



## Police Department City of Wisconsin Rapids

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RE: Report on the Police Department activity for April 2024

**Departmental Activity/Training:**

Police and Fire Commission meeting

Wood County Law Enforcement Executives meeting.

North Central Chiefs of Police Meeting

Command staff meeting.

Student Academy Graduation

Completed mandated training and monthly range training.

Monthly Special Response Team (SRT) and Crisis Negotiator (CNT) training

Detective Bailey and Sgt. Daven gave a presentation about fraud and scams at Renaissance Assisted Living.

Detective Bailey gave a presentation and assisted in conducting a mock crime scene for a class at Lincoln High School.

Sgt. Daven assisted the Fire Investigator Task Force in investigating a suspicious house fire/explosion in Saratoga.

WRPD received 12 Child Protective Service Reports for investigation and review throughout April.

SRO Pelot administered the Spring 2024 Drug Take Back event at Pick n' Save on April 27.

WRPD collected approximately 461 lbs. of prescription medication to be disposed of between October 2023 and April 2024.

SRO Olivares concluded the student academy on April 25. Several members of the detective bureau presented for the academy or assisted in some way.

04/04/24 – All officers attended the state-mandated DAAT training.

04/09/24 – Sergeant Burger attended ICS/EOC Interface training at MSTC.

Officer Van Berkel – Monthly SRT training

Officer Guse – Monthly SRT and sniper training

Sergeant Fleisner – Monthly K9 training

**For the month, 2024 vs. 2023:**

	2024	2023	2024	2023
Calls for Service	1638	1483		
OWI	4	5		
Traffic Crash Inv.	40	34		
Traffic/Municipal Citations	172	186		
Written Warnings	457	363		
Restricted Parking Tickets	96	117		

**Administration Staff**

Ordinance	April Days Worked	Calls for Service	Written Warnings	Citations	Complete without Enforcement Action	Parking Citations	OWI	Arrests	Crash Reports	Totals
Andrys	19	40	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	40

Open Records	Request	Completed	Denials	Redactions	Pending Release	Time (in hours)
April	45	45	0	0	0	6.65

**Notable Incidents**

WRPD 24-5213: Detective Richter investigated an incident where a male subject allegedly entered a Wisconsin Rapids home with a sawed-off shotgun and demanded property. The suspect allegedly held several individuals at gunpoint throughout portions of this incident. The suspect later fired a round into the ceiling of the home. The Wood County Sheriff's Department executed a search warrant at the suspect's home in Vesper. WRPD Detectives assisted with this search warrant and Detective Richter located a sawed-off shotgun. A search warrant was also executed at the Wisconsin Rapids home where the incident occurred. Officers located a hole in the ceiling where the gun was fired. Detective Richter also recovered some video of the incident from a witness. As a result of this investigation, the following charges were referred to the Wood County District Attorney's office by Detective Richter: Armed Robbery (2x), Reckless Endangering Safety – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (3x), Bail Jumping – Felony (3x), Possess Firearm – Convicted Felon, Posses Short-Barreled Shotgun. There will also be additional charges for other adults regarding drugs that were found in the Wisconsin Rapids home during the search warrant.

WRPD 23-17895: Detective Bailey completed a sexual assault investigation that began in December 2023. A juvenile male reported he was sexually assaulted by his babysitter in various ways on numerous occasions in Wisconsin Rapids. The allegations were reported nearly 15 years after they had happened. The male suspect provided candy and money to the victim to not tell anyone about the assaults. As a result of this investigation, the following charges were referred to the Wood County District Attorney's Office by Detective Bailey: Engaging in Repeated Acts of Sexual Assault of the Same Child, Child Enticement (5x).

WRPD 24-5791: Sgt. Daven was called in to investigate a shooting incident inside McDonald's in Wisconsin Rapids. Sgt. Daven was able to locate a fired bullet lodged in a wall inside of McDonald's. Sgt. Daven was able to cut out the bullet from the wall for evidence. Sgt. Daven drafted a search warrant for the suspect's phone. Upon examining the

suspect's phone, Detective Daven located a video of the incident the suspect was recording. Sgt. Daven also completed a test for gunshot residue on the suspect.

WRPD 24-4754: SRO Olivares investigated numerous child abuse cases regarding the same family. SRO Olivares arranged for and attended forensic interviews at the Child Advocacy Center for all children in the family. SRO Olivares located and reviewed video surveillance of several incidents of child abuse. As a result of this investigation, two adults were taken into custody and held at the Wood County Jail. SRO Olivares referred the following charges to the Wood County District Attorney's office: Child Abuse (2x).

24-5601 Officers Drew, McHugh, and Greening responded to the area of 700 Blk of 3rd Street South for a report of a male subject ringing doorbells and knocking on doors in the late evening hours approaching midnight. Officer Drew ended up contacting a male subject who was very intoxicated and screaming in his driveway. Another officer verified by home camera footage from the complainant that this was the male ringing and knocking. From the start of the contact, the suspect male was highly uncooperative and consistently approached officers and got too close, causing safety concerns. Throughout this contact, the suspect continued to yell and scream and otherwise cause a disturbance in a quiet neighborhood. The suspect was given over a dozen commands to go back into his home and stop causing issues as Officer Drew tried at length to de-escalate and maintain peace. The suspect went into the house, and when Officers attempted to obtain information from his father, he came back out through the garage and started yelling and screaming once again. The suspect was given final commands to go back inside and stop approaching Officers as he continued to obstruct the investigation. The suspect continued and was subsequently arrested for disorderly conduct and obstructing an officer. All involved officers showed great patience and use of de-escalation techniques during the contact.

24-5822 Officer McHugh responded to the Pine Creek Apartments for a report of child abuse. Officer McHugh investigated the incident and spoke with the mother of the three-year-old child. Initial information showed that a male suspect had pinched and slapped the young juvenile. McHugh was able to observe a video of the incident that showed the male suspect slapping the child's hand and pinching him in the arm and neck, which caused the child to scream and cry in pain. McHugh observed that these actions had caused lasting bruising on the child. The suspects' actions were found to be well outside the realm of discipline. To add to the situation, during the time that the abuse took place, the child was celebrating his birthday and trying to eat birthday cake. McHugh contacted the suspect at a different apartment and spoke with him, where the suspect stated he knew he was going to jail. The suspect was arrested for Physical Abuse of a Child and was transported to the Wood County Jail.

24-5825 Officers were dispatched to the 1700 Blk of Chestnut Street for a report of a male who was off his medication and was acting erratically. Crisis Intervention was the complainant, who stated that the mother of the male was fearful as the male was acting very aggressively toward her. Sgt. Killian contacted Crisis Intervention and found that no crimes had been committed. However, the male was on a Wood County commitment order. Further, Crisis stated that the male had violated the commitment order, and a Wood County judge had signed the violation paperwork, requiring the male to be returned to secure custody for in-patient treatment. Officers initially did not locate that male but were called back to the scene an hour later as the male had returned. Officers contacted the male in the driveway, who barricaded himself in a locked vehicle and would not listen to commands. The male continually depressed the horn for extended periods, then started the car and placed it in reverse. The male was given multiple lawful commands to exit the vehicle, which were ignored. Officers used a squad and stop sticks to block the vehicle in the driveway so the male could not leave. Lt. Cornette captured the male's attention through the passenger window while officers collected a spare key from the home and unlocked the vehicle without the male noticing. The male actively resisted arrest and physically fought officers' attempts to detain him. Officers decelerated the male to the ground and took him into custody. The male was very obviously suffering from mental health issues and was not displaying rational thinking. Due to the commitment order, this incident fell under the jurisdiction of the Wood County Sheriff. Deputies responded to the scene, and the male was transferred into their custody agency assist.

24-5827 Officer Krummel contacted a complainant on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North for an incident at Ida's Bar 1800 block of Lincoln Street. Officer Krummel spoke with the complainant, who indicated that he was involved in a verbal altercation with another employee of Ida's bar and was then physically assaulted. Officers responded to Ida's and worked with staff that had access to surveillance video of the incident. Officer Krummel observed the footage that showed the victim and suspect involved in a verbal altercation. The video then showed the suspect placing both his hands around the victim's neck in a choking motion and pushing forward and up. The victim's body was lifted as this was done, and a large amount of force was observed being used. This was corroborated by redness and swelling observed on the victim's neck more than thirty minutes after the incident took place. Officer Krummel contacted the suspect party, who was arrested for strangulation/suffocation and transported to the Wood County Jail.

24-5833 Officers monitored the Wood County radio channel and observed that the Nekoosa Police Department was involved in a high-speed pursuit at 1:50 am. Officers with WRPD were positioned at the entrances to the city and continued to monitor the pursuit over the radio. Nekoosa advised that the vehicle crashed against a telephone pole, and multiple occupants fled on foot, with numerous still on the scene with significant injuries. Nekoosa did not have any additional units in the area, and after mutual aid was requested and approved by the shift commander, Officer Krummel, and Sgt. Killian responded emergent to the scene of the crash. At the request of the Wood County Sheriff's Office, Rapids units checked an address that was thought to be an intended destination for those who fled on foot. Officer Krummel and Sgt. Killian observed occupants in the home and knocked and announced. The occupants disappeared into the rear room and distinguished the interior lights. Rapids Officers observed that there was fresh blood on one of the exterior doors of the home and relayed that information to Wood County. Officer Krummel and Sgt. Killian maintained a perimeter of the property until more units responded. Ultimately, one male voluntarily came out of the home and was detained. After collecting more information, Wood County cleared the interior of the house and took a male into custody who was hiding under a couch in a screened-in porch. This male was later identified as the driver and was arrested. WRPD assisted the Nekoosa Police Department and the Wood County Sheriff's Department with the successful arrest and identification of all the involved occupants.

24-6534 Officer Greening observed a vehicle with a defective headlamp during darkness and performed a traffic stop. Upon his initial contact, Officer Greening observed the detectable distinct odor of marijuana emitting from within the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The vehicle was searched and a baggie of white powder was discovered. The substance was field-tested and was found to be cocaine. The female driver was arrested for possession of cocaine second and subsequent. Through persistence and investigation, Officer Greening turned a routine traffic stop for an equipment violation into a felony drug arrest.

#### 24-5427

While searching the Robinson Park area for a missing person, Officer Plowman observed two males at one of the shelters who matched the description of suspicious persons at the laundromat on Baker Street that was called in earlier in the shift. Officer Plowman contacted these two males and learned that one of them had an active DOC warrant for recently cutting off his ankle monitor.

#### 24-6045

Officer McHugh responded to Waterford Assisted Living for physical abuse to a resident by a staff member. Officer McHugh took the initial report, which confirmed the resident's safety and that the staff member would not have contact with the resident and could view video footage of the incident. Officer McHugh followed up with this call during his following shift to obtain the video footage and complete supplemental reports.

#### 24-5433

Officers were called to the area of 17<sup>th</sup> St S and Daly for a male yelling and screaming while walking down the road, pulling up utility flags, hitting himself, punching, and kicking the air. Officer Plowman located the male, with whom Officers had repeated contact, who was now doing push-ups in the middle of the street. Officer Plowman detained

the male due to his erratic behavior, using de-escalation techniques to keep the male calm till additional officers arrived. The male was arrested on a probation hold and cited for disorderly conduct.

24-5391

Emergency personnel were sent to the 17th Ave/Bonow area for a brush fire. Lt. Radtke, Officer Jaye, Officer Paltz, and Officer McHugh assisted fire personnel in securing the area. This resulted in Officers shutting down 17<sup>th</sup> Ave and Bonow to all traffic while fire personnel eventually extinguished the fire.

4-8-24 Complaint #24-5120

Officer Leher conducted a traffic stop on Kingston Road Highway 54 for a vehicle with a suspended registered owner. K9 Officer Paltz arrived, and K9 Kubo conducted a free-air sniff around the vehicle. K9 Kubo indicated a positive indication of the scent of controlled substances. A search of the vehicle was conducted, and methamphetamine, THC, and drug paraphernalia were located. The driver of the vehicle was arrested, and the passenger was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

4-27-24 Complaint #24-6302

Officer Brockman and Sergeant Foy assisted the Wood County Sheriff’s Department with a high-risk traffic stop on State Highway 73 near Condo Drive. The Clark County Sheriff’s Department has previously pursued the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle fled from the high-risk stop and traveled eastbound into Wisconsin Rapids on West Grand Avenue at a high rate of speed. Lieutenant Radtke and Officer Leher were able to deploy tire deflation devices. The vehicle crashed into a sign near West Grand Avenue and West Jackson Street. The suspect fled on foot from the vehicle armed with a handgun. Officer Brockman deployed his Taser, and officers were able to take the male into custody. The male subject was arrested for Felony Fleeing, OWI 4<sup>th</sup>, Resisting Arrest, and Going Armed with Intoxicated.

04/20/24 (24-5791), 6:00 am - WRPD officers were sent to McDonald’s for a report of a male who fired a gun inside the restaurant and left shortly after. No one was injured. Sergeant Fleisner located the vehicle, and a high-risk stop was performed. The suspect complied with commands and was taken into custody without incident. The suspect admitted that he was the person at McDonald’s who fired the gun, and the gun was in the glove box of the car he was driving. Officers who searched his vehicle located the weapon: 7 Alprazolam pills, 1.06 grams of Fentanyl, THC vape cartridges, THC wax, THC oil, and 100 Ecstasy pills.

The suspect was arrested for Recklessly Endangering safety, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Criminal Damage to Property, Disorderly Conduct, Possession of Fentanyl, Possession of Amphetamines (Ecstasy), Possession of a Prescription Medication without a Prescription, Possession of THC and municipal citations for driving offenses.

**Other Activity**

**K9 Kubo**

Narcotics Deployments	Narcotics Found	Patrol Deployments	Demonstrations	Training Hours	Agency Assists
3	3	0	1	13.5	2

**K9 Lex**

Narcotics Deployments	Narcotics Found	Patrol Deployments	Demonstrations	Training Hours	Agency Assists
5	3	1	2	10	5

**Drugs Taken In:**

Possession of Marijuana	<b>6.72 grams 4 THC Cart.</b>
Methamphetamine	<b>3.23 grams 22ml 100 handmade pills</b>
Fentanyl	<b>1.06 grams</b>
Cocaine	<b>1.96 grams</b>
Psilocybin Mushrooms	<b>0 grams</b>
Other: Adderall	<b>3 Units</b>
Alprazolam	<b>7 Units</b>

Overtime Hours							
	Crew A	Crew B	Crew C	Crew D	Detectives	Code Enf.	Totals
Call time	0.00	0.00	14.00	4.00	8.00	4.00	<b>30</b>
Chapter 51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	<b>24</b>
Court	8.00	12.00	24.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	<b>52</b>
Emergency call	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
FMLA	0.00	34.50	21.00	28.50	0.00	21.00	<b>105</b>
Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Late Call	6.75	0.75	11.25	1.88	4.50	0.00	<b>25.13</b>
Other	1.50	27.30	37.88	0.00	13.50	0.00	<b>80.18</b>
Sick	9.38	9.00	36.00	2.00	0.00	5.50	<b>61.88</b>
Training	96.75	80.00	83.25	116.75	0.00	0.00	<b>376.75</b>
Cover Training	0.00	0.00	18.00	14.25	0.00	0.00	<b>32.25</b>
Vacation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Worker's Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
Search Warrant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0</b>
FTO Pay	11.25	0.00	33.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>45</b>
K9 Pay	21.00	0.00	0.00	21.00	0.00	0.00	<b>42</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>154.63</b>	<b>163.55</b>	<b>279.13</b>	<b>196.38</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>30.50</b>	<b>874.19</b>