

LEWISTON POLICE BLOTTER

The following activity occurred Monday, Feb. 22, to Sunday, Feb. 28, as reported by the Lewiston Police Department. LPD reported 192 response calls during this period. For more information on arrests and other activity, visit the Lewiston Police Department's mobile app or its page on Facebook.

Monday, Feb. 22

- **Hyde Park Boulevard/Rhode Island Avenue, check welfare** – Caller to 911 reported a male was staggering in the middle of the roadway and yelling.
- **Park/Sunnyside drives, vehicle/traffic stop** – Call officer initiated. Patrol reported one male in custody for driving while intoxicated, and one female in custody on multiple counts.
- **2700 block of Ridge Road, assist public** – Caller reported a bus with students inside in a ditch; no injuries. A small bus was involved, per patrol. School bus en route for students and tow company contacted to winch out vehicle.
- **900 block of Upper Mountain Road, motor vehicle theft** – Caller to 911 reported a vehicle was taken from a parking lot over the weekend by an unknown party. Caller said the vehicle's key fell off a key ring. No suspects at this time. Report taken.
- **LPD office, harassment walk-in complaint** – Patrol reported both parties are going through a divorce.
- **4500 block of Creek Road, assist public** – Caller to 911 listed as the parent of a male, 34, made an allegation of abuse that reportedly occurred in October and December of 2020. Patrol spoke with the party involved. Report taken.
- **800 block of Center Street, MVA-injuries** – Caller to 911 reported a female pedestrian struck by a vehicle. Female had been leaving a bar/restaurant and was

struck by the passenger side mirror of a vehicle travelling eastbound on Center Street, Report taken.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

- **3800 block of Ransomville Road, traffic complaint/investigation** – Caller to 911 reported two males out of a vehicle in the roadway; possible road rage incident. Subjects arguing.
- **University Drive, NU campus, MVA-property damage** – Campus Safety reported a two-vehicle property damage only accident; officer with vehicles, no further information.
- **4200 block of Wolf Run, forgery** – Caller reported an unknown person had filed for unemployment in his name. Report taken.
- **Locations on the 1900 block of Saunders Settlement Road; and the 800 block of Center Street, vehicle/traffic stops** – Both calls officer initiated. Included were, driver cited for speed in zone; and driver cited for being unlicensed operator and making an improper left turn on a two-way street. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

- **4700 block of Lower River Road, alarm burglary** – Security company reported an alarm response at a residence; living room windows noted. No contact made with key holder. Report taken.
- **700 block of Cayuga Street, check welfare** – Caller reported a male in the plaza walking back and forth, yelling on the phone and punching windows between two businesses.
- **N. Fifth Street/Burt Circle, animal complaint** – Officer initiated call; Husky found on the 400 block of Burt Circle. SPCA contacted and en route.
- **5100 block of Woodland Drive, alarm burglary** – Security company reported an alarm response at a residence; dining

room entry noted. Report taken.

- **1100 block of Escarpment Drive, assist public** – Caller reported selling a vehicle earlier to a Grand Island resident, now unable to retrieve plates. MV forms issued to caller.

Thursday, Feb. 25

- **5900 block of Garlow Road, MVA, property damage** – Caller reported a vehicle struck a mailbox; vehicle and driver on location. Driver placed a cup in the cup holder, drifted over and struck mailbox. MV form completed.
- **NU campus, assault** – Officer initiated call. Patrol met with complainant at LPD; incident occurred the previous day at a NU art gallery. Victim required six stitches to the left eyelid. Report taken; investigation to follow.
- **Creek Road/Raymond Drive, traffic complaint/investigation** – Officer initiated call. Patrol responded to a reckless driver complaint; vehicle at a high rate of speed.
- **Ridge/Model City roads, vehicle fire** – Passerby caller to 911 reported a tractor-trailer fire; smoke billowing from lower front of tractor.
- **Hyde Park Boulevard/Lafayette Avenue, vehicle/traffic stop** – Officer initiated call. Patrol reported one male in custody; no further information.

Friday, Feb. 26

- **100 block of Thomas Loop, suspicious activity** – Caller to 911 reported seeing people in the backyard.
- **500 block of Meadowbrook Drive, forgery** – Officer initiated call. Patrol responded to fraud complaint; female said she sent \$350 on the Zelle pay site before realizing that she was being scammed.
- **Pletcher Road/Niagara Scenic Parkway, suspicious activity** – Caller to 911 reported

seeing a vehicle on the bike path heading northbound. Caller said it looked strange but could not provide further information. Second caller reported said vehicle as a green Honda Accord heading north, being driven by a female, 40s, who was wearing a floral headband. Plate number logged.

- **2300 block of Upper Mountain Road, shooting** – Caller reported a male, 19, in the ER with a gunshot wound to the arm. Calls stated gunshot was accidental.

Saturday, Feb. 27

- **200 block of S. First Street, noise complaint** – Caller to 911 reported a male and female, yelling/screaming. Caller, listed as a neighbor said the female was pounding on the door for 20 minutes, then left. Caller stated there was a large gathering of people at the residence in the early morning with multiple vehicles on location and that he had called due to subjects screaming, yelling and banging on the door. Patrol checked residence and all appeared secure. Patrol cleared.
- **1500 block of Upper Mountain Road, forgery** – Caller reported fraudulent charges on a bank account; loss approximately \$1,000.
- **4200 block of Ransomville Road, trespass** – Patrol responded to a 911 call. Unwanted party left on patrol and caller said she did not need police assistance.
- **1600 block of Saunders Settlement Road, burglary** – Caller to 911 reported a male playing with the lock on a shed. Male listed as wearing a grey hoodie, no vehicle involved and male possibly arrived on foot. Caller believes owner was not home. Patrol reported the homeowner was attempting to gain access to the shed.
- **800 block of Center Street, accident hit-run** – Caller re-

ported a MVA hit-run, no injuries. Driver of second vehicle left a note and contact info.

- **Tuscarora/S. Third streets, suspicious activity** – Caller reported suspicious vehicle, an older model Crown Victory pulling into different driveways and turning on the high beams. Plate information not available.
- **4400 block of Creek Road, shots fired** – Caller to 911 reported hearing approximately five shots coming from a wooded area behind the residence, possibly the golf course. Patrol found a party blowing off fireworks at the location; subjects said they were celebrating a 50th birthday. Patrol advised subjects to stop; call cleared.
- **300 block of Lockport Street, assist public** – Caller to 911 and others onsite reported asking to residents at the complex to keep the noise down and a verbal argument ensued.

Sunday, Feb. 28

- **800 block of Center Street, vehicle/traffic stop** – Officer initiated call. One suspect in custody for aggravated unlicensed operation. Report taken.
- **800 block of Moyer Road, MVA property damage** – Officer initiated call. Patrol reported one male in custody for driving while intoxicated and breath test refusal. Report taken.
- **Bronson/The Circle drives, suspicious activity** – Caller listed as newspaper deliveryman reported a group of three 20-somethings were loitering around a vehicle.
- **4700 block of Creek Road, assist public** – Caller reported neighbor had a camera pointed towards his property. Caller wished to speak with patrol regarding ongoing issues with the neighbor. Call listed as a civil issue.

Previte credits Lewiston's diverse staff of officers

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are things that ... we already identified. As a committee that we kind of targeted already. Such as training in racial diversity.

"We have not had that issue here, so that training and us implementing that as part of our plan is part of our way of making sure that that does not ever (become a problem.) And (that) we remain that way, so that we've identified issues and looked at things that not only needed improvement, but things that we satisfied, that we think we're doing well with became part of our commitment and our plan. How well do we make sure that that continues, either through training or different programs. Those are the biggest things."

In the River Region, "It's working with the people that come in," Previte said. "The (Lewiston) community itself is not that diverse as some other places, that's anything we have no control over obviously. But what I would say with that is, it doesn't mean my officers don't interact (or) that contact (with) diverse populations, because we have tons of visitors (at Artpark and the festivals)."

LPD has not had a race-related incident, and "We're thankful of that. But I think something like this helps reinforce, maybe that other people see that it's not an issue here, too," Previte said.

While racial diversity is a main focus on the state's police reform initiative, the response found in the survey of the community, "doesn't seem to indicate that (it's

a problem). My job is to make sure that it remains that way. That it continues, that we don't have an issue" here," he added.

The police reform committee met this week to further review the survey results. The Lewiston Town Board will next

hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. Monday, March 22, to discuss the survey and the police re-

form collaborative. A final plan must be submitted to the state by April 1.

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