

# Kewaskum Police Department

## Monthly Report – November 2023



### 1) Monthly Department Data

ARRESTS / CITATIONS ISSUED	
FELONY CHARGES	1
MISDEMEANOR CHARGES	9
ORDINANCE CITATIONS	5
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	36
TRAFFIC STOPS	120
OWI ARRESTS	2
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	10



### 2) Notables

- Administrator Gitter and Chief Bishop attended WPERLA Supervisory Training titled *“Do I really need to know that? Uncommon but actually common legal issues supervisors need to know to effectively manage their workforce”*.
- KPD with the assistance of the Washington County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force teamed up with six K9’s from the area to perform a drug search at the Kewaskum High School.
- Chief Bishop, Chief Groeschel and Administrator Gitter presented to Mrs. Dreher’s class at the Kewaskum Middle School on public service and volunteerism.
- Police and Fire Commission completed interviews for the position of police officer.

### 3) Cases of Interest

11-02-2023 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – Officers responded to Kettle Moraine Town and County for a report of a female who ran into the store without any shoes on, visibly upset with a large bruise on her face. Investigation revealed she was in an argument with her husband which turned physical. She ran out of the residence and to the business to get help. The suspect was arrested for Battery, Strangulation and Disorderly Conduct – all Domestic Abuse related.

11-02-2023 – TRESPASSING – A male party recently moved and wanted to retrieve packages that were delivered to his former apartment. Upon knocking, there was no answer at the door. The male then entered the residence and retrieved his packages from the kitchen area; frightening the children that were home at the time. The male was issued a citation for trespassing.

11-08-2023 – SUDDEN DEATH – Officers responded to a residence on Silver Fox Drive South for a report of an unresponsive 28 year old female. Officers performed CPR and administered Narcan without success. There was evidence of drug use on the table next to the victim. KPD requested assistance from the Washington County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force for the investigation. See Press Release at the end of this report for further information.

11-09-2023 – FRAUD, SCAM – Officers responded to a report of a resident falling victim to a Microsoft scam. The victim was told she needed to take money out of her bank account and send it via Bitcoin to the hacker. She was scammed out of \$84,000.00.

#### 4) Incident Summary List – November 2023

Accident-Car Kill Deer	1
Accident-Traffic-Hit and Run	2
Accident-Traffic-PDO	6
Accident-Traffic-Personal Injury	1
Alarm-Carbon Monoxide	1
Ambulance Request	23
Animal Bite	1
Animal Complaint	4
Assault	1
Assist PD	7
Assistance-All Others	11
Assist-Lockout	7
Child Abuse	1
Civil Matter	2
Co-Responder Unit Assist	1
DARE Class	14
Disabled Vehicle	1
Disorderly Conduct	6
Domestic	1
Drug Treatment Compliance Check	6
E911 Abandoned/False Calls	7
Escort/Bank Run, etc	19
Fraudulent Activities	5
Harassment	1

Hazardous Conditions-Road Hazards	8
Informational report	1
Juvenile-Status (Includes Runaway)	1
Larceny (Theft)	6
Littering	1
Mental-Walkaway/Incapacited/Etc	1
Municipal Ordinance Investigation	3
Open Door	5
Parking Violation	4
Property Check	450
Public Relations	57
Recovered Property	3
School Grounds Visit	3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Situation	7
Tavern Check	10
Traffic Enforcement	65
Traffic Stop	120
Trespassing/Prowler	1
Vandalism-Damage to Property	1
Vehicle Traffic	4
Warrant Service/Attempt	2
Welfare Check	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>895</b>

## 5) Press Release



Washington County, Wisconsin Sheriff's Office

November 10 · 🌐

Date: 11/10/23

Case: Arrest Made in Probable Fatal Drug Overdose 23-38977

Authority: Lieutenant of Detectives Tim Kemps

Investigators with the Washington County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force and the Washington County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Division arrested a 26-year-old City of Racine man on Thursday in connection with a probable fatal fentanyl overdose in the Village of Kewaskum that occurred the prior day.

The Racine man is accused of setting up a drug transaction with the victim late Tuesday evening. He came from Racine to the Village of Kewaskum where the drug deal was conducted. The victim is believed to have died a short time later. The victim's official cause of death is pending autopsy results, but initial findings indicate fentanyl was likely involved.

Investigators with the Washington County Sheriff's Office were requested to assist by the Village of Kewaskum Police Department early Wednesday morning.

In this case, the fentanyl was sold in the form of counterfeit oxycodone pills. The pills are blue and have the markings: "M" on one side and "30" on the other side. Counterfeit pills often contain lethal amounts of fentanyl or methamphetamine and are extremely dangerous as they often appear identical to legitimate prescription pills at first glance, and the user is likely unaware of how lethal they can be. In this case, the suspect even bragged about the strength of the fake pills to the victim before the sale. Unfortunately, these have become all too common place in our community.

The identity of the Racine man is not being released at this time as he has not officially been charged. He will appear in court Friday for a bond hearing because investigators need more time to investigate this matter before determining what charges will be forwarded to the Washington County District Attorney's Office. This investigation is only in its infancy, but future charges could include delivery of fentanyl and reckless homicide. Washington County Sheriff Martin Schulteis hopes that this arrest made a day and a half after the death will send a message to those who think about bringing these dangerous drugs into the Washington County community. "In less than 48 hours we were able to identify the suspect, track him down in Racine, and arrest him. This is the type of tenacity that this agency will bring to those who bring fentanyl into our community." We would also like to thank the Racine County Sheriff's Office and Kewaskum Police Department for their assistance in this investigation.

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