gov)

**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Lieutenant Rebecca Lake, Mounted Patrol**

**July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

## **IMPD DOWNTOWN DISTRICT IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS**

### **Emergency**

**911**

Fire, Serious Illness, Crimes In Progress,  
Shots Fired, Suspicious Activity

### **Dispatch Non-Emergency**

**327-3811**

### **Commander Karen D. Arnett**

**327-6995**

**IMPD Downtown District Headquarters  
39 West Jackson Place, Suite 500  
Indianapolis, IN 46225  
District Front Desk**

**327-6500**

Our Public Assistance Officers can provide general information on police related questions; take reports of missing persons, runaways, cases with no suspect information.

#### District Captain

Captain Dave Allender

[David.Allender@indy.gov](mailto:David.Allender@indy.gov)

**327-6526**

#### District Crime Reduction Specialist

Lt. Dulin Nelson

[Dulin.Nelson@indy.gov](mailto:Dulin.Nelson@indy.gov)

**327-6556**

#### Neighborhood Resource Unit

Lt. Steve Atzhorn

[Steve.Atzhorn@indy.gov](mailto:Steve.Atzhorn@indy.gov)

**327-6512**

#### Community Relations Officer

Officer Tony L. Brown

[Tony.Brown@indy.gov](mailto:Tony.Brown@indy.gov)

**327-6515**

#### District Detectives

Sgt. Dennis McAtee

[Dennis.McAtee@indy.gov](mailto:Dennis.McAtee@indy.gov)

**327-6503**

#### Downtown District Family Violence Advocate

Devon Kelly

[Devon.kelly@indy.gov](mailto:Devon.kelly@indy.gov)

**327-6501**

#### Downtown District Community Prosecutor (MCPO)

April Fisher

[April.Fisher@indy.gov](mailto:April.Fisher@indy.gov)

**327- 5291**

#### Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison

Paul H. Ross

[Paul.Ross@indy.gov](mailto:Paul.Ross@indy.gov)

**327-5564**

**To Report Suspected Illegal Narcotics Activity****327- 6517**

Please leave a detailed message to include the address of the suspected activity, description of why you believe illegal drugs are being sold @ this location, and any other information that can lead to identifying the suspects. **We do not need your contact information, however, if you desire a follow-up call, please leave your name and contact telephone.**

**IMPD Citizens Services****327-3591**

City County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, East Wing, #100

This office can provide you with information on but, not limited to obtaining copy of accident reports, criminal history background check, various fees for services, etc.

**IMPD Auto Desk****327-3478**

City-County Building 200 East Washington Street, East Wing

This office can provide you with information on but not limited to towed vehicles, vehicle releases, fees for vehicle towing, etc.

For a complete listing of all departments and their contact numbers, please click on the following link for the IMPD Home Page: <http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPS/IMPD/Pages/home.aspx>

**Most Used City Services at a Glance**

City-County Building General Information

**327-3200**

Click on any of the below links for more information on all City of Indianapolis Services

[www.indy.gov](http://www.indy.gov) - [Newsletter](#) - [Facebook](#) - [Twitter](#) - [Flickr](#)

Mayor's Action Center (MAC)

**327-4622 or 327-4MAC**

To access Request Indy and report a problem/request a service online or contact the Mayor's Action Center (MAC) Click here <http://maps.indy.gov/RequestIndy>

**Department of Public Works Emergency Dispatch****327-1620**

(Traffic Lights Out, Lights Flashing, Water Main Break etc.)

**Department of Code Enforcement (DCE)****327-8700**

(Licensing, Permitting, Zoning Violations, etc.)

**Street Blocking Permits****327-4849****Indy Parks****327-7275 (327-Park)**

911 Community Liaisons

Deputy Diana Vanarsdall

[Diana.Vanarsdall@indy.gov](mailto:Diana.Vanarsdall@indy.gov)

**327-4934**

Senior Citizen Building

**263-6272**

Humane Society

**872-5650**

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful /Adopt a Block, etc.

**264-7555****Marion County Health Department:**

3838 North Rural Street

Main Office Number

**221-2000**

Mosquito Control

**221-7440**

Rodent Control

**221-7584****Department of Housing & Neighborhood Health**

Vacant Building Boarding, Removal of Trash & Rubbish in Yards, Occupied Housing, and Abandoned/Unsafe Buildings



**221-2151**

Pam Parker – Team Leader

[Parker/HHCorp@HHCorp.org](mailto:Parker/HHCorp@HHCorp.org)**221-3076**

Pam Pipher – Team Leader

[ppipher@hhcorp.org](mailto:ppipher@hhcorp.org)**221-3091****Help Lines**

Connect To Help Referral Help Lines

**211 or 926-4357**

Adult Protective Services

**1-800-992-6978**

(If your situation is an emergency please call 911 otherwise leave name and number for call back)

Poison Control Information Line

**962-2323**

Rape, Crisis, Suicide Line

**251-7575**

Weather and Time

**635-5959****State of Indiana Home Page Click Here** <http://www.in.gov>

Office of Indiana Attorney General

**232-6201**

Attorney General Consumer Protection Division

**232-6330**

State Police

**232-8250**

Indiana Child Abuse Hotline

**1-800-800-5556**

Senior Citizen Building

**263-6272**

Humane Society

**872-5650**

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful /Adopt a Block, etc.

**264-7555**

Better Business Bureau

**488-2222**