



PRESS RELEASE

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Battery/Disorderly Conduct Incident

On Sunday, October 17, 2021, at approximately 1:08pm, our Department began receiving calls regarding juveniles going door-to-door selling candy without a permit. Officers responded and advised the subjects that per Greendale Village Ordinance a permit is required to sell door-to-door. The subjects agreed to leave the area.

At 2:04 pm on the same date, our Department received a report of a battery where one of the juveniles going door-to-door was allegedly attacked by 5 juveniles on bikes. Officers attempted to investigate but received minimal information from the victim. An adult chaperone who was with the juveniles was consistently belligerent towards and uncooperative with Officer's efforts to obtain information from the juvenile victim. The adult chaperone made numerous remarks that he and the juveniles would take matters into their own hands because he felt that the police would not help them. Officers continued to check the area for the possible suspects, however, no subjects matching the limited information provided were located.

The adult chaperone and a number of juveniles, including the battery victim, were observed driving around the area for approximately 2-1/2 hours. Officers interacted with them on a number of occasions after several reports were received of a suspicious vehicle driving through the area.

During this time, our Department received calls reporting that the adult chaperone was going through yards, looking into garages and questioning owners of bicycles as to their involvement in a possible battery. The need for Officers to respond to the activities of the adult chaperone and juveniles searching on their own for the alleged suspects was a repeated distraction to Officers who were still actively investigating the battery complaint.

The adult chaperone continued to make statements to Officers that he was looking for the juveniles who committed the battery. Officers continued to attempt to gain further information from the juvenile victim, however, minimal additional information was provided. Officers attempted to explain numerous times to the adult chaperone that the Police wanted to investigate this matter, however, the adult and juveniles continued searching the area on their own.

At 4:27pm, approximately 2-1/2 hours after the initial report of the battery, Officers responded to a report from a resident that the adult chaperone and a number of juveniles, including the battery victim, were at their front porch. The reporting person stated that the group was accusing his teenage son of being one of those who attacked the juvenile. The reporting person also stated that someone from the group damaged property on his front lawn and threw items against the residence. Officers investigated and found no evidence that the resident's son was involved. It was later confirmed via home security footage that the resident's son was home during the time that the reported battery occurred.

The adult chaperone stated that he would not leave the resident's property unless the son was arrested or he had an opportunity to confront the son himself. The adult chaperone and juveniles were ordered to leave the resident's property numerous times, all of which were ignored. During this time the adult chaperone, as well as the juveniles, made numerous threatening statements when referencing the resident and their son. The adult chaperone also called 911 demanding that a supervisor respond to the scene, despite Officers informing him that this would be an improper use of the 911 system and offering to call one to the scene themselves.

After the adult chaperone refused to leave the caller's property after numerous requests, he was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct. In the process of taking the adult into custody, three of the juveniles started to interfere in this arrest. They were warned multiple times to cease interfering and to leave the area, all of which they ignored. The three juveniles were advised they were under arrest. All three juveniles physically resisted officers' attempts to take them into custody.

The adult male was cited for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and misuse of 911. The three juveniles were arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. One of the juveniles was also arrested for criminal damage to property after damaging the interior of a squad car. All three juveniles will be referred to the Milwaukee County Children's Court Center.

All subjects taken into custody requested an ambulance for various medical complaints. The adult male chaperone refused treatment and was released from the Police Department after he was cited. All three juveniles were released from custody and transported to an area hospital by ambulance at their request.

The Greendale Police Department is continuing to investigate the initial battery report. A request for neighborhood security footage was sent out via the Ring Neighbors app. Officers went door to door checking for doorbell camera footage and speaking with residents in the area where the battery was thought to have occurred. At this time no further investigative leads have been developed beyond the initial limited information provided by the juvenile victim on the date of this incident.

The Greendale Police Department is still investigating all aspects of this incident. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Greendale Police Department at (414) 423-2121.