

POLICE DEPARTMENT - VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN

**MONTHLY BOARD REPORT
APRIL 2021**

TOTAL MONTHLY CALLS FOR SERVICE- 229 (year to date calls for service; 1014)

TRAFFIC TICKETS- 19 (year to date traffic tickets; 208)

ARRESTS- 14 (year to date Arrests; 94)

CALLS FOR SERVICE

11PM and 7AM – 66

7AM and 3PM – 80

3PM and 11PM -- 83

NOTABLE COMPLAINTS

Animal Complaints- 9

Parking Complaints- 3

Vehicle and Traffic Complaints- 15

Aided Case- 6

Warrants (arrested or added) - 8

Suspicious condition- 12

Records- 15

Larceny- 4

Noise Complaint- 4

Burglar Alarms- 6

Fire Alarm- 3

Assist Citizen- 13

Assist other Agencies- 5

Check Well Being- 4

Domestic/Disorderly- 10

Harassment Complaints- 4

Mental Health Incidents- 5

Motor vehicle accidents- 5

Property Checks- 39

DWI- 3

Death Investigation- 1

911 Unknown- 3

OTHER NOTABLE DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY

FOOT CHASE, VEHICLE PURSUIT

On April 27, 2021 at about 11:21 AM law enforcement received multiple calls regarding a male subject that was walking down South Decatur Street in the proximity of the school. The individual described to police matched the description of a person of interest for the Watkins Glen Police Department, regarding a Residential Burglary which occurred on 4/16/2021.

As the first officer from the Watkins Glen Police Department arrived in the area, this officer quickly observed the individual in question and attempted to make contact with the individual in question, and began speaking with him. The individual then fled on foot from the officer. A second Watkins Glen Police Officer arrived in the area and located the individual in question hiding behind a home. This officer initiated a foot pursuit and chased the individual through the back yard of a home. The individual then jumped over a fence and continued on foot through the school parking lot where another officer was waiting for him. The individual then jumped into a vehicle and then began to flee the area in a vehicle as Deputies from the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office arrived to assist.

The suspect then fled the school parking lot in a dark colored SUV at a high rate of speed, nearly striking a Schuyler County patrol vehicle, driving through a yard, running a stop sign and continuing on. Officers then began the pursuit which went west on 15th Street, and continued on State Route 414 Southbound, eventually out of the Village of Watkins Glen.

Schuyler County had the lead car in the pursuit as the Watkins Glen Police Department continued on in the pursuit at speeds of over 100MPH. The New York State Police also assisted. After a lengthy pursuit, the suspect fled from the moving vehicle on foot and was quickly apprehended by Deputy K-9 Digit, and taken into custody by officers.

The Suspect was then identified as 28 year old Jonathan E. Shearin, of Dundee NY, who was actively on NYS parole out of Yates County. The suspect was treated by Schuyler Ambulance and the Tyrone Fire Department and transported to Schuyler Hospital for minor injuries and released to the custody of the Sheriff's office.

The Watkins Glen Police Department charged Shearin with the following;

Burglary in the Second degree, a class C Felony, Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a class E Felony, Obstructing Governmental Administration in the second Degree, a class A Misdemeanor, Violation Trespass and several other vehicle and traffic violations.

The Schuyler County Sheriff's office charged Shearin with the following;

Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in a motor vehicle in the third Degree, a class A Misdemeanor, Reckless Endangerment in the second Degree, a class A Misdemeanor, Reckless Driving, a misdemeanor, SPEED IN ZONE, 115MPH in a posted 55mph zone, and several other vehicle and several other traffic violations.

No injuries were reported to the public or law enforcement.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH INVESTIGATION

On April 14, 2021 Officers responded to an address for a check the welfare. Upon arrival Officers were able to gain access into the home where a 32 year old male lived alone. Upon entering the home, officers observed a deceased male on the floor of the home. With assistance from the State Police, officers on scene determined the death to be accidental. The body was sent for an autopsy and the results from the autopsy are pending. While this was accidental and unfortunate, it did not appear there was any foul play or the death was self-inflicted.

STOLEN VEHICLE

On April 14, 2021 at about 8:40pm, the Watkins Glen Police Department received a complaint of a stolen vehicle. It was quickly determined the vehicle was stolen from the Colonial Inn Motel, located on N. Franklin Street. The vehicle was stolen and seen driving out of the parking lot a short time before the call was received. The truck is described as a 1988 Mack Truck flatbed, bearing NYS registration 34000GL. The vehicle is believed to have been seen headed west out of Watkins Glen toward Tyrone, shortly after the theft occurred. The vehicle has yet to be recovered.

DWI/DWAI ARRESTS

Chad E. Gibson, 40, of Milwaukee WI, was arrested by the Watkins Glen Police Department on 4/7/2021 for Driving While Ability Impaired by drugs. The arrest was made after a traffic stop was conducted on a tractor trailer by the Watkins Glen Police Department. GIBSON was processed and was released on an appearance ticket.

Chris L. Harrington, 44, of Watkins Glen NY, was arrested by the Watkins Glen Police Department on 4/8/2021 for Driving While Intoxicated and several other traffic violations. Harrington had a BAC of .21%, over two and a half times the legal limit. The arrest was made after a complaint was made about a Motor Vehicle Accident which occurred in a parking lot of a local business. A witness then reported a female operator got out of the driver's seat and Harrington then drove the vehicle from the parking lot, later being located by officers. Harrington was processed and released on an appearance ticket. Officers were assisted by the Schuyler County Sheriffs office.

Christina M. Dennis, 44, of Hornell NY, was arrested by the Watkins Glen Police Department on 4/8/2021 for Driving While Intoxicated and several other traffic offenses. The arrest was made after Christina was observed by a witness causing a minor Motor Vehicle Accident in a parking lot of a local business. Dennis then got into the passenger seat of the vehicle, showing clear and obvious signs of intoxication, and a male operator drove the vehicle from the parking lot. Dennis was processed and released on an appearance ticket.

Arrest and complaint numbers in 2021 compared to 2020

Complaints in April 2020 **157**
Complaints in April 2021 **229 (+72)**

Arrests in April 2020 **7**
Arrests in April 2021 **14 (+7)**

Traffic tickets in April 2020 **12**
Traffic tickets in April 2021 **19 (+7)**

Total traffic tickets through April 2020 **91**
Total traffic tickets through April 2021 **227 (+136)**

Total calls for service through April 2020 **640**
Total calls for service through April 2021 **1014 (+374)**

Total arrests through April 2020 **30**
Total arrests through April 2021 **94 (+64)**

Respectfully Submitted,

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