

Hello, my name is Jeremy Muraski and I am the Captain for Adam District. I have met a few of you at Wally's Spot and the neighborhood meeting at Southwest a few months ago, but for those who don't know me, I have been the District Captain since September of 2013. I am a lifelong Green Bay area resident, proud graduate of UW-Madison, and have been working for the GBPD since 1998. I wanted to take a minute to write about some concerns we commonly see.

First, I want to emphasize that people in the neighborhood should **always** call the police if they see something out of the ordinary. People often say "we didn't want to bother you" or they will tell an officer the next time they see one at an event or somewhere. Please call us at the time the suspicious activity is occurring. Often, thieves, prowlers, or other suspicious characters go unreported and we are not able to meet and identify them until a number of crimes have already happened. We would much rather have folks in the neighborhood contact the first time they see something suspicious so we can send an officer before anything has actually happened. Many times, people who are casing neighborhoods will decide to move on if they realize people are paying attention and calling the police. It is one of the best ways to protect your neighborhood from property crimes, criminal damage to property, graffiti, etc.

Second, a number of people ask us about what they can do about suspected drug activity in their neighborhood. If you are not sure if there is drug activity, one of the most common signs is a relatively high volume of short-term traffic. In other words, people coming and going frequently, but only staying for a few minutes at a time could be a symptom of someone selling drugs. The "customers" come just long enough to trade their cash for drugs and then they are gone. You might even see a hand to hand exchange of small items. Another possible sign of drug use, of course, is the odor of marijuana smoke. So if you think you have identified drug activity, what should you do about it? First, I would advocate that you call in a tip to the Brown County Drug Task Force. Their drug tip line is (920) 437-DRUG (3784). This is a recorded line, and they document all drug tips they receive. If the tip involves a major drug operation they will investigate it. If they believe it is a smaller drug problem, they will assign those tips to the District Officers by sending them to me.

Our officers will then investigate the issues, but there is more that you can do to help. If you can do so without endangering yourself or making it obvious, keep a calendar and write down the dates and times you see people frequently coming and going. If you can get license plates, and vehicle colors, makes, and models, that is even better. If you can get a general physical description of the residents doing the selling, or the people coming and going that is even more helpful. I have included a sample drug activity log that you can use to document this type of activity. Some people have even snapped photos or videos on their smart phones of activity and shared that with us. Again, document what you can without endangering yourself or your family.

That's all for now, but if you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your Neighborhood Police, our contact information is included below:

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