



Erie County Sheriffs Office Media Release Summary

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The Erie County Sheriff's Office responded to 153 calls the week of this report. Below is a sampling of the noteworthy incidents on **Grand Island**.

Date	Street	Type	Narrative
4/4	Marjorie Dr.	Suspicious Person with Vehicle	The complainant states that a male subject in a vehicle was pulling into driveways and walking up to the doors of the houses during the late hours of the night. Deputies located the vehicle nearby and determined the subject was delivering newspapers.
4/4	Grand Island Blvd.	Suspicious Incident / Narcotics Arrest	The complainant states that a male subject was driving around in the lot of Fantasy Island. Deputies located the vehicle and their investigation led to the arrest of the male subject, 36 y/o Korey Grisanti of Blasdell for Unlawful Possession of Marijuana (Violation), Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7 th Degree (Class A Misdemeanor) and a violation of the Public Health Law. Grisanti was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Grand Island Court.
4/4	Independence La.	Suspicious Vehicle	The complainant states that a suspicious vehicle was parked in her driveway during the late evening hours. The vehicle left in an unknown direction prior to the arrival of Patrol. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the vehicle by the description given.
4/4	Grand Island Blvd.	Suspicious Person	The complainant states that 2 subjects with flashlights were walking around a church during the late evening hours. Deputies located the subjects who were members of the church.
4/5	Love Rd.	Suspicious Person	Employees of Say Cheese Pizza state that a male subject was acting strange and appeared to be trying to use a knife to pry his way into vehicles during the late hours of the night. Deputies located the subject in the parking lot. No damage was observed to any vehicles and no complainants came forward stating their vehicle was entered. The male subject was advised and left the premise at the satisfaction of employees who placed the call to 911.
4/5	Grand Island Blvd.	Suspicious Incident	A Passer-by states that he observed a door that was damaged at Kelly's Country Store and thought it might be a break in. Deputies located the door in question and confirmed with the owner that the damage had been

			done on a prior date and was weather related.
4/5	Blackmon Rd.	Criminal Mischief	The complainant states that earlier in the day, a dark colored vehicle drove over his front lawn and caused damage.
4/5	Grand Island Blvd.	Accident Injury	Deputies responded to a report of a 1 car motor vehicle accident involving a fire hydrant. 2 occupants of the vehicle were transported to a local hospital with seemingly minor injuries.
4/6	West River Rd.	Traffic Arrest	Following a traffic stop, Deputies arrested 32 y/o Timothy Homa of Grand Island for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2 nd Degree (Misdemeanor) and other traffic infractions after a DMV check showed his license was currently revoked. Homa was transported to the Erie County Holding Center pending his arraignment in the Town of Grand Island Court.
4/6	Schutt Ct.	Fraud	The complainant states that her debit card was used to make 2 unauthorized transactions by an unknown person(s) at locations in Niagara Falls.
4/6	Independence La.	Welfare Check	Deputies responded to a report of a 911 hang up call. Deputies made contact with the occupants and determined the call to be a misdial.
4/7	Grand Island Blvd.	Open Door	The complainant states they arrived at Pam's Gift Shop and the door to the store was unlocked but no employees were on location. Deputies located the owner a short time later and the open door was determined to be an oversight.
4/7	East River Rd.	Suspicious Person	The complainant states that a male subject was walking through numerous backyards in the area. Deputies located the subject who was an employee of National Fuel and was reading meters in the area.
4/7	Ferry Rd.	Drunk Driving	Following a traffic stop, Deputies arrested 62 y/o Lawrence Johnston of Grand Island for Driving While Intoxicated, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1 st Degree (Class E Felony) and a traffic infraction. Johnston refused to submit a sample of his breath for chemical analysis. Johnston was transported to the Erie County Holding Center pending his arraignment in the Town of Grand Island Court.
4/7	Alvin Rd.	Larceny	Employees of Fucillo Chevrolet state that sometime in recent weeks an unknown person(s) stole a tailgate from a pickup truck that was parked in the lot. Employees from Fucillo received a call from another car dealer who claimed to have bought the tailgate unknowing that it was stolen. Erie County Sheriff's Office Detectives along with Detectives from the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara County Sheriff's Office recovered numerous stolen tailgates from the dealer who had notified Fucillo. Investigation Ongoing.
4/8	Whitehaven Rd.	Deer Struck	Deputies responded to a report of a 1 car motor vehicle accident involving a deer near the intersection of Grand Island Blvd. No injuries were reported.
4/8	Baseline Rd.	Accident PDO	Deputies responded to a report of a 2 car motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Grand Island Blvd. No

			injuries were reported.
4/8	Grand Island Blvd.	Drunk Driving	Following a traffic stop, Deputies arrested 44 y/o JB Silverthorn of Orchard Park for Driving While Intoxicated (Class E Felony) and a traffic infraction. Silverthorn had just left Grand Island Court where he was on trial for a previous DWI in December 2014. After being convicted of DWI, and being advised by the Judge and his attorney not to drive home due to his seemingly intoxicated condition, Silverthorn entered his vehicle and drove away from court anyway. He was stopped by Deputies less than a block away from the courthouse. Silverthorn refused to submit a sample of his breath for chemical analysis. Silverthorn was transported to the Erie County Holding Center pending his arraignment in the Town of Grand Island Court.
4/8	Grand Island Blvd.	Road Obstruction	Deputies located numerous traffic cones intentionally placed in traffic by an unknown person(s) during the late hours of the night. The cones were removed from the roadway.
4/9	Lang Blvd.	Welfare Check	Deputies responded to a report of a 911 hang up call at a local business. Deputies made contact with an employee and determined the call to be a misdial.
4/9	Grand Island Blvd.	Motorist Broke Down	Deputies located a vehicle broken down near the intersection of Whitehaven Rd. The vehicle was towed from the roadway.
4/9	Baseline Rd.	Animal Loose	Deputies located a dog running loose in the neighborhood. The dog was reunited with the owner by using the tags on the animal's collar.
4/9	Grand Island Blvd.	Open Door	Deputies located an open door on a building which was under construction during the late hours of the night. Deputies checked the building but found no persons or signs of disturbance inside. The owner was contacted and responded to the scene. The open door was determined to be an oversight.
4/10	Fix Rd.	Suspicious Incident	The complainant states that a car alarm was going off constantly during the late hours of the night. Deputies located the vehicle in question and made contact with the owner who silenced the alarm.
4/10	Grand Island Blvd.	Larceny	An employee of Tim Hortons stated that another employee was caught on the business' video surveillance system stealing items from her purse sometime last week. A debit card from the purse was then used to make an unauthorized transaction at a nearby business. Deputies investigation led to the arrest of 30 y/o Hannah Centner of Grand Island for Petit Larceny (Class A Misdemeanor) and Grand Larceny 4 th Degree (Class E Felony). Centner was transported to the Erie County Holding Center in lieu of \$255.00 bail.
4/10	Staley Rd.	Vehicle Off the Roadway / Drunk Driving	Deputies responded to a report of a vehicle off the roadway. Their investigation led to the arrest of the driver, 45 y/o Melissa Welch of Grand Island for Driving While Intoxicated (Felony) and other traffic infractions. Welch was charged with Felony DWI due to having a

			previous conviction for DWI in the past 10 years. Welch registered a .10 B.A.C. after submitting a sample of her breath for chemical analysis. Welch was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Grand Island Court and released to the custody of a sober 3 rd party.
4/10	Grand Island Blvd.	Suspicious Person	The complainant states that a suspicious male subject was wandering around the store and parking lot seemingly intoxicated. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the subject by the description given.
4/10	Grand Island Blvd.	Suspicious Incident	The complainant states that an odor of marijuana was coming from a nearby apartment. Deputies checked and determined the complaint was unfounded.

Deputies responded to 9 Burglary False alarm calls and 3 Fire Alarms during the dates of this report.