

# SANDY SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## WEEKLY WRAPUP ON POLICE ACTIVITY

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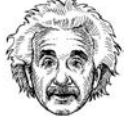
**SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES ARE BEING FORMED FOR APRIL**

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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)

Check out my column: "View from the Cop" on [www.sandyspringspatch.com](http://www.sandyspringspatch.com)

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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**W**ell here we are in February and we’re still waiting for winter. That’s a good thing until the yellow jackets come out in mass ‘cause we didn’t freeze them out this year. Still, my friends in Cleveland are hating life right now.

Some news: The **SSPD Explorers** spent last weekend in Gatlinburg, competing against dozens of other Explorers from all over the south as far up as Virginia. They did very well and had a good time. Congrats.

The **Citizens on Patrol** Unit has incorporated handicap parking enforcement. Thanks to **Representative Joe Wilkerson** for getting that ball rolling.

Citizens Police Academy Class 011 is in session. They are in week 4 of the 12-week course. Citizens on Patrol Class 002 starts on March 7. COP members are all CPA grads.

The Super Bowl was one of the best games. Normally my son has his friends over and we bet on anything and everything having to do with the game. I won two years ago. Collected half of what they owed and still waiting on the rest. This year my youngest is off to college and so I watched the game with Detective Sandy who left midway in the first quarter and only returned to watch Madonna, then left again. It was me, the dogs, and my friend Mr. C. Royal.

The commercials were a bit lame.

Happy Birthday to **Philip Brigman**, of Ponte Vedra Beach. I would say Jacksonville but people in Ponte Vedra Beach get offended when you group them with the commoners. He celebrated his birthday Feb 8. Philip is my original intern back in the early nineties and who now is a successful businessman—all because I said he'd be a lousy cop. His sense of humor is disturbing at times. There are so few of us left. Also on the congratulations list is my nephew **Brian Rose** of Houston, TX. He made the North Texas University Baseball Team this week.



### **Crime and Punishment**



### **THE MISS MANNERS EDITION**

#### ***Robbery***

Nothing today-Please stop by later.

#### ***Burglary***

6800 block of PDR

30328

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The victim left her apartment at noon and just before 3 pm, she returned home and found that someone had broken the front door leading into the apartment. Her computer and flat-screen TV are gone.



By the way, should you come home and find the front door broken, open, or other signs of what appears to be evidence that someone came into the home, don't go in. Call the cops.

Burglars are normally idiots who just want your stuff but you don't want to confront one if you can avoid it.

4550 Roswell Road

30342

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A woman reported that she was in her bedroom just after noontime and heard a loud noise in her living room. She walked out and found that someone had just run out of her back door. The sliding-glass door was open as were the blinds. A witness said he saw a black male walking from the open door and in the direction of the nearby Rite-Aid Store (Wieuca Road.) The man is described as 6' 4" and 260 lbs, bald, wearing a black wind breaker and stone-washed jeans and light-brown Timberland boots. The suspect unhooked the victim's X-Box game system which was found by the door, obviously discarded when the victim entered the room.

1600 block of Windridge Drive

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1200-1525-The resident said when he returned home he discovered his apartment had been entered. Several items, including his rent money, were taken.

1400 block of Woodcliff Drive

30328

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1300-1551-The resident said someone pried open the front door and took a TV, monitor, laptop, aluminum cases, and a shotgun.

1500 block of Harbor Pointe Pkwy

30350

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The victim told officers that he met a man and let him stay at his residence. Between 9 am and 5 pm, the man stole the victim's TV and laptop and then left.

7000 Roswell Road

30328

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0900-1538-The resident returned home and found that his front door was not secured or locked. He found that his rear patio door was open and someone had taken his TV, X-Box, diamond engagement ring and several watches.

## *Theft*

3700 block of Spring Creek Lane

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Stolen car / Toyota Corolla

6348 Roswell Road

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A store employee said a man removed a laptop from a display area and then left the store. The man is a heavy-set black male with a checkered button-down shirt, jeans, and white shoes.

5000 block of Gables Lane

30328

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Stolen GT Bike

A woman on Starlight Drive (30342) said that two men installed a mattress in her bedroom. She said that while she signed the paperwork, one of the men distracted her. She later found that her \$2000 wedding band had been taken from the dresser.

300 block of Legran Bend 30328 2/6  
Stolen i-Phone. The victim said that a male has the phone.

2090 Dunwoody Club Drive 30350 2/6  
Cops were called to the Kroger to meet a woman who said her iPhone and \$199 were stolen. She did not know the circumstances but activated the GPS showing the phone was on Hillandale Drive in Doraville.

859 Mt. Vernon Hwy 30328 2/7  
A man reported that he was taking a smoke break in the garage area of the above address. He left his iPad accidentally and when he went back for it, found that it had been taken.

1600 block of River Edge Pkwy 30328 2/7  
The owner of a café was told by his accountant that there were some accounting irregularities. He found that the cash deposits for the business were stolen by an employee. The man confessed to the owner and said he had family problems. He paid back \$3000 of the \$10,000 he took over a period of time. The suspect is the manager of the café. He was also wanted in Bartow County on a probation violation.

The executive chef at a hospital reported that someone entered his office and took his Mac Laptop.

Marsh Trail 30350 2/3

A man reported that he ordered a computer from HP and records show that FEDEX delivered the computer (laptop) to the leasing office mail room—which all residents have access to. It was stolen.



*Something you might want to do with your new laptop purchase. Pay the extra bucks and get the anti-theft tracking device installed.*



*Miss Manners: "That's right Steve. Many computer manufacturers offer affordable tracking options for laptops. Lo-Jack has gotten in on this action too. You can locate, lock, and even delete sensitive content on the computer if you think it has been stolen. By tracking it, many theft victims are able to recover their stolen laptops and in many cases, the thief is caught."*

## ***Fraud***

Spring Creek Lane 30350 2/5

A man reported that while checking his bank account, he found a \$150 transaction at the Ramada Inn in Virginia. He also learned that persons unknown have tried to forward financial mail to another address.

A woman reported that someone opened three accounts in her name using her Wal-Mart Money Card Visa. The accounts were opened in Maryland. She closed them.

## *Theft from Vehicles*

4586 Roswell Road	30342	2/5
690 Mt. Vernon Hwy	30328	2/5
6300 Powers Ferry Road	30328	2/5
1050 Hammond Drive	30328	2/5
6120 PDR	30328	2/5
4500 Spring Creek Lane	30350	2/6
4700 block of Dudley Lane	30328	2/7
700 block of Whitemere Court	30328	2/7
6190 Roswell Road	30328	2/8
5700 block of Heard's Forest Drive	30328	2/8
400 block of Rivercrest Drive	30328	2/8
6615 Roswell Road	30328	2/3
5925 Roswell Road	30328	2/3
6225 Roswell Road	30328	2/3
1155 Mt. Vernon Hwy	30328	2/3
6350 PDR	30328	2/3
1200 Abernathy Road	30328	2/4
460 Morgan Falls Road	30350	2/4

## *Assault*

6940 Roswell Road	30328	2/5
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A man said he took a cab from Buckhead to Sandy Springs just before 3 am and paid the driver nineteen dollars although the cabbie wanted twenty-one dollars. He told the cabbie he was sorry but had no more money. The cabbie punched him in the nose twice.

125 Northwood Drive	30342	2/5
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A woman reported that her husband got "real" mad and punched her in the face in front of two children. The suspect was arrested.

Cops were called to the 400 block of Trowbridge Lane on February 6 just before 3 pm. They found that the complainant and his father got into an argument over the price of a television. The father threw a can of tea at the complainant/victim. The victim threw a glass of milk at his father. His father upgraded to a bread knife and charged the victim who retreated to the den and grabbed a glass vase as a shield. The father cut the victim on the forearm. The victim hit his father on the nose, causing a cut. The offender tells the exact story—only opposite. The father/offender was treated at the hospital and then taken to jail.

Address withheld

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A woman reported that her boyfriend got into an argument with her, grabbed her, grabbed \$300 cash and her cell phone and then left. She asked the officer to check her residence to make sure the suspect was gone. He was gone. The officer found some pot on the bedside end-table. She said she smokes it. She then said the suspect sells cocaine and she often accompanies him to make the sale. She was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

55 Northwood Drive

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A woman reported an acquaintance, not boyfriend, grabbed her on her neck during an argument. She said that he stays at her apartment, along with several others, from time to time.

4735 Roswell Road

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Officers were called to the Avistele Andelusia Apartments after a fight was called in. A woman told officers that she was assaulted by an acquaintance of hers who had just left. She said the man was a friend whom she had gone out with a couple of times. She only knows him by his nickname "Fathead" or "D." She said "Fathead" ("D" will be implied for the rest of the story) knocked on the door and demanded to know why the victim had not returned his calls. He then tried to push his way into the doorway. The witness, who was in the room, helped the victim try and push "Fathead" out of the door. Both women were punched and kicked. "Fathead" then walked towards the parking lot. The women's injuries were minor.



Artist rendering of "Fathead."

## Arrests

A cabbie called the cops on February 5<sup>th</sup> after a man he ferried from Buckhead smashed the passenger-side mirror in what can only be called a drunken episode of disgusting behavior. Several people in the drunken group were loud and insulting to the driver. As they left, one threw a bottle at him but missed. The cops went to the address on Franklin Road and the driver identified the man who broke his mirror. The suspect was then charged with damaging the property and arrested.

Officers were called to 6700 Powers Ferry Road on a call of a disorderly person. They found a man who had to be carried out of the house because he was yelling incoherently and running around in the apartment clubhouse. The man had apparently taken a drug and had been drinking and it is believed that the reaction caused him to lose control. He was cited on copy and then taken to the hospital.

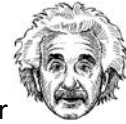
6200 block of Roswell Road

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Cops received a call of a disorderly person panhandling from customers at a bakery. The complainant said the made unloaded a bunch of profanities at the complainant (employee) in front of customers, who themselves were complainaining about the man. The man left but the officers located him near the FEDEX store on Sandy Springs Circle. He had three watches in his pocket, still in the box. Turns out he stole them from the nearby CVS. He was arrested.

## Other Stuff



A woman reported that she allowed her ex-husband to use her car while she was out of town. Her husband told her later that he loaned it out and the man who borrowed it won't give it back. She talked to the man who still refuses to return the car.



Miss Manners: *"Never loan money or anything else you cherish to someone whose name starts with 'ex.'"*

A man reported that he received a call on his cell phone. The caller said: "Bang, bang, you're dead." The victim said he recently fired a 45-year old man who lives in Tennessee.

A woman reported that her ex-boyfriend will not stop texting and calling her. She ended the relationship two years ago. He texted her twenty times, e-mailed her eleven, called and left messages six times. His phone number is listed on the report. I'm tempted to publish it so we can all take turns calling him and telling him to get a life. Geeze, you're embarrassing the gender here dude. Guys are the worst at this. Just can't take no for an answer. Tell me once and I'm gone. I'm okay. Why degrade yourself? Let's move on guys.



I-285 / Glenridge Drive

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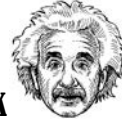
A man became impatient while watching cars use the emergency lane during rush hour traffic. He decided to block the lane so that no other cars could use it. This resulted in a minor impact from a car using the emergency lane illegally. Drivers got out of the cars, argument, and at one point one man grabbed the cell phone from the man who blocked the lane, and threw it in the woods. Both men were charged with Disorderly Conduct.



Regardless of how righteous the cause is, every action has a reaction and sometimes it *ain't purdy*. Be careful of what you do. Some folks are right there on the edge and this kind of thing can easily set off some seriously bad stuff.



## EINSTEINS OF THE WEEK



Logan Alexander, 63, a school security guard in Trenton, N.J., who was fired after pleading guilty in 2007 to twice inappropriately touching students, was later sued by a third girl for similar behavior but settled that lawsuit in 2010 by agreeing to pay the girl \$12,500. Recently, according to a December report in the Trenton Times, Alexander filed a lawsuit against the Trenton Board of Education, demanding that the board pay the \$12,500 to the girl because, after all, Alexander was "on duty" when he committed the inappropriate touching. [Trenton Times, 12-12-2011]

In Bennington, Vt., in December, Adam Hall, 34, was accused of vandalizing his ex-girlfriend's car, including scratching the word "slut" into the hood (except that the word was spelled s-u-l-t). Hall initially denied any involvement until an officer handed him a sheet of paper and asked him to write the sentence, "You are a slut." Sure enough, Hall spelled slut "sult" and was promptly charged with malicious mischief. [ABC News, 12-15-2011]



Don't forget to request an out-of-town house check when you're headed out for the week or weekend. The request form is available on our website [www.sandyspringspolice.org](http://www.sandyspringspolice.org).

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