

The Newcastle Police Department presents...

POLICE BLOTTER

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A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF HOUCK

On the crime front, it was pretty slow for the last few weeks. No consolation to the unlucky few folks that had their cars broken into or were victims of some other crime, but good news in general. As the weather starts to turn nice (for a week or so anyway then back to rain) and people open their windows at home and in their car more, remember to shut and lock them if you are leaving home or if they are on the first floor at night. Don't make it easier for the bad guys/girls to get into your homes and cars.

I also wanted to give what may be the last update on the man with the rifle. NPD took this incident very seriously and did what we could for what we had. As you may have heard from the NPD social media posts, we contacted a person of interest in this. He denied being the individual, but did completely erase all of his social media accounts and erased his phones before we could get warrants to search them. Now I know people are innocent until proven guilty, but I break out into a panic sweat if I can't find my phone, so erasing the data on two phones seems a bit extreme for an innocent person. I also don't know why a person would do that to their social media accounts, but I am old so I may not understand what the kids are doing these days. Those things, in addition to the fact there has been no new incidents, makes me feel we had the right guy and he knows we are watching him.

Thanks for reading and please be/stay safe.

Jason Houck
Chief of Police

May 2

7300 BLK 121st PL SE

1130am—Warrant Arrest

NPD spotted a suspicious vehicle in the area. As they approached the vehicle, one person ran off. The other who stuck around identified the male that ran and a check showed he had multiple warrants out for his arrest. The officer then did an area check for the man and found him a few blocks away. When contacted, he began crying and apologized for running away and said he "just didn't want to go to jail again."

12600blk 89th pl

1130pm—Suspicious Circumstances

NPD received a call reporting that a man was out on his balcony yelling about needing to be rescued. When NPD arrived the man began yelling that he had just killed his whole family. NPD officers began talking to the man from down below while waiting for additional officers from KCSO to arrive. Once they arrived and kept communicating with the man, NPD officers entered the house. It was

determined that nobody was injured and that the man was likely suffering from mental health issues. The man was taken to the hospital for an evaluation.

May 3

15500 BLK Six Penny Ln

4pm—Larceny from Auto

A woman called to report that her car had been broken into sometime in the previous three hours. The woman reported that her purse containing her ID, credit cards, etc. was stolen. Also stolen was her garage/gate door opener and an expensive pair of sunglasses. The vehicle was left unlocked. NPD advised the woman to place a freeze on her credit and cancel her credit cards.

May 7

7400 BLK Newcastle Golf Club Road

9am—ID Theft

A woman called and reported that she had been the victim of an ID theft. Over the past month, she had received repeated notices in the mail indicating her application for a new credit card had been declined. She then received a bill from one company for approximately \$6,000, however, she had never actually opened the account.

May 11

15500 BLK Six Penny Ln

1145am—Larceny from Auto

A man reported that sometime between 6 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. someone had taken multiple items out of his car while it was parked at this location. The man said he was in the middle of moving and was storing items inside his car. There were no signs of forced entry to the car and the man said he thinks he left the vehicle unlocked. The total loss for the items was believed to be over \$2,000. NPD is investigating.

May 13

7000 Blk 132pl SE

645am—Attempted vehicle theft

A man called to report that sometime over the past three days, someone had attempted to steal his truck. The driver-side window was damaged as well as the ignition. NPD is investigating this incident.

May 14

7100blk 132n

1am—Stolen License plates

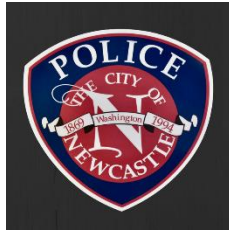
A woman called NPD to report that her license plates were missing. NPD had actually tried to contact her earlier when Renton PD had stopped a vehicle with the incorrect plates on it. At the time, the woman was not home. Suspects were identified and NPD is working with Renton on possible charges.

May 15

6900 blk 116th

11pm—Warrant Arrest

Officers made a traffic stop on a man and learned he had an arrest warrant for assault. The man was taken into custody without incident and booked for his warrant.



Tickets

It looks like some people are getting the hint about what the speed limit is, what "Do not pass" means, what the red, eight-sided sign that says STOP means. NPD officers only wrote 15 tickets last week. Keep up the good work, but be warned, we are right in the middle of the CLICK IT OR TICKET safety campaign and we will have extra patrols out looking for people not wearing their seatbelts, speeding, using their phones, etc.