

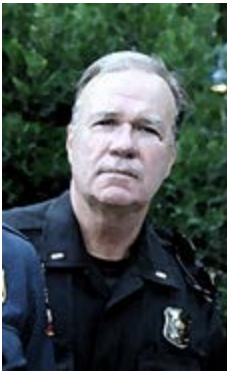
# SANDY SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## WEEKLY WRAPUP ON POLICE ACTIVITY

December 29, 2011



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Happy New Year

Well, now we're moving into Phase II of the holiday season. New Year's Eve is upon us and again we need to plan out the evening. We're all saying the same thing: Don't Drink and Drive. Get a DD, cabbie, rent the Fur Bus, do whatever it takes but you know that there will be a lot of cops on the street and they're not going to be in a good mood 'cause well, Celebrate but don't make it memorable for the wrong reasons.

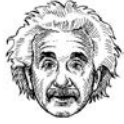
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We love our dumb crooks. They are good for a few laughs but sometimes we make them look smart. Remember that one simple formula is responsible for most crimes: That formula is Risk VS Opportunity. Raise one and lower the other. If you need any help with your home or business security, our crime-prevention staff and community officers are well trained to help you. Whether it's locks or other security hardware, or landscaping tips to foil would-be burglars, they have a lot of good ideas. For more on that contact Officer Larry Jacobs at [ljacobs@sandyspringsga.gov](mailto:ljacobs@sandyspringsga.gov)

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Steve

THESE ARE SOME BUT NOT ALL OF THE POLICE REPORTS FILED WITH SSPD OVER THE PAST WEEK.



The ***Einstein Award*** is given to the crooks and other misfortunate souls who display the greatest misuse of common sense and in general, brains—those who must have said later: “*What was I thinking?*” They are truly the police officer’s best friend.



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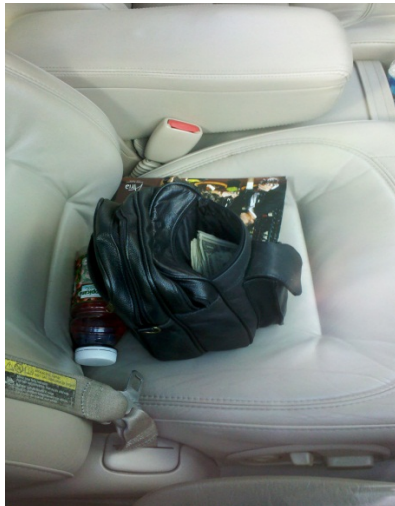


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### Tip of the Week (AGAIN)



You would think that the crooks would take the week off after Christmas but they don’t. This is the return week at the stores so please keep your guard up unlike this person did.

An officer reported that on Christmas Eve, he was patrolling in the Kroger parking lot on Sandy Springs Place when he found a grey wallet in a shopping cart. He found the ID and called the owner but got no response. He logged the wallet into the property room. If this is yours, call.



## **Crime and Punishment**

### ***Robbery***

6330 Roswell Road

30328

12/24

A man entered the CVS Drugstore just before 1 am and pulled a gun on the clerk and demanded money. He took an undisclosed but small amount of cash and fled. The man is described as light-skinned black male, 20-25 years old, 6'-1" to 6'-2" and 170 pounds. He wore a green jacket, hood, and something black over his face. He had a small silver handgun. 2011-016001

### ***Burglary***

19 Cedar Run

30350

12/23

A woman reported that someone door-kicked her front apartment door while she was away doing laundry. Nothing appeared to be missing.

500 block of Northridge Road

30350

12/23

1700-2100-A man reported that someone entered his apartment through an unlocked kitchen window and took \$300 cash, digital camera, and a men's watch.

4689 Roswell Road

30342

12/23

1830-2300-A man reported that when he returned home from work, his front window had been shattered by two rocks. Missing is a 42" TV.

500 block of Northridge Road

30350

12/24

1700-midnight-A man reported that while he was gone, someone forced two windows open and entered. He is missing a Toshiba laptop and some jewelry. (A second burglary was reported in this same area on the same evening.)

700 block of Willow Creek Drive

30328

12/24

Someone entered the victim's apartment through a window that was shattered. The resident /victim was not home at the time.

900 block of West Kingston Drive

30342

12/24

12/21 to 12/24-The victim said she was out of town when she received a call from the alarm company. A neighbor responded and found nothing amiss. She later returned home and found that someone had tried to force a basement door open but apparently failed to do so. Nothing was reported missing.

6200 block of PDR 30328 12/24  
1900-2040- The victim said when returned home, it appeared that someone had entered the apartment and took a laptop and PS3 game system. There was no forced entry to the apartment. The victim said that just after, he saw a male walking down the breezeway of the apartment building. The man looked as if he had something under his coat. He got into a new Pontiac Grand Prix and left. He was a white male, 5'-11" and about 30 years old. The man wore a brown jacket.

1200 block of Hightower Road 30350 12/26  
Officers responded to a business alarm and on arrival found that a door had been broken and the business broken into. The owner said he thought a laptop was taken.

500 block of Northridge Road 30350 12/26  
The complainant said she was house-sitting for the victim. She came over to the home to check on the dog and found a back window open. She learned that several items were missing from the house including televisions.

400 block of Morgan Falls Road 30350 12/27  
1615-0005-The victim said he returned home and found that someone pried open his door and took three pairs of jeans, five pairs of boots, 25 CD's, 13 DVD's, a TV, and some cash.

Magnolia Bluff Drive 30350 12/27  
A woman reported that someone entered her residence and took several items. The victim said she does not lock her house so the burglary could have occurred at any time. It appears that jewelry was taken from the house.

6400 block of Wright Road 30328 12/27  
A woman reported that her wedding ring set is missing from her home. She and her husband are going through a divorce and he is on the short list of suspects.

2500 block of Monterrey Pkwy 30350 12/27  
1045-1110-A man reported that he left his apartment for a short time and when he returned, he found that someone pried his front door open and took a TV, laptop, cash, and computer charger from his bedroom.

1200 block of Santa Fe Pkwy 30350 12/27  
1030-1530-The victim said that he returned home and found that someone door-kicked the front door in and took a flat-screen TV, Samsung Surround Sound System unit and an I-Pad2 from his apartment. A neighbor said she saw a grey car parked in front of the building that was not there earlier. She saw two men carrying two large duffle bags. The two men were described as black males, about 6'-2".

1400 block of Monterrey Pkwy 30350 12/27

0630-1800-The victim said that someone forced her front door open and took two watches, cash, a laptop, and some jewelry.

6100 block of PDR

30328

12/28

A hotel employee reported that two men checked into a room. When they checked out, the hotel staff went into the room and found that two 37-inch TV's were missing.

## *Theft*

900 block Winding Creek Drive

30328

12/23

A woman reported that a neighborhood juvenile took three packages, on three different dates, which were delivered to her home by UPS. Later, a UPS driver said that a kid, standing in front of the house, told the driver he was the son of the resident so the driver gave the kid the package. They found out where the 10-year old boy lived and went to that address where the victim found the other packages that were stolen earlier.

On December 27 a security officer reported that someone had taken two brass valves from an area inside a parking deck on Glenlake Parkway.

6 Cedar Run

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12/23

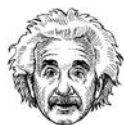
A woman reported that while she was moving from another location to Cedar Run, someone stole her jewelry and checks.

1800 block of Spring Creek Lane

30350

12/23

A woman reported that someone stole her 2002 Audi Quattro, silver in color.



5345 Roswell Road

30342

12/26

A man reported that someone stole his 2004 Honda from a gas station. When the man got out of the car, he *LEFT THE KEYS IN THE IGNITION* and then someone came along and took it.

1100 block of Pitts Road

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12/26

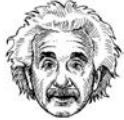
A man reported that he picked up a woman somewhere on Holcomb Bridge Road. The woman asked for a ride to Treelodge Parkway. While driving on Pitts Road, the man said he ran over something so he pulled over to check it out. When he did, the woman slid over to the driver's seat and off she went in his car. She is described as a black female; light skinned, red hair, and appeared to be about 27 years old.

500 block of Willow Heights

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12/25

A man reported that someone stole his 2005 Red Kia Sorrento from the apartment parking lot.



8600 Roberts Drive

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12/27

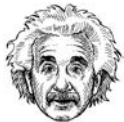
A woman reported that her 1998 red Lincoln Mark VIII overheated and she left it in the parking lot where she was at the time and went home. The next day she returned and the car was gone. She said it was not repossessed because it is paid off but she did leave a spare key in the console area.

5500 block of Glenridge Drive

30342

12/23

A man reported that he was moving into an apartment when he heard a thump on his balcony. He saw a man, who apparently didn't see him, plug an extension cord into the outside socket and then jumped back off of the balcony. The victim called the police. The officer traced the cord to another apartment (in police work, we call that a clue) and knocked on the door but no one answered. The officer unplugged the cord and told the victim to report it to the management office.



6350 PDR

30328

12/27

A man reported that he was at the Costco Store shopping. At one point, he walked away from his shopping cart. Someone then apparently walked up and took the victim's I-Pad2 from the cart and then walked off before the victim noticed.

### *Theft from Vehicles*

6615 Roswell Road

30328

12/23

1150 Hammond Drive

30328

12/23

5610 Roswell Road

30342

12/23

1165 Perimeter Center

30328

12/24

1155 Mt. Vernon Highway

30328

12/24

### *Fraud*

6345 Powers Ferry Road

30327

12/27

The manager of the Crown Plaza Hotel reported that he suspected a guest of fraud after the guest checked in with a credit card later found to have been lost by the legitimate owner. The guest had several packages delivered to the room and when he checked out, the guest left behind a \$50 bill for a tip to the housekeeping person. The bill turned out to be counterfeit. Total purchases on the card were just over \$1200.

## Assault

An officer responded to a fight call at 200 Summit Place just after 1 am on Christmas Day. He found a man, lying on the ground, who had what appeared to be a head injury. He appeared to be drunk. There were four other men around him. He told the officer that a black male hit him in the head and fought with him before fleeing. He said the man hit him on the head with a hard object. The man was treated by EMS personnel and then taken to North Fulton Hospital.

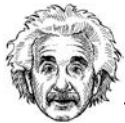
## Arrests

4920 Roswell Road

30342

12/23

A woman was arrested at the Kroger Store after she took several items including a scarf, hair-care products, mixed drinks and other items from the shelf and placed them in a large handbag. She was observed by employees who called the cops. She was arrested.



7600 Roswell Road

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12/23

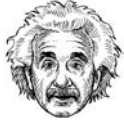
A woman said she purchased a pair of Air-Jordan Concorde shoes for \$190. She intended to sell the shoes for \$400. She placed an ad on the Craigslist website and received a response from a man who said his name was Malik. Malik met the woman and gave her four one-hundred dollar bills. He then ran off. She looked at the money and immediately found that there was no watermark and each of the bills had the same serial number. She called the cops. While the officers were walking down an apartment breezeway, based on the last known direction of the bad guy, they saw a man peeking out from a window through the blinds. They knocked on the door and spoke to the resident. The officers noted a strong odor of marijuana. They spoke to the man and subsequently a 14-year old girl who said she was invited over to "chill." They found the stolen shoes in the washing machine. The suspect was also in the apartment. He was arrested for the forger / theft. The man leasing the apartment was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and charges related to the marijuana. The suspect who presented the victim with the fake money was found to be wanted in Sandy Springs and Riverdale for probation violations. The juvenile was turned over to her parents. 2011-015994

1165 Perimeter Center

30328

12/24

An officer was riding in the parking lot of the REI Store when he saw a man who matched a shoplifting that had just occurred. He stopped and spoke with the man. Upon checking him on the GCIC computer, he was found to be wanted in Sandy Springs on a probation warrant. He was arrested.



200 block of Summit Place

30350

12/25

An officer reported that while mediating a domestic quarrel, the male participant was packing up his stuff to leave when a bag of marijuana fell from his bag and onto the floor. After the obvious awkward silence, the officer wrote the man a citation for possessing the marijuana.

GA 400

30328

12/26

A traffic officer stopped a car for speeding (85/55) and while talking with the driver, noted a strong smell of marijuana. The man said he didn't have any but then said he did. The officer found a bag of pot with an eye-dropper and a marijuana grinder. He arrested the man for possessing the marijuana and traffic offenses.



You would think if the man was stoned on pot, he would be stopped for going 25/55 instead of 85/55.

Officers responded to a domestic argument on Mt. Paran Road on December 27. They spoke to the woman and man involved. The man was later found to have three warrants on him. One was from Doraville PD for FTA. The second and third were from Gwinnett County and Cobb County for something but it wasn't listed in the report. He was arrested and taken to jail where a hold was placed by all three agencies.

1100 Hammond Drive

30328

12/27

Officers received a call of a shoplifting call in progress at the Publix. Dunwoody PD notified SSPD that they had a man in custody suspected of the theft after a lookout was given on the suspect. The suspect was later charged with stealing a box of chicken, valued at just over eight bucks, and concealing said chicken in his left coat pocket. He was confronted by the staff at the door and told to hand over the chicken but the man refused and absconded with the chicken until he was detained by the Dunwoody PD officer. He was arrested.

500 block of Northridge Crossing

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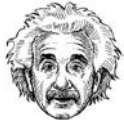
12/28

Officers responded to a tenant / landlord dispute. The tenant was checked and found to be wanted in Roswell for Terroristic Threats. When the man was told by officers that he was wanted on a warrant, the man fell to the ground, kicking his legs and saying "Just kill me." The officers refused to kill him and he was instead restrained and placed in the patrol car. The man then began to yell that the officers were raping him. The officers contacted Roswell PD who met them at the river and took custody of the man.



On December 27, cops got a call to a hotel and spoke with the manager who said he received complaints from guests that they could smell marijuana coming from one of the hotel rooms. The officer and a K-9 officer responded to the room. Long story short: The guest was in town to visit his daughter. He had done time in jail for drugs and therefore was on parole and probation on the drug charges. He had drugs in the room but hid them in the safe which he said he didn't know there was one. The K-9 did his thing. Staff opened the safe and found the drugs and the man was arrested. Another man was there too. He too was arrested.

## *Other Stuff*



A man reported that he was in the 900 block of Morgan's Landing Drive and was in discussions with his girlfriend, who was in her car as he stood outside the car. She was telling him that she was pregnant and he was the baby's daddy. She then drove off with him apparently attached to the car. After being drug a few feet, he let go. He was not injured.



We get these calls all the time. Someone is in a car and argues with someone outside the car. At one point, the driver decides to leave but the other person, not yet finished with whatever it is they're discussing, grabs the car and hangs on. I'm guessing the weight of an average car is well over 2000 pounds and even the biggest of people don't get much past 300 to 400 pounds as a rule. Therefore, the car wins. A good rule of thumb that could apply to several situations is this: If the argument gets out of hand, let go of whatever you're holding onto. It could be a baseball bat or a car but I'm betting that you'll be better off letting go.

6500 block of Williamson Drive

30328

12/28

A woman reported that someone threw a bottle in her yard and it made a pop sound and was smoking. She noted that the bottle appeared to have tin foil inside it. FD and PD officers responded and found that it was most likely a prank and the substance could be washed away.



Most likely this was muriatic acid which is frequently used to clean driveways. It contains hydrogen chloride and is very corrosive. When it's mixed with foil and placed in a closed bottle, it has a chemical reaction that causes it to expand and "explode." It is commonly used as a prank by kids. They'll put it in a mailbox or someplace and then hide and watch. It's an upgrade from lighting the bag of dog poop on the doorstep. Stupid kids. 2011-016151

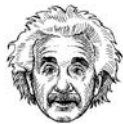
## People Not Like Us

A woman on Brentwood Way called the police and said that just before 5 am she was in her bedroom. She smelled cigarette smoke. She looked outside her window but didn't see anything. She went to her kitchen window and when she looked out, she saw a man. He was crouched down, still looking into her bedroom window. She banged on the window, yelling at him to leave. He did. He was described as a Hispanic male, 5'-9" and wore a blue tank-top.

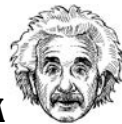
A woman reported that she has been constantly harassed by her boyfriend's ex-wife who is angry that she is with her ex-husband. She said that she receives 5-10 text messages each day.



My ex-wife's boyfriend got angry with me because I kept texting him saying thanks. (bada-boom)



### EINSTEINS OF THE WEEK



In May, in Rensselaer, N.Y., and in June, in Bluefield, W.Va., two men, noticing that police were investigating nearby, became alarmed and fled out of fear of being arrested since both were certain that there were active warrants out on them. Nicholas Volmer, 21, eventually "escaped" into the Hudson River and needed to be rescued, but the police were after someone else, and no warrant was on file against him. Arlis Dempsey Jr., 32, left his three kids on the street in Bluefield to make a run for it before police caught him, but he was not wanted for anything, either. (Both men, however, face new charges -- trespassing for Volmer, and child endangerment for Dempsey.) [Times Union (Albany), 5-5-2011] [Bluefield Daily Telegraph, 6-17-2011]

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