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ON THE BEAT IN DISTRICT ONE

35th Edition

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The Best Day Ever – by Lieutenant Jim Gramke



District One enjoyed one of the best days in years. On **Sunday, September 13th, 2015** District One was crowded with residence and visitors from all over the area. It was a beautiful sunny day around 68 degrees. As I drove around to check on all the events I was reminded of what a special place we have right here.

Outdoor religious services were held and the neighborhood parks were full of kids and families. **Findlay Market** had the usual mix of buyers, sellers and the hungry and thirsty. **Washington Park** had the annual Cincinnati Food and Wine Classic. The **Vine Street** business district was packed with people enjoying the atmosphere, the shopping and of course, the food and drink. The streets were blocked for the **Main Street Second Sunday**, more food and drink.

There were groups of people throughout Over-the-Rhine on history, brewery and underground walking tours. The pedal wagons were full of Bengal fans anticipating another playoff run. **Dayton Street** was blocked off for the historic home tours and the streets were crowded with folks interested in how we are preserving history. The **Museum Center** was well attended. The Segway tours were out enjoying the weather and a new experience. The young and old were riding their bikes and the pet lovers walking their dogs. And being a police officer the highlight as always, is watching the line form in front of **Holtman's Donuts**. What a great place to work!

Anonymous Call to 911

On **August 25th at 10:45 a.m.**, an anonymous man called 911 to report a man selling drugs in the area of **1637 Hamer Street** in Over-the-Rhine. The caller described the man as being about 20 years old and wearing a red hat and red shirt. Officers would soon learn this man was **Mr. Jonathon Sawyer** of Westwood. Uniformed officers responded but due to the one way streets and geography of the neighborhood, Mr. Sawyer was able to quickly evade the first officers. **District One Violent Crimes Officer Dewayne McMenama and Canine Officer Michael Harper** were working an off-duty uniformed detail and knew that when drug sellers try to evade the police, they sometimes head for Vine Street to blend into the crowd. The officers, along with **Hamilton County Probation Officers Nick Kern and Brandon Mossberger** went to the **1600 block of Vine Street** where they saw Mr. Sawyer walking north. He initially ran and evaded those officers as well, but the officers then spotted him trying to hide behind **1631 Vine Street**. When they ordered him to stop running, he again ran and the officers chased him warning they'd deploy their Taser. Mr. Sawyer ignored the warnings. Officer McMenama was forced to use his Taser. The barbs hit Mr. Sawyer in the lower back and leg and had the desired effect. Mr. Sawyer, who was wanted on misdemeanor and felony warrants, and who has a felony record was found to be in possession of a Smith and Wesson handgun over \$700 cash, heroin, and marijuana. He was charged with **Carrying Concealed Weapons, Weapons while Under Disability, Trafficking in Drugs, Possession of Drugs, and five open warrants.**

Due to their knowledge of the neighborhood, the patterns and behavior of drug dealers and their willingness to work in partnership with the Hamilton County Probation officers, Officers McMenama and Harper were able to remove a criminal from Over-the-Rhine.



Jonathan Sawyer

SWAT Entry for Search Warrant

Following an investigation spurred by information received from the community; on **September 11, 2015**, at approximately 1:28 p.m., SWAT conducted the entry for a search warrant at **1210 Spring Street, #4** in Pendleton. SWAT deployed an audible diversion upon entering the apartment. **Mr. Kalin Cousins and Ms. Denisha Lee** were located in the apartment.

Mr. Cousins was arrested for **five charges of Drug Trafficking, heroin, crack, and 2 charges of Drug Possession for heroin and cocaine.** Ms. Lee was arrested for **Permitting Drug Abuse.** Officers recovered **53.06 grams of heroin, 3.82 grams of crack cocaine, \$537 U.S. currency, syringes, and two digital scales.**

Trivia Question:

What was the original name of Mount Adams? (Answer near the end of newsletter)

Nuisance Action Initiated

On **September 4, 2015**, shortly before 9:00 a.m., District One officers responded to a report of a shooting on Charlotte Street in the West End. Following the preliminary investigation, attention was drawn to **845 Findlay Street**, which has been identified as a focus of previous investigations and the site of a shooting earlier this year, on June 26, 2015. A search warrant was executed at the location in July, 2015, with the recovery of **firearms and narcotics**. Following this most recent shooting, associates of occupants of the location have been confirmed as engaging in a pattern of distributing dangerous drugs.

This activity has placed an unfair burden on neighboring residents. In the late afternoon of September 4th, 2015, with the assistance of the **Law Department**, **court action** was initiated against the owner of the building. As a result, the building has been **vacated and secured**. It is our hope this provides some relief to those invested in the quality of life in our community.



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR CYCLISTS

Please review and follow the following tips to reduce bike theft:

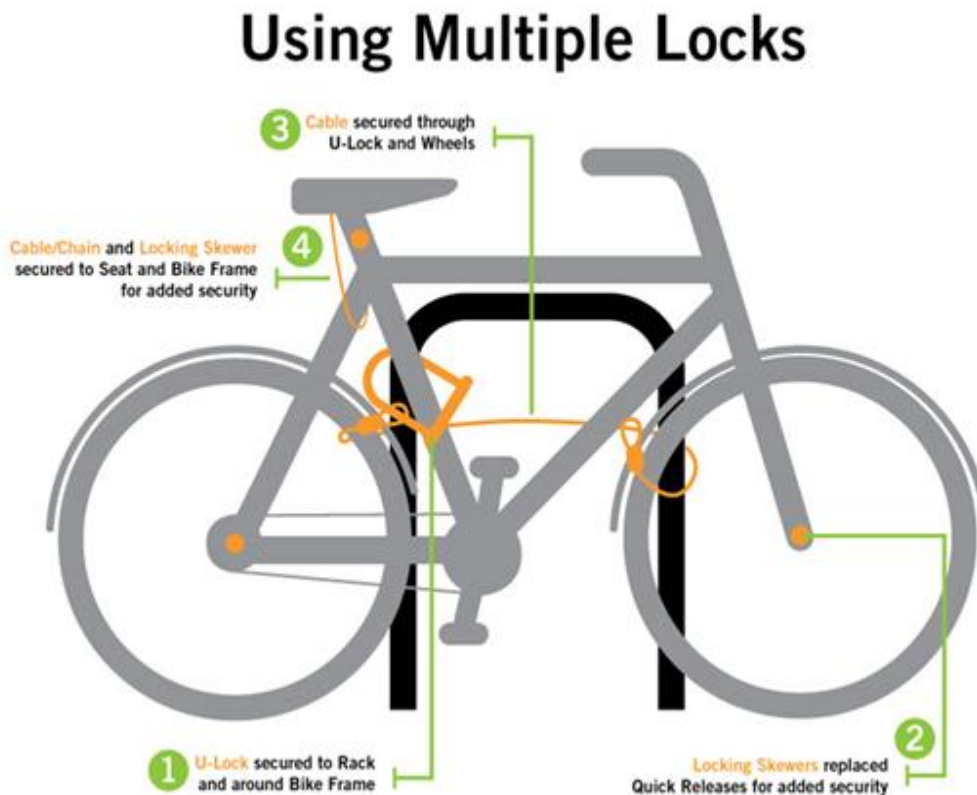
- Use a high-quality U-lock designed for bicycles or motorcycles.
- Do not use a combination lock.
- Use a bike rack. If none are available lock your bike to a solid, metal object

In addition, we recommend:

- A second U-lock, chain, or cable to secure both wheels and the frame. (see image below)
- An additional chain or cable locks to secure the bike seat to the frame.
- Removing or securing additional items such as bags, bottles and helmets.

Please see the below diagram for suggested bike lock practices.

If you have information about a bike theft or witness a bike theft in progress, contact **Cincinnati Police at (513)765-1212.**



USEFUL INFORMATION for Social Services

Shelterhouse formerly Drop Inn Center is transitioning to a new facility located at 411 Gest St. Cincinnati, OH 45203

As part of the five-facility system of the Homeless to Homes Plan, the new men's facility to be operated by Shelterhouse will provide:

- **150 shelter beds for men**
- **Individualized case management support services**
- **Daytime programming**
- **On-site medical clinic**
- **State-of-the-art kitchen and laundry facilities**
- **A separate winter shelter, operating Dec. – Feb. Capable of sheltering 200 additional individuals.**

The transition to the new Shelterhouse facility will occur on **October 9, 2015.**

Trivia Question Answer:

Mount Adams was originally known as **Mount Ida**. The namesake from **Ida Martin**, a washerwoman who reportedly lived in the hollow of an old sycamore tree located on a steep hill in the area during the **19th century**.

Safety Tips

Criminals look into cars.



District One Safety Sector Meetings

District One facilitates monthly Safety Sector Meetings for the local neighborhoods. Safety Sector Meetings give the citizens and business owners a chance to talk one on one with police officers and supervisors regarding crime and safety issues in their neighborhoods. Everyone is invited to attend.

- **Over-the-Rhine/Washington Park/Art Academy Safety Sector Meeting**
2nd Thursday of the Month at 2:00 p.m.
Over-the-Rhine Chamber of Commerce – 1431 Walnut Street
- **West End Safety Sector Meeting**
4th Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.
City West Community Room – 1202 Linn Street

Contact Us

All District One Officers continue to work cooperatively to reduce crime and disorder. Anyone with information on any crime or disorder issues in the District One area, please call (Non-Emergency) (513)765-1212. If a crime is in progress, call 911.

Anyone who has information pertaining to any felony investigation, or offense of violence, is asked to call CRIMESTOPPERS at (513)352-3040 or text “CINTIP” plus your message to CRIMES (274637). Callers may remain anonymous and receive compensation for their information.

If you need to discuss any community issues call Sergeant Elena Moton at (513) 352-1210 or email her at elena.moton@cincinnati-oh.gov.

