

2014 Village of East Troy Police Department Annual Report



Main Entrance to the Village of East Troy Police Department.
The Village of East Troy Police Department moved into the current location at 2015 Energy Drive in April 2009 from the prior Police Department and Village Hall at 2106 Church Street.

Command Staff

Chief Alan Boyes has been with the department since December 2007. Chief Boyes has a Master's Degree in Business and Organizational Security Management from Webster University. Chief Boyes graduated from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and Northwestern University's Executive Management Program for Law Enforcement. He has attended and completed Incident Command, Chemical, Biological and Radiological Training (COBRA) for Police at the United States Government's Center for Domestic Preparedness and Incident Response to Suicide Bombing and Prevention of Suicide Bombers for Police at New Mexico Tech. Chief Boyes started his career in law enforcement in 1978. He served in the United States Army, the Lincolnshire Illinois Police Department and the Village of East Troy Police Department.

Deputy Chief Jeremy Swendrowski has been with the department since September 1999. Deputy Chief Swendrowski earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin La Crosse. He graduated from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. Jeremy's duties include report approval, scheduling and Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Programs and Grants.

Officers

Officer Beverly Rhode began her career with the Village of East Troy Police Department in June of 1990. Officer Rhode has been working in the East Troy Community Schools as the School Resource Officer for several years. She normally is the lead officer assigned to major sex and juvenile incidents. Officer Rhode works with TEAM ETC and Operation Click. She was voted Village Employee of the Year by other Village staff for 2014.

Officer Ruben Ojeda has been with the Village of East Troy Police Department since May of 2005. Along with his normal patrol duties Officer Ojeda manages the Department's Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) and has coordinated the Department's efforts to install the State of Wisconsin's new software program MACH. He is the Department's primary firearms instructor.

Officer Jeffery Price has been with the Village of East Troy Police Department since January 2009. He coordinates the Department's Drug Interdiction efforts and works directly with the Walworth County Drug Enforcement Task Force. Jeff has attended Chemical, Biological and Radiological Training (COBRA) for Police at the United States Government's Center for Domestic Preparedness. His additional duties have him coordinating fingerprint submissions to the State's Identification Section.

Officer Aaron Hackett has been with the Village of East Troy Police Department since February 2010. Aaron comes to the Department after serving with the United States Army. Officer Hackett's additional assignments include working in the Evidence and Property Room. He coordinates transfer of property to the State Crime Lab and the destruction of property in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes. He has built shelving units for the evidence room and other storage areas for the department thus increasing storage space for evidence.

Officer Josh DeMeio has been with the Village of East Troy Police Department since November 2013. Officer DeMeio interned with the Department prior to attending the academy. He is primarily assigned to the midnight shift and leads the department in the number of incidents handled during 2014.

Part-time Officer Dan Nichols has been with the Village of East Troy Police Department since March of 2012. He is a full time Deputy Sheriff with the Walworth County Sheriff's Office.

Part-time Officer Nicole Heding has been with the Village of East Troy Police Department since November 2014. She is currently in field training.

Civilian Staff

Records Clerk Jill Gerber has been with the Village of East Troy Police Department since June 2008. She has the task of maintaining all the Police Department's records, reports, documents and "Open Record" requests. This includes making copies of reports for the District Attorney's Office, other police agencies, defense lawyers and private citizens. She completes accurate monthly reports for submission to the State of Wisconsin and maintains all the officers' personnel files. Many times, she is the first person contacted by the public at the station or by phone.

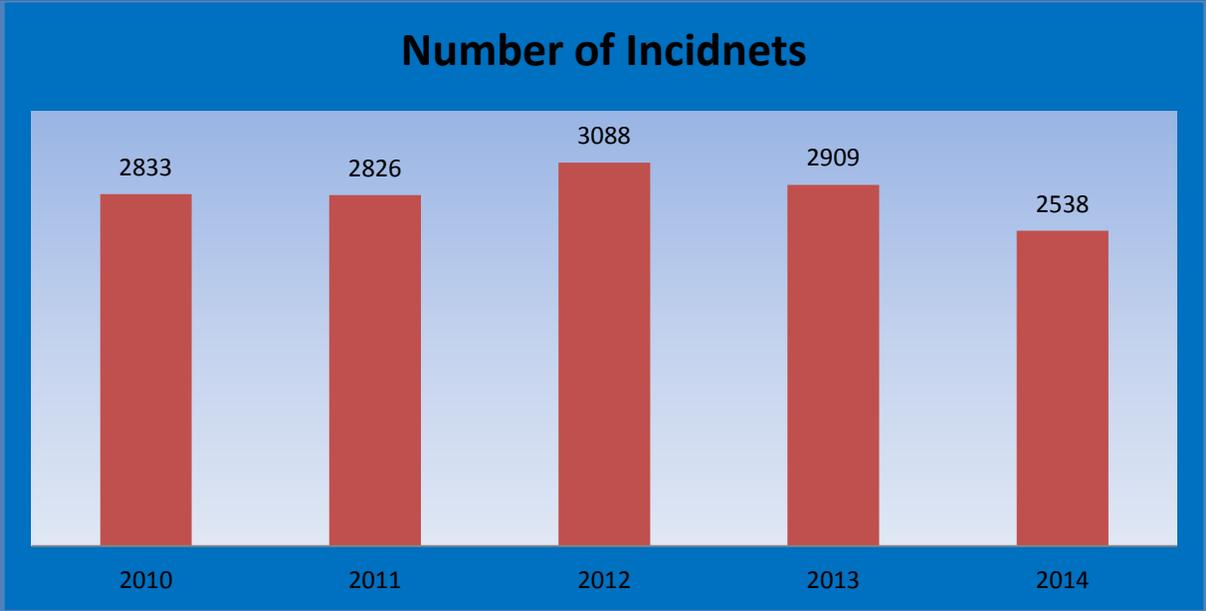
Many members of the Village of East Troy Police Department have come from other law enforcement agencies. The Department's Staff has held positions are Deputy Sheriffs, Police Officers, Correctional Officers and Dispatchers. All of this valuable experience has been brought to the Village of East Troy Police Department and makes this the exception department it is today.

Officers and Staff of the Village of East Troy Police Department have received letters of commendations, thanks and praise from the public during 2014. Those letters and notations were included with the monthly board reports.

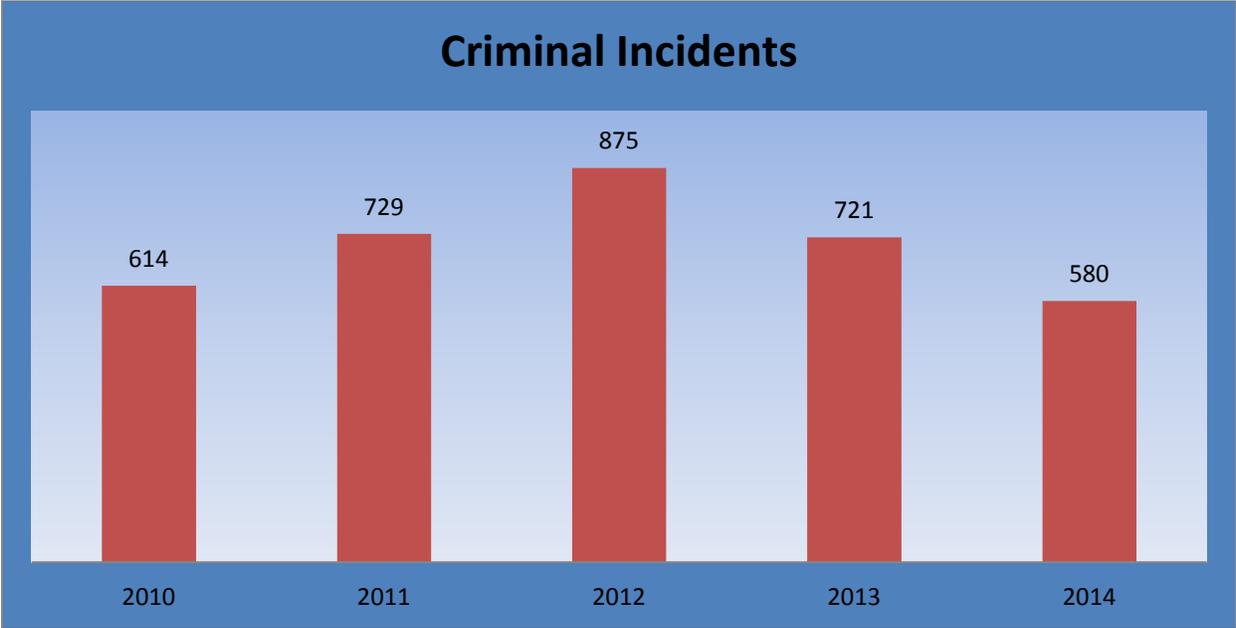


Police Activity 2014

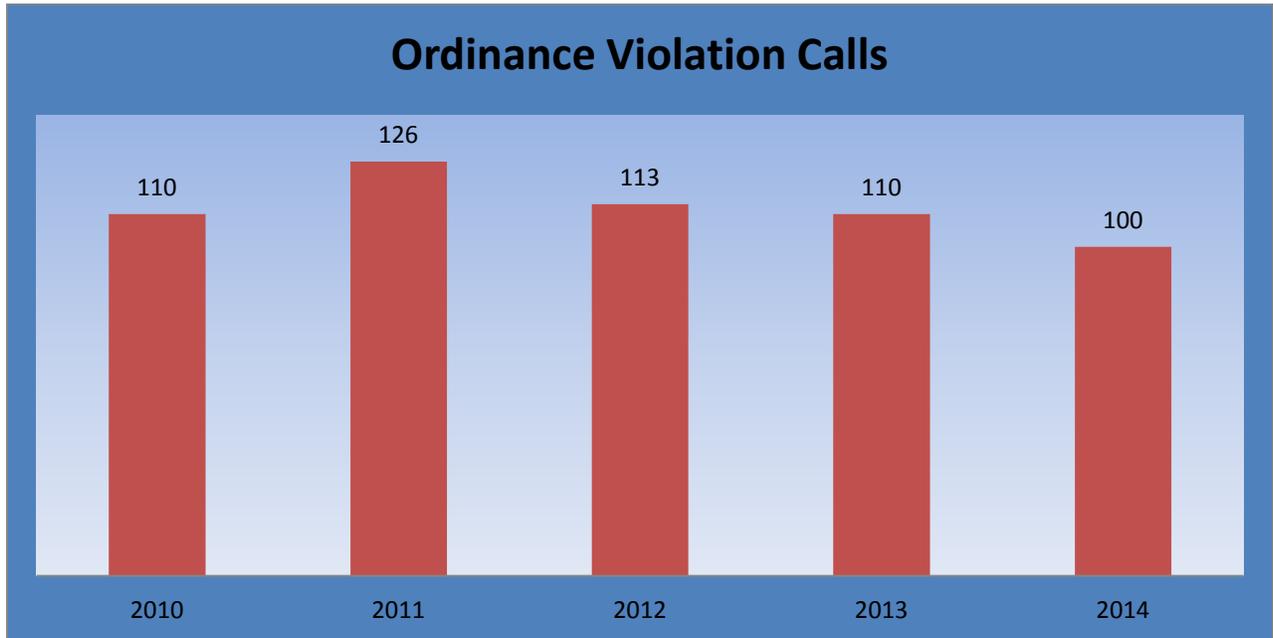
This report is for the calender year of 2014. The following graphs depict several prior years as well as 2014 for the board to use as reference. The number of Incidents in 2014 show a 12.75% decrease from 2013.



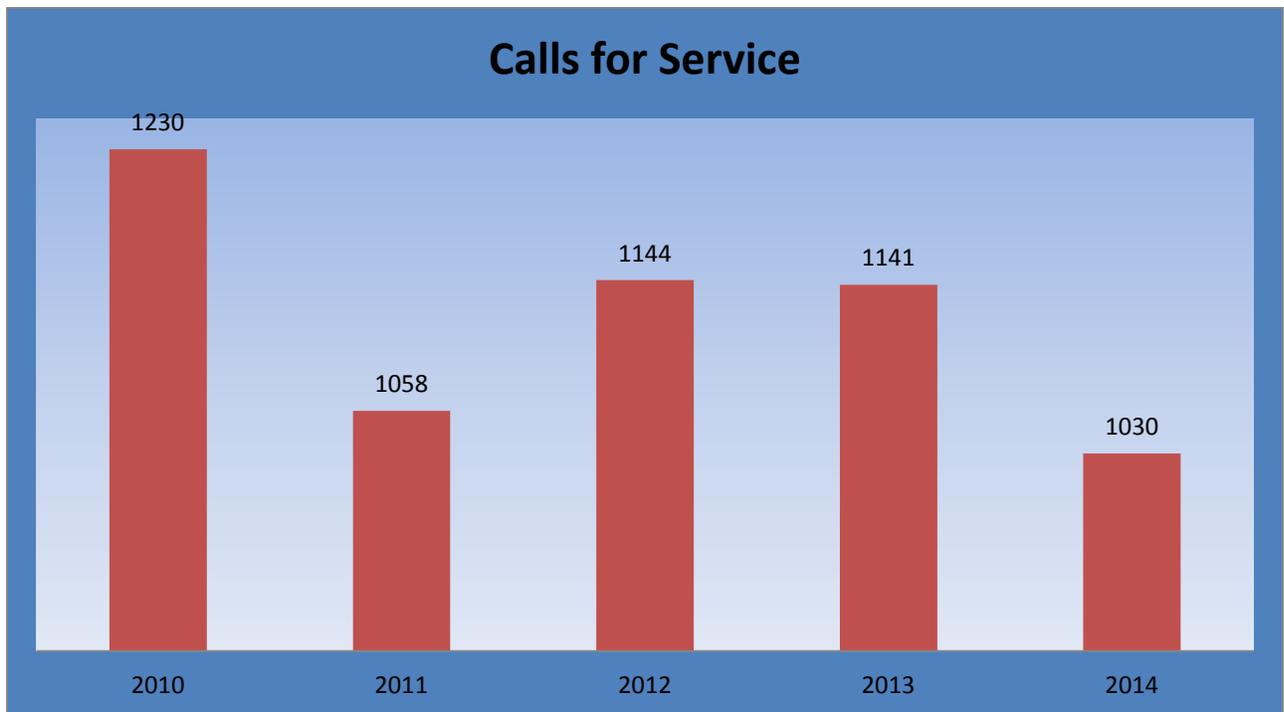
The number of criminal incidents police responded to decreased in 2014 from 2013 by 19.5%.



Reported ordinance violations showed a decrease of 9.1% from 2013 to 2014.



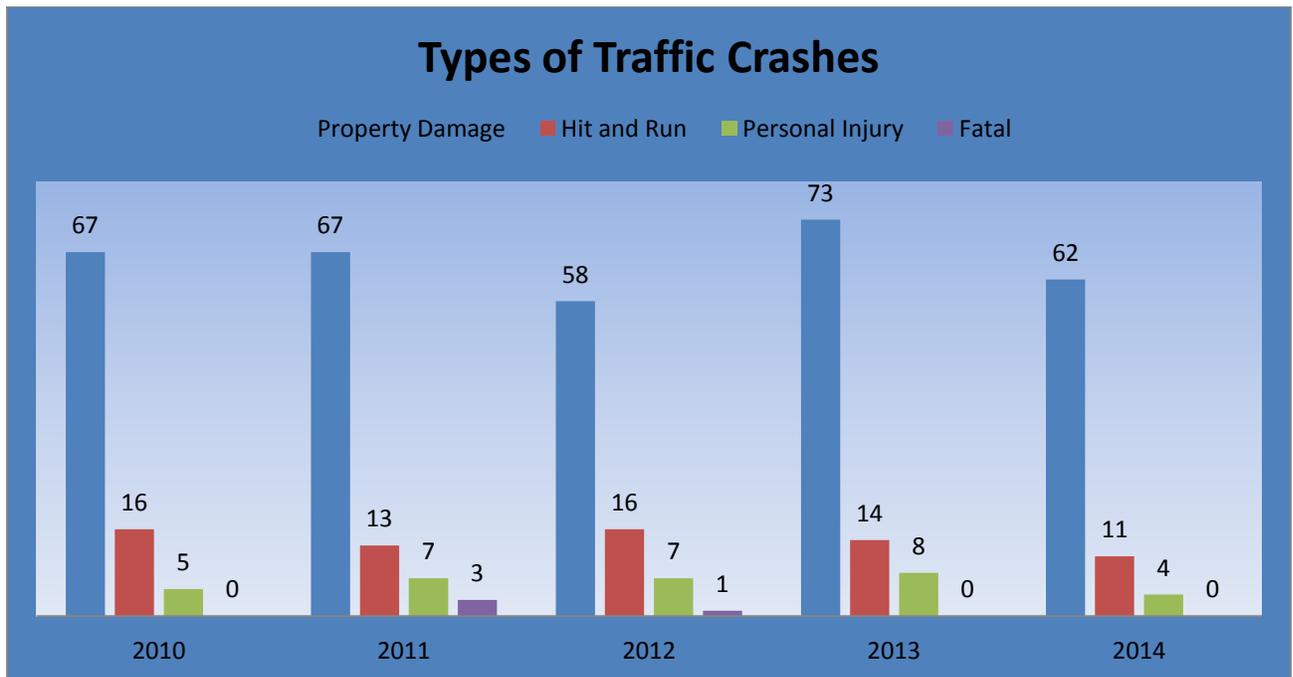
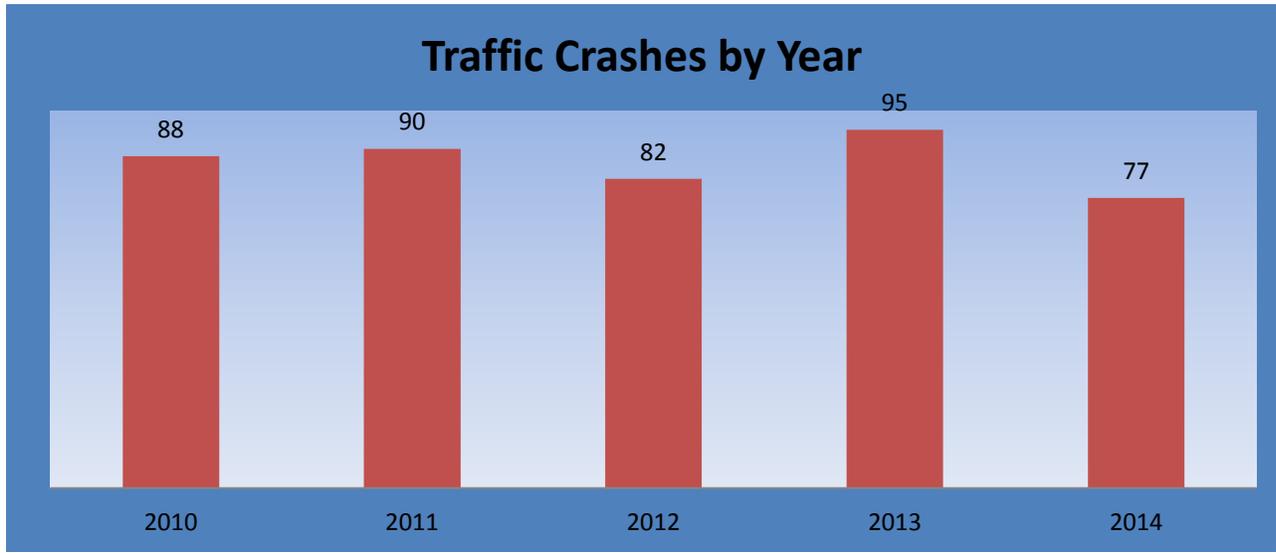
In the Calls for Service category police responded to 1,030 calls in 2014 compared to 1,141 in 2013, a 9.7% decrease in Service type calls.



Traffic

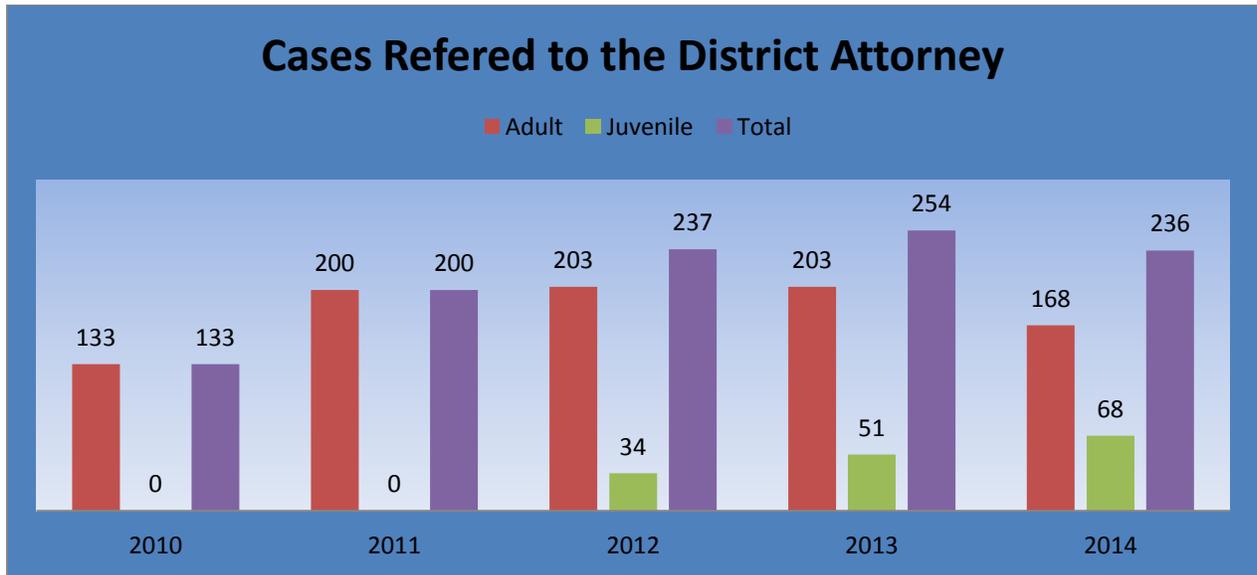
The number of arrests for Operation of a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated decreased 9.7% in 2014 to 38 from 43 in 2013. Arrests for Operating without a Valid License increased 38% in 2014 to 160 from 125 in 2013.

Traffic accidents decreased in 2014 to 77 from a high of 95 in 2013, an 18.9% decrease over 2013. For the second year in a row, there were no fatal accidents within the Village of East Troy.

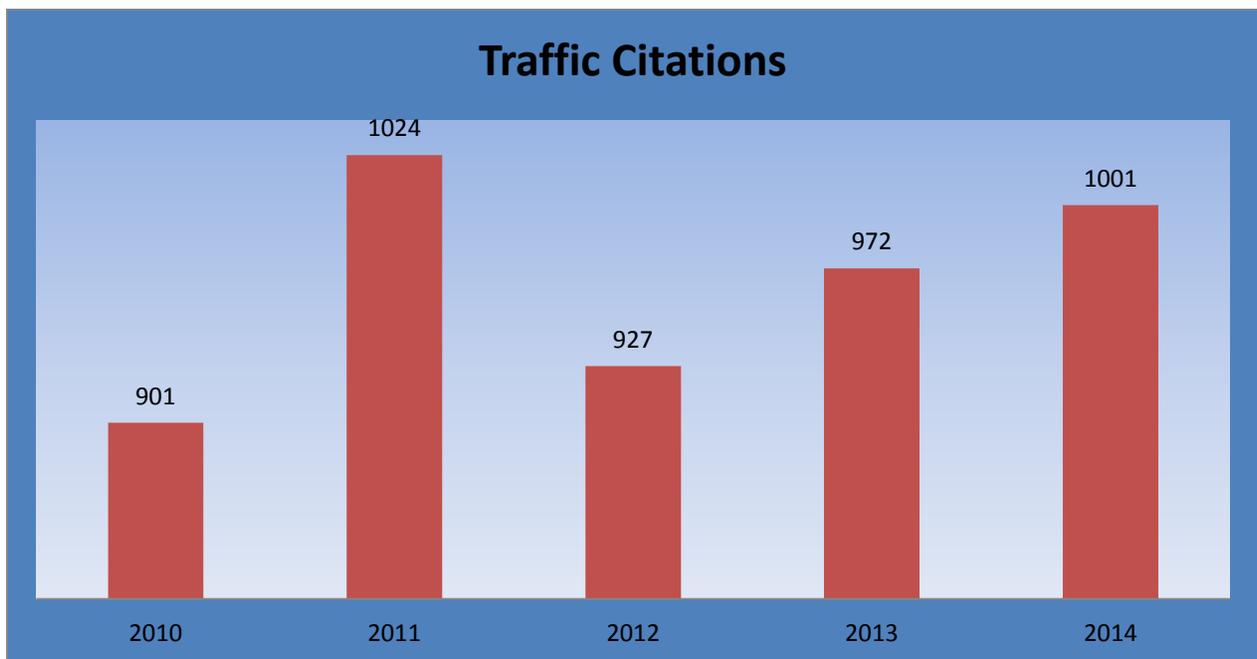


Cases and Citations to Court

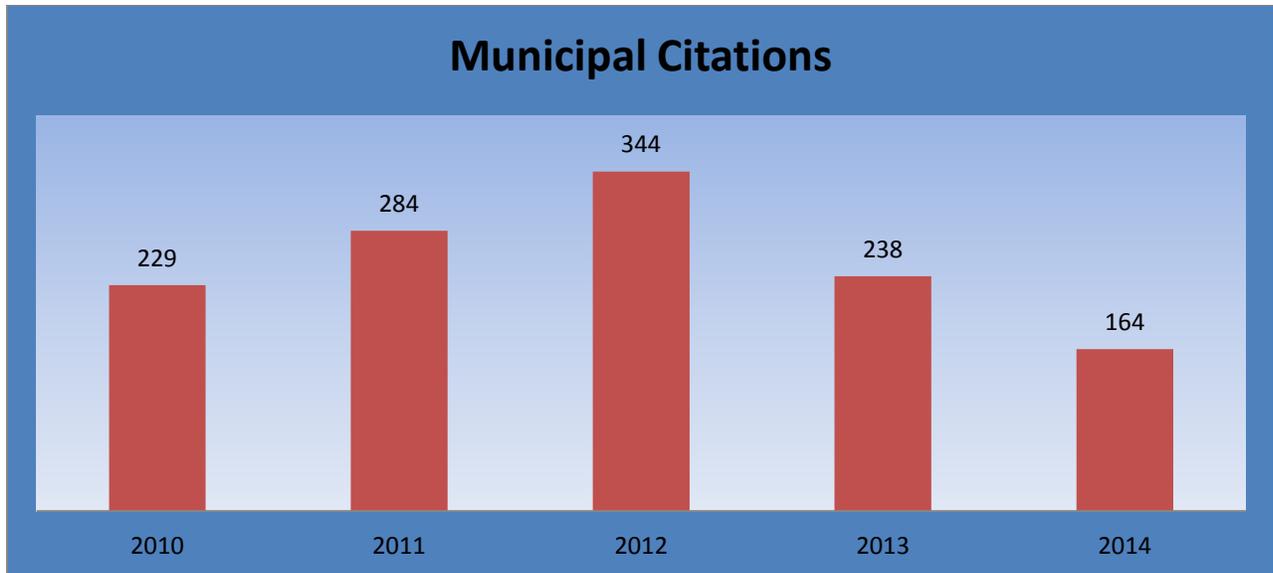
Cases and individuals referred to the District Attorney's Office are depicted in the following graphs. Juvenile and adult cases prior to 2012 were reported together. As of 2012, adult and juvenile cases referred to the District Attorney's Office have been reported separately.



Traffic Citations are issued for traffic related offenses.



Municipal Citations are issued for local ordinance offenses and are heard in the Village of East Troy Municipal Court. We continued to see a reduction of the number of individuals issued a Municipal Citation in 2014. This represented in 2014 a 31.1% reduction in Municipal Citations issued from 2013.



Warning Citations

During 2014, Village of East Troy Police Officers issued 344 warning citations, primarily for traffic offenses. The warning citations account for 19.7% of all citations issued or cases referred.

Warning citations are issued mainly for correctable vehicle equipment and registration violations. Warnings are issued in one of three ways, correct immediately prior to driving any further, five or ten day correction notices. The five and ten day correction notices require the driver to bring the vehicle with the violation corrected to any police department to have an officer verify the correction has been made. The warning is then returned to the Village of East Troy Police Department where the violation is noted as corrected. If the driver fails to correct the violation and/or does not return the warning citation to the Village of East Troy Police Department in the allotted time, the officer will send the driver a traffic citation with the fine amount and a court date in which to pay the citation by. The citation is then transmitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation where it is added to the driver's permanent driving record.

Officer Training

The State of Wisconsin mandates all law enforcement officers have a minimum of 60 college credits or an Associate's Degree prior to certification as a police officer. East Troy has four officers and one civilian staff member with a Bachelor's Degree or higher. After certification as a police officer, the officer must attend 24 hours of training per year. Departments are required to send full time and part-time officers for the 24 hours of training where the department is the officer's primary employer.

Training is an important part of any police agency and is much more valuable to a smaller agency such as East Troy. Keeping officers up to date with police training and standards provides them with the knowledge they need to handle the varying situations that arise in their daily calls. With continuing training, the public views the officers as a more professional agency and better respected. I have included a sampling of the training the officers received during the year.

A sampling of training completed in 2014:

All Officers-attended several hours of firearms and range training. This includes time spent for training and qualification of rifle, duty handgun and off duty handguns.

All Officers-attended CPR and AED training.

Chief Boyes-Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Conference, Basic FBI Crisis Negotiation, and the Crime Information Bureau Conference.

Deputy Chief Swendrowski-Crisis Management and Executive Training, and Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Conference.

Officer Rhode- Crisis Management and Executive Training, Crisis Intervention for Children and Computer Crime Against Children.

Officer Ojeda-Forensic Interviewing Techniques for Children, and the Glock Instructor Update.

Officer Price-Wisconsin Narcotics Officer Conference, Active Shooter Response and Human Trafficking.

Officer Hackett- Forensic Interviewing Techniques for Children and the DA's Legal Update.

Officer DeMeio-Intoximeter (ECIR) Certification Course.

Department Photos 2014



Chief Alan Boyes



Walworth County OWI Task Force Members. Note DC Swendrowski is front and center.



Officer Rhode Employee of the Year



CPR Training



Officers Ojeda (right) and Officer Hackett (left) firearms training.



4th of July Parade.

In the News

Woman convicted of child neglect involved in minor crash

Posted by [Tracy Ouellette](#) in [East Troy](#) on January 23, 2014 3:08 pm / [no comments](#)

By Tracy Ouellette

Editor

Melody Butt, the East Troy mother convicted of child neglect in 2012 after her infant twins drowned in a bathtub while she slept, was involved in a minor car crash Sunday afternoon.

According to Village of East Troy Police Chief Alan Boyes, Butt's car drove off the roadway next to the McDonald's drive through on the corner of highways 20 and ES shortly before noon Jan. 19. He said the car traveled about seven feet into the adjoining field and struck a boulder, causing a flat tire.

Boyes said Monday Butt was "taken into custody and placed on a probation hold."

Butt was sentenced to one year in jail and 14 years probation on June 14, 2012, in the death of her children. The terms of her probation included no unsupervised contact with minors, including her own children, without her probation agent's permission and no alcohol or illegal drugs.

She was warned at the time of sentencing that any violations of the terms of her 14 years on probation would result in sending her to prison for five years.

Boyes said the matter was still under investigation, and he couldn't comment on whether alcohol or drugs may have been a factor. He did say the officer on the scene reported there was ice on the roadway and it may have been an issue as Butt "went off the road as she entered the parking area."

Boyes said more information would be available early next week.

One kid at a time

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East Troy municipal judge creates program to help juvenile offenders

By Tracy Ouellette

Editor

It was 2012 when East Troy Municipal Judge Michael Cotter says he became increasingly frustrated with the juvenile offenders he was seeing in his courtroom.

“The straw that broke the camel’s back for me was when this mom came in and said I need you to help me with my son. He didn’t have a father figure in the home and she said ‘My son needs help, I need help,’” Cotter recalled. “I put her in touch with Health and Human Services and they were able to help her and her son.”

Cotter says it wasn’t long after that he began wondering how he could get the kids he was dealing with real help with their problems instead of continuing to deal with them in municipal court time and time again.

“Municipal Court is non-criminal,” Cotter explains. “Truancy, smoking, underage drinking, disorderly conduct, fighting, that’s the type of thing I see. And repeatedly I could see a pattern where I wasn’t getting through to them at all and that’s when I got worried.”

From January 2012 until May of 2012, Cotter referred five juveniles to Health and Human Services wanting to make an impact on their lives instead of just collecting fines. Or sending them up the judicial ladder to Circuit Court on criminal charges.

Cotter says this led to the formation of the Juvenile SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) program in East Troy.

“I went to Health and Human Services and said, ‘I need help, I need to do something’ and they’re the ones that came up with the screening, we started in January of 2013,” he says.

“The State of Wisconsin Department of Families sent an individual to help implement the SBIRT program for HHS to administer in municipal court. In January of 2013, HHS began sending one or two social workers to my court to administer SBIRT screening to all individuals who appear in my court. This screening focuses on alcohol and drug issues. HHS agreed to do this at no cost to the Village of East Troy,” Cotter wrote in a memo to the East Troy Village Board.

Cotter says he’s not out to save everyone; he knows that’s not possible, he’s very realistic about what he’s doing. “I’m not trying to save the world, my goal is to help one kid a year.”

But the first year of the program helped more than one local kid and Cotter’s pleased with the results.

“The really neat thing is Walworth County decided that the program was so successful in East Troy in 2013 that they’re expanding it to Elkhorn,” he says. “My real hope is the state picks it up and funds this and gets it implemented in places like Milwaukee and Dane County so we can have larger numbers to show it’s really having an impact on kids.”

In January, Cotter spoke with Theresa Owens, executive assistant to the Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Abrahamson about the juvenile court program. Cotter says Owens was extremely interested in this program and he has been exchanging emails with her since.

“Ultimately, I hope to convince the State of Wisconsin that this is a good idea so they fund a pilot project and expand this idea,” he wrote in his memo. “I am using the Functional Family Therapy project that is currently going on in Milwaukee County as a model. Walworth County Health and Human Services started their Functional Family Therapy project a few years ago. The Joint Finance Committee discussed the Walworth County Functional Family Therapy project and budgeted over a million dollars to pilot a similar project in Milwaukee County.”

How it works

The way the program works is that when Cotter sees a juvenile in his court as part of the judgment, they are ordered to speak to a social worker with the Department of Health and Human Services with a parent or guardian.

“Making contact with the social worker is mandatory,” says Cotter. “But once there, they kid doesn’t have to speak if they don’t want to. Sometimes they don’t. It’s not often, but some people don’t like the program.”

However, most of the kids and families that do take advantage of the help offered do better, says Cotter.

“The social worker talks to parents and juvenile and then they go through the screening process, to identify issues, ask series of questions and self disclose their drug or alcohol use,” he says. “The social workers are trained to pick up on clues in their answers and then are able to decide whether or not they’ll offer services to the kids and families. These can include interventions, substance abuse counseling, family counseling and more.”

Cotter says over the course of the last year, the social workers he’s been dealing with have also identified behavior problems that contribute to many of the juvenile offenders troubles, especially anger issues.

“We added the GAIN screen to assist with anger and psychological issues because we found that some of these kids aren’t abusing drugs or alcohol but have other issues. The social workers have found there are anger issues at the root of the problem and these kids need help so they’ve expanded it this year to include screening for that as well.”

Cotter says he’s going to keep working with HHS to get the kids and families in his courtroom the help they need.

“These kids I’m dealing with are, 99 percent, good kids they just are making bad decisions, I want to keep them from criminal court, and now we’re getting a little traction,” he says.

East Troy Cycling Classic creates quite a spectacle

Posted by [Tracy Ouellette](#) in [East Troy](#) on June 20, 2014 11:26 am / [no comments](#)



Racers in the East Troy Cycling Classic begin eight hours of professional cycling around the village square and nearby streets this morning. The Cycling Classic is part of the 11-day Tour of America's Dairyland. (Tracy Ouellette photo)

Race under way, drivers beware of detours around village square

The largest competitive cycling event in the United States, the Tour of America's Dairyland, is in East Troy from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today as a part of the 11-day series.

The East Troy Cycling Classic features eight hours of high-energy professional cycling around the Historic Village Square and nearby streets.

The Brewers Famous Racing Sausages will make an appearance at this year's event from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

East Troy returns to its spot on the second day of the tour, which kicks off in Shorewood on June 19 and concludes in East Tosa on June 29.

The East Troy race start and finish will be outside the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce office, 2096 Church St. The cyclists will ride laps around the half-mile course between 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. for timed races that range from 40 to 90 minutes.

The race will shut down streets on the course, but local businesses will remain open. Parking will be available in the Chester Byrnes lot, 2031 Division St.

Admission is free and spectators may watch the races anywhere on the race-course, including on the square where local vendors will offer a variety of food items and beer, soda and water.

The band RING will play from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Depot Express will perform classic rock hits from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Members of the East Troy High School Choir will sing the national anthem prior to the Pro Men's Race at 6 p.m.

A raffle will be held to win a Trek bike from Won-A-Go Biking in Mukwonago. Tickets will be sold at the Chamber office and local businesses prior to and the day of the bike race for \$5 each.

The title sponsor for the East Troy Cycling Classic is the Dennis and Janice Klumb Family Foundation, which put up half of the bid fees to host the race. The East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce serves as the local host, with funding for the balance of the fees donated by other local and regional sponsors.

The race series, produced by Midwest Cycling Series, LLC, is now in its sixth year.

2013 was a record-breaking fifth year for the Tour of America's Dairyland, sponsored by Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, featuring 6,200 starting cyclists from 13 countries and 43 of the United States competing for more than \$150,000 in cash and prizes before 150,000 spectators.

Kids Fun Races

The Tour de Square Kids Fun Races will give children the chance to compete like the pros as they pedal their two, three or four wheel bikes fast and furiously toward the finish line.

The first race starts at 5:30 p.m. All racers must meet at the East Troy Village Municipal Parking Lot, on the corner of Church and Austin streets, by 5:15 p.m.

The first 100 entries will receive goodie bags and a carton of chocolate milk. There is no entry fee, but registration is required. Medals will be awarded to the top three places in three age categories, tricycles/big wheels (age 4 and younger), training wheels/two wheels (ages 4-7) and two wheels only (ages 8-11). All children must wear helmets.

Entry forms are available at www.easttroywi.org or pre-register the day of the race at the Chamber information booth on the East Troy Village Square.

Woman struck by vehicle on Graydon Avenue last night

Posted by [Tracy Ouellette](#) in [East Troy](#) on October 8, 2014 2:08 pm / [no comments](#)

A 51-year-old woman was injured Oct. 7 when she was struck by a car crossing Graydon Avenue near East Troy High School.

Village Police Chief Alan Boyes said she was transported to the hospital for treatment and released.

The call came in at about 6:50 p.m. last night, according to the police report. The woman was crossing Graydon Avenue near or at Lilly Street when she was hit.

“The driver said he didn’t see her,” Boyes said.

The Police Department is investigating the matter.

Check next week’s edition of the East Troy Times for updated information.

Man allegedly broke into East Troy home

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Says he used money to buy candy and heroin

By Vicky Wedig

Staff Writer

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Oct. 3 for an East Troy man charged with breaking into a Ravine Drive home.

Michael E. Jahnke, 32, was charged Sept. 26 in Walworth County Circuit Court with burglary of a building or dwelling.

According to the criminal complaint:

Town of East Troy residents Didler Babits and Ronald McCormack reported their Ravine Drive home burglarized Sept. 2. They said someone entered their home without permission and took cash, change, jewelry and cologne. An officer saw fresh pry marks and scratches on the doorjamb and frame.

The next day, an officer made contact with Jahnke when he was allegedly found hunched over the steering wheel of a car parked at the intersection of Valley Road and Ridge Drive for about 30 minutes at about 9:10 a.m. on Sept. 3.

Jahnke admitted he'd "shot up" heroin at about 8:45 a.m. and was found with heroin and marijuana paraphernalia and a plastic baggy corner that contained suspected heroin residue. He was out on bond on a Racine County charge of retail theft, on an unrelated matter, according to the complaint.

Jahnke admitted entering the Ravine Drive house through the patio door and taking coins, watches and cologne. Jahnke told police he used the money to buy candy for his children and heroin, according to the complaint.

He was charged with possession of narcotic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor bail jumping.

Delavan-Darien student could be charged for school shooting threat

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Police are considering charges against a Delavan-Darien High School student taken into custody Friday morning in connection with a social media threat to "shoot up" a school made in the East Troy area Thursday night.

Delavan Police Chief Tim O'Neill said his department apprehended the boy, who is a juvenile – younger than 17 years old, at the school without incident at about 8:45 a.m. Friday.

The boy is suspected of posting an anonymous comment on the social media application Yik Yak Thursday evening that said, "I'm going to shoot up the school."

The matter is being "reviewed as to what we can send up to the district attorney and juvenile intake for charging," Village of East Troy Police Chief Alan Boyes said.

Delavan-Darien schools and Our Redeemer Lutheran School were locked down Friday while the boy was taken into custody, which took less than half an hour, O'Neill said. D-DHS was locked down about a half hour longer than the other schools, said Mike Heine, district school-community relations coordinator.

O'Neill said no threats were made at Delavan-Darien High School, but the Delavan Police Department is working with East Troy police to interview another student who might have been involved in the post.

Yik Yak informed East Troy police of the comment, which was made at about 7:30 p.m., Thursday night.

“We received information from Yik Yak that they had potentially a life-threatening incident going on,” Boyes said.

The post did not identify a specific school but was traced to the East Troy area, he said. The Police Department alerted East Troy School District administration that it had received information about a potential threat and would be in touch with more information as soon as they had it.

“We started working the GPS coordinates Yik Yak provided us,” Boyes said. “We tried to cross reference names and such but had no luck. As things progressed we were able to narrow it down to a location – Sterling Circle and Steeple Drive.

“After that we did serve search warrants on Verizon wireless,” Boyes said. “Yik Yak gave us the information we requested without a search warrant because they felt it was life threatening. We eventually got information on location in Delavan and that location led to a name and the Delavan police took it from there.”

Police decided at about 12:30 a.m. Friday that a potential threat still existed and notified the East Troy School District.

School District Administrator Chris Hibner said he and school administrators met at 4 a.m. Friday to discuss whether to close school. They decided to keep school open but allow parents the option of keeping their kids out of school.

“We did want to keep our schools open,” Hibner said. “We had not identified a credible threat, so we did not want to close the buildings in the district, but because of the potential threat, we gave the parents the option of keeping their children home.”

Letters were emailed to parents to alert them that an anonymous threat was traced to the area but not a specific school. The letter let parents know it was up to them whether or not to send their children to school Friday.

School attendance was down in East Troy on Friday, with about 85 percent of the high school students absent. The middle school had 73 percent of its students absent, Prairie View had 64 percent out and Doubek Elementary had 76 percent absent.

“The saddest thing about all this is how it demonstrates how quickly a large number of children can be impacted negatively in such a short amount of time,” Hibner said Friday morning.

Yik Yak, which allows anonymous posts within a 1.5- to 2-mile radius, has been in the news for its use on college and high school campuses across the country. Burlington High School banned the app last week, and Waterford High School sent out a letter to parents Oct. 16 informing parents of the app and how it’s used.

The Delavan-Darien School District received a letter from the Burlington School District about the app and its use early last week, and, after Thursday night's incident, contacted Yik Yak to block the app from the geographic area in and around the high school, Heine said.

The social media app has garnered national attention over the past several weeks with incidents on college and high school campuses. Boyes said he has an issue with the app itself and how it operates, but not with the company that helped locate the suspect.

"They were on top of it, I can't say anything bad about them," Boyes said. "I think it's an irresponsible app, but they worked with us every step of the way."

Hibner said East Troy has blocked the app on its Internet servers and notified nearby Mukwonago Area School District of the situation. Mukwonago and Waterford schools alerted parents Friday morning and let them know police presence would be increased in both districts as a precaution.

Man charged with sexual assault of child in two counties

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By Tracy Ouellette

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and Patricia Bogumil

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James Barnak, 74, Waterford, has been charged with repeated sexual assault, false imprisonment and strangulation and suffocation of a 14-year-old East Troy girl.

The felony charges came down in both Walworth and Racine counties last week after a joint-jurisdictional investigation between the Village of East Troy and Village of Waterford Police Departments.

Barnak was charged with four felonies Nov. 12 in Walworth County Circuit Court – child enticement, a Class D felony; child sexual exploitation, a Class C felony; false imprisonment, a Class H felony; and strangulation and suffocation, a Class H felony.

Barnak was charged Nov. 11 on a Class C felony in Racine County for at least three alleged violations of first- or second-degree sexual assault.

According to a release from the Racine County Sheriff's Office, members of the county's Criminal Investigations Bureau executed a search warrant Nov. 10 at Barnak's residence on Park Drive in the Village of Waterford.

The warrant was developed through what is described as “an ongoing and extensive investigation involving Barnak,” whom investigators suspected had committed crimes against a juvenile over an extended period of time.

East Troy Police Chief Alan Boyes said his department had been gathering evidence against Barnak and invited the Waterford and Racine County investigators to a forensic interview with the victim at the Walworth County Child Advocacy Center on Nov. 10.

Based on the initial investigation and execution of the warrant, probable cause was established for an arrest; Barnak was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Racine County Jail.

The both the Racine and Walworth County Sheriff’s Office’s say investigation into the matter is ongoing.

According to the Racine County criminal complaint filed Nov. 11:

East Troy police contacted an investigator with the Racine County Sheriff’s Office Nov. 8. The victim told police she was at her home in East Troy Nov. 7 when Barnak came over to fix her computer, according to the complaint.

The girl alleges in the complaint that Barnak told her to take off her shirt, posed her in a sexually suggestive pose and took pictures of her. She states in the complaint that she was going to earn money for doing this. The Walworth County criminal complaint, filed Nov. 12, also states the victim told police Barnak put “blue tape” over her mouth.

The girl alleges in the complaint that Barnak tied her up with a rope, blindfolded her, straddled her and began choking her until she felt she was going to black out. The girl alleges in the complaint that after she refused Barnak’s requests to “play” with her and “show more skin,” Barnak untied her, removed the blindfold and said: “I’m leaving now.”

The girl alleges in the complaint that Barnak has been touching her inappropriately at his home in Waterford since she was 8 or 9 years old, including touching her breasts and pelvic area.

The girl alleges in the complaint that Barnak took a sexual video of her dancing in her bra and underwear, showed her videos of nude girls dancing, “French kissed” her in a closet of his basement, exposed his buttocks to her and asked her if she wanted to see his penis, to which she replied that she did not.

When interviewed, Barnak admitted to tying up the victim at her home in East Troy Nov. 7, blindfolding her eyes, taking photos of her, asking her to remove her clothing and grabbing her around the neck and squeezing, according to the criminal complaint.

He admitted to kissing the child on the lips and touching her breasts in Waterford, offering the girl money to remove her clothing while in East Troy, and explaining that he had an arrangement with her to pay her to remove her clothing on another date, according to the complaint.

Barnak admitted he took a video of the child in her bra and underwear and said there is a picture on his computer of the child tied up from his Nov. 7 encounter with her, according to the complaint.

According to the Walworth County criminal complaint, investigators located a video on a computer seized from Barnak's home, which shows the victim blindfolded and tied up on the floor.

Barnak admitted to investigators that he targeted the child because she was vulnerable due to her family situation, according to the complaint.

Barnak stated that he knew what he was doing was wrong, according to the Racine County complaint.

Barnak made an initial appearance in Racine County Court Nov. 11, when probable cause was found that he committed the offenses with which he is charged. A \$25,000 cash bond was set, with conditions that Barnak have no contact with the girl or her family and no contact with anyone under age 18.

After Barnak paid his bond in Racine County on Nov. 12, he was released and went home, according to Boyes, because the Walworth County warrant for his arrest wasn't ready.

Barnak was taken into custody by Walworth County Sheriff's Department on Nov. 13 and taken to Walworth County Jail.

Barnak appeared in Walworth County Circuit Court Nov. 13 and was charged with the four felony counts. Barnak remains in custody in Walworth County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

Barnak is next due in Racine County Court on Nov. 20 for a preliminary hearing. If convicted in Racine County, he faces a maximum fine of \$100,000, 40 years in prison, or both.

Barnak is set to appear next in Walworth County Court on Nov. 26 for a preliminary hearing. If convicted in Walworth County, he faces a maximum fine of \$220,000 and/or 77 years in prison.

Man allegedly broke into mother's residence

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An East Troy man is expected to waive his preliminary hearing and enter a plea to a charge of burglarizing his mother's Woodview Court home.

Mikhail M. White, 18, was charged Dec. 2 in Walworth County Circuit Court with burglary of a building or dwelling as a party to a crime.

According to the criminal complaint:

Danell White reported her home broken into and items missing Nov. 27 and said she suspected her son, Mikhall White, who no longer lived there and did not have a key, had done it.

Danell White said she left her home at 1 p.m., and when she returned, her bedroom door, closet door and a screen on a basement window had been forced open. She said a pair of shoes that were for Mikhall White were missing and footprints were in the back of the house where the screen on the window had been manipulated.

Danell White said cigarettes, tobacco, binoculars, a knife, the shoes, and energy drink and cider were missing from her home, according to the complaint.

Mikhall White allegedly admitted he, a 15-year-old and a 16-year-old went to the residence Nov. 27, entered the house through a basement window and took a bottle of rum, a bottle of whisky and some beer. He said he took the shoes, put them on and threw his old shoes in the snow so he would not get caught by shoe-print comparison, according to the complaint.