

POLICE BEAT

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SMOKEY & THE BANDIT

A 23-year-old Hispanic male led police on a high-speed chase down South Graham Street on Saturday, Jan. 1.

At approximately 4:20 a.m., the suspect was seen by police speeding down S. Graham, causing another car to swerve to avoid being hit. After noticing the police lights and sirens behind him, the suspect put the pedal to the metal. After a few miles the suspect came to a halt at 28th and S. Graham. He brought the car to a stop, then fled on foot while leaving the engine running. The suspect then ran between houses to his own on S. Eddy Street.

The officer who followed the suspect to his residence spoke to his mother, who was very angry and hostile. After claiming her son had not been home for almost 2 hours, police came to the conclusion the suspect left through the back door.

Police later found out the suspect's vehicle, a brown 77 Chevy Impala, matched the description of a suspect vehicle

used in a robbery. The vehicle was then impounded for further investigation.

EXPLODING PHONE

At approximately 3:20 a.m. on Jan. 1, a man was awakened by a loud crashing sound. He went to investigate and found his phone arrayed. The man assumed the phone had somehow exploded and returned to bed.

After getting out of bed later that morning the man discovered a bullet hole in the wall of his trailer. The bullet apparently traveled through the storage shed, and struck the phone and the remote control. The man told authorities later he did remember hearing a series of shots.

LOVER'S QUARREL

Around 5:25 p.m. on New Year's Day, police were called to investigate an assault on E. Broadway. A 43-year-old White male told police his boyfriend assaulted him when he found him in bed with another man.

The victim told authorities he called the suspect and told him he was bringing a friend home with him and wanted the suspect to leave the apartment before they

got there. When the victim and his friend arrived home, the suspect was still there.

The suspect then left for a few minutes and returned to find the door had been locked and no one answering. The suspect then assumed his boyfriend was cheating on him and began to kick the door in, finding the victim and his friend in bed together. The suspect, who became very upset, began striking the victim on the head several times, leaving a rising lump.

The victim called 911 and hung up. When police arrived the suspect was arrested on assault charges.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

A couple was assaulted early New Year's day leaving a party in the 200 block of Yesler Way. Approximately 2:15 a.m., the couple who was walking to their car, was approached by a suspect who said something to the female victim. When she said something in return, the suspect punched her in the face. When her husband yelled at the suspect, he was then punched in the face several times.

Shortly after this occurred a crowd of derelicts ran into the melee. They began to assault others who were leaving the party. By the time police arrived several of the suspects left the scene. None of the suspects could be identified except the suspect that started the disturbance with the couple.

THESE BOOTS WERE MADE FOR WALKIN'

On New Year's Eve at approximately 10 p.m., a shoe store on Rainier Ave. S. was robbed. The suspects smashed the front door of the business and stole 30 pairs of men's leather boots. The cash register and the office area appeared to be untouched. The suspects apparently knew what they wanted. It appeared they hadn't gone anywhere else in the store.

BOTTOM'S UP

Police were called to the scene of a nightclub located on Rainier Ave. S. around 12:27 a.m. New Year's Eve, when two patrons got into a fight. One of the patrons threw a drink which hit a couple sitting at a table across from them. The couple became upset and the owner of

the club called police to prevent further riot. By the time police arrived, everyone had been forced to leave the bar area and all was calm.

CAUGHT ON TAPE

On New Year's Eve around 9 p.m., a mini-mart in the 7000 block of Rainier Avenue was robbed at gunpoint. The man described as a Black male between 30-35 entered the mini-mart and went to the get a six-pack of beer. After placing the six-pack of beer on the counter, the suspect pulled out an UZI-type gun. He then walked around the counter, pointing the gun at the clerk and told her to open the register.

When the clerk was slow to open the register, the suspect told the clerk to speed up or he would shoot. Once the drawer was open, the suspect began filling up a paper sack. He also took cash from two other containers behind the counter, one which was a licorice container.

On his way out, the suspect pointed the gun at a patron entering the store and told him to get out. Someone who apparently was in the back of the

store observed the robbery taking place and started the VCR which caught part of the robbery on tape.

The suspect, after leaving the store, tucked the gun in the back of his pants and fled on foot.

THE CAT'S MEOW

On Jan. 1 at approximately 6:15 p.m., a Black female was assaulted by her live-in boyfriend. They apparently were arguing about the victim's health. When the suspect tried to force the victim to lay down, she refused. The suspect then began punching the victim in the right thigh.

Fearing the suspect would hurt her if she contacted police on the scene, the victim told the suspect she was going to buy cat food. When the victim left the house, she called police.

When the officers met with the victim and suspect, they found the victim was 7 1/2 months pregnant with the suspect's baby. The suspect was then arrested on assault charges.

You Can Attend College -- Free!

Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with good grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined.

A small example of the numerous scholarships available to student include: Left-Handed Student Scholarships, Handicapped Student Scholarship, Members of a Church Scholarships, David E. Letterman's Scholarship for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

The general public is not aware that over \$10 billion is available to students from private sector scholarships. Over \$20.4 billion is available from the federal government.

In a U.S. Congressional study, it was reported that "Over \$6.6 billion of private sector financial aid went unused because the parents and students did not know where to apply." A conservative college tuition for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges run from \$40,000-\$100,000 -- and this tuition is per year!

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. These organizations are American Educational Excellence (AEE) members and have their list of over 400 different scholarships available. The lists include the scholarship names, addresses, telephone numbers, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; otherwise, students combine applicable scholarships together to form one large tuition payment. Most scholarships include junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: The U.S. Channel of Commerce for Higher Education, College Bound, P.O. Box 773, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

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