



## Erie County Sheriffs Office Media Release Summary

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The Erie County Sheriff's Office responded to 317 calls the weeks of this report. Below is a sampling of the noteworthy incidents on **Grand Island**.

Date	Street	Type	Narrative
5/25	Love Rd.	Burglary	Deputies responded to an alarm call at Kaegabine Elementary School late at night and upon arrival located several windows that were open. Deputies searched the building and found damage to numerous classrooms inside the school. No persons were found inside the building. Investigation Ongoing.
5/25	Long Rd.	Suspicious Vehicle	Deputies located a suspicious vehicle at the Dunlop Tire Corporation Building during the early morning hours. Deputies were able to locate the occupants on the Dunlop property and advised them to leave the premise at the owners request. The subjects left without incident.
5/25	West Oakfield Rd.	Parking Violation	Complainant states that a vehicle was illegally parked on the roadway. Deputies issued the vehicle a parking summons.
5/25	Wallace Dr.	Reckless Operation	Complainant states that a motorcycle was racing up and down the street. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.
5/26	East River Rd.	Loud Music	Complainant states that loud music was coming from a residence in the neighborhood. Deputies located the residence and advised the subjects to turn down the music.
5/26	Love Rd.	Suspicious Incident	Complainant states that youths in the area appeared to be pulling pranks and throwing things in the roadway. Deputies removed a hammock from the roadway but were unable to locate any subjects involved.
5/26	Grand Island Blvd.	Motorist Broke Down	Deputies assisted a motorist whose vehicle had become disabled.
5/26	Tracey La.	Welfare Check	Deputies responded to a 911 hang up call. Deputies spoke to the homeowner and determined the call to be a misdial.
5/26	East River Rd.	Animal Complaint	Complainant states that a turtle was in the roadway.

			Deputies removed the turtle to the side of the road.
5/26	Grand Island Blvd.	Accident PDO	Deputies responded to a report of a 2 car motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported.
5/26	Grand Island Blvd.	Reckless Operation	Complainant states that a vehicle nearly struck a person in the parking lot of Fantasy Island and then left in an unknown direction. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the vehicle. No injuries were reported.
5/26	Ward Park Rd.	Suspicious Incident	Complainant states that he found damage on his vehicle while it was parked on the street overnight. The complainant was unsure how the damage occurred.
5/27	Stony Point Rd.	Welfare Check	Deputies responded to a report of a 911 hang up call. Deputies spoke to the homeowner and determined the call to be a malfunction with the phone.
5/27	South State Pkwy.	Suspicious Incident	Complainant states that a subject was screaming at cars that were driving by him. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the subject.
5/27	Carol La.	Residential Burglary	Complainant states that sometime during the weekend an unknown person(s) broke into his residence and stole an undetermined amount of money from a safe. Erie County Sheriff's Detectives are currently looking for a person of interest in the matter. Investigation Ongoing.
5/27	Sixth St.	Loud Music	Complainant states that loud music was coming from a residence in the neighborhood. Deputies located the residence and advised the subjects to turn down the music.
5/28	Whitehaven Rd.	Welfare Check	Deputies responded to a 911 hang up call. Deputies spoke to the homeowner and determined the call to be a misdial.
5/28	East River Rd.	Larceny	Complainant states that while she was at work, an unknown person(s) stole her iPad from her locker. Investigation Ongoing.
5/29	Grand Island Blvd.	Accident PDO	Deputies responded to a report of a 2 car motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported.
5/29	Lasalle Ave.	Larceny	Complainant states that she recently had a party at her residence and afterwards noticed a large sum of cash was missing from her home. Investigation Ongoing.
5/29	Staley Rd.	Wire Down	Deputies responded to a report of wires down. National Grid was notified.
5/29	Baseline Rd.	Accident Injury	Deputies responded to a report of a juvenile struck by a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was issued a traffic ticket returnable to the Town of Grand Island Court. The juvenile was transported to a local hospital with seemingly non-life threatening injuries.
5/29	East River Rd.	Reckless Operation	Complainant states that a vehicle was driving recklessly down the road and had just pulled into a local restaurant. Deputies located the vehicle a short distance away and advised the driver. No traffic infractions were observed by Patrol.
5/29	Whitehaven Rd.	Disorderly Person	Complainant states that an intoxicated male subject was harassing a group of females while at the Holiday Inn. Deputies located the subject and advised him to return to his room. No further incident occurred.
5/30	Love Rd.	Suspicious Incident	The Erie County Sheriff's Office was contacted by

			school officials at Kaegabine Elementary who stated they had received a threat of a student who was allegedly going to come to school with a gun. Deputies and Detectives of the Sheriff's Office responded and interviewed several subjects on location. After investigation, the threat was deemed as not being credible. Deputies stood by at the school for the remainder of the day and no further incident occurred.
5/30	Industrial Dr.	Welfare Check	Deputies responded to a 911 hang up call at a local business. Deputies spoke to employees on scene and determined the call to be a misdial.
5/30	I-190	Motorist Broke Down	Deputies assisted a motorist whose vehicle had become disabled.
5/30	Wallace Dr.	Accident PDO	Deputies responded to a report of a 2 car motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported.
5/30	Stony Point Rd.	Suspicious Vehicle	Complainant states that a suspicious vehicle was parked outside of her residence during the late hours of the night. The vehicle left in an unknown direction prior to the arrival of Patrol. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.
5/31	Love Rd.	Accident PDO	Deputies responded to a report of a 2 car motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported.
5/31	Staley Rd.	Accident PDO	Deputies responded to a report of a 1 car motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported.
5/31	Grand Island Blvd.	Traffic Arrest	Following a traffic stop, Deputies arrested 19 y/o Harlee Bendzula of Lackawanna after a DMV check showed her license was currently suspended. Bendzula was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree and was transported to the Erie County Holding Center in lieu of \$250 bail.
5/31	Grand Island Blvd.	Suspicious Person	Employees of McDonalds state that several subjects walked up to the drive thru and appeared to be intoxicated. Deputies located the subjects whose vehicle had become disabled and advised them.
5/31	Baseline Rd.	Reckless Operation	Complainant states that a vehicle was all over the roadway. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.
5/31	Fix Rd.	Animal Complaint	Complainant states that a raccoon was on the side of the roadway and was acting strangely. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the animal.
5/31	Stony Point Rd.	Property Found	Deputies located a tool box in the roadway that appeared to have fallen from a vehicle.
6/1	Grand Island Blvd.	Suspicious Incident	Deputies heard an audible alarm sounding in the area. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the source as the alarm reset itself and was no longer sounding.
6/1	Creekside Dr.	Welfare Check	Deputies responded to a 911 hang up call. Deputies spoke to the homeowner and determined the call to be a misdial.
6/1	East River Rd.	Unknown Trouble	Complainant states that a female was outside of a vehicle in front of his home and appeared to be intoxicated. The female left in an unknown direction prior to the arrival of Patrol. Deputies checked the area but were unable to

			locate the subject.
6/1	Harvey Rd.	Suspicious Vehicle	Deputies located a vehicle parked in the middle of the roadway. The occupant stated she stopped to make a phone call and was advised to pull over to the side of the roadway.
6/1	Ransom Rd.	Vehicle Fire	Deputies assisted Grand Island Fire with a report of a vehicle on fire in a driveway. Damage was contained to the vehicle.
6/2	Revere Rd.	Suspicious Incident	Complainant states that she arrived home and heard a person in her residence. The subject claimed to be her son but the complainant did not recognize the voice. The subject then fled out of a window and ran through the backyards in an unknown direction. The complainant believed the unknown subject was a friend of her son. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the subject. Nothing was reported missing or damaged. Investigation Ongoing.
6/2	Grand Island Blvd.	Reckless Operation	Complainant states that a vehicle was swerving all over the roadway and then pulled into a local business. Deputies located the vehicle but no subjects were observed inside.
6/2	Stony Point Rd.	Drunk Driving	Deputies responded to a report of a vehicle in a ditch. Their investigation led to the arrest of 20 y/o Gabriella Pizzimenti of Grand Island for Driving While Intoxicated. Pizzimenti registered a .20% B.A.C. after submitting a sample of her breath for chemical analysis. Pizzimenti was also charged with Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated due to the elevated reading. Pizzimenti was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Grand Island Court and released to a sober 3 <sup>rd</sup> party.
6/2	Fix Rd.	Welfare Check	Deputies responded to a 911 hang up call. Deputies spoke to the homeowner and determined the call to be children playing with the phone.
6/2	East Park Rd.	Residential Burglary	Complainant states that she arrived home and found her garage door was damaged and the residence appeared to have been burglarized by an unknown person(s). Numerous items were reported missing and minor damage was done to the home. Erie County Sheriff's Office Detectives are interviewing possible suspects. Investigation Ongoing.
6/2	Stony Point Rd.	Traffic Control Device	Deputies responded to a report of a traffic light that was disabled at the intersection of Stony Point Rd. and Whitehaven Rd.
6/2	Greenway Rd.	ATV Operation	Complainant states that subjects were driving ATV's down the road and believed the resided on the street. Deputies located the subjects and advised them.
6/2	Tracey La.	Refer to Patrol	Complainant states that a tree appeared to have been struck by lightning and could be a hazard. Grand Island Highway Department was notified.
6/2	Love Rd.	Suspicious Incident	Employees at Sunoco state that it appeared several subjects were smoking marijuana in the bathroom. The subjects left prior to Patrols arrival. Deputies located the

			subjects and advised them.
6/2	East River Rd.	Suspicious Person	Complainant states that a male subject was flagging down cars on the side of the road in Buckhorn State Park. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the subject.
6/2	Waterford Pk.	Road Obstruction	Deputies located a basketball hoop in the roadway and removed it.
6/2	Grand Island Blvd.	Assault	Deputies responded to TC's Lounge for a report of an assault. The employee stated an unknown female came to the bar and began to argue with her boyfriend. When the employee asked the female to leave, the subject slapped her and knocked her to the ground. The female then left in an unknown direction. The employee suffered a minor abrasion and did not wish to pursue any charges. Deputies were unable to locate the female subject.
6/2	South State Pkwy.	Reckless Operation	Complainant states that a vehicle was driving on the wrong side of the road while travelling on South State Pkwy. The complainant was not able to get a description of the vehicle. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.
6/3	Grand Island Blvd.	Welfare Check	Deputies responded to a 911 hang up call at a local business. Deputies spoke to employees on scene and determined the call to be a misdial.
6/3	Grand Island Blvd.	Reckless Operation	Complainant states that a vehicle was speeding and all over the road. Deputies located the vehicle and advised the driver. No traffic violations were observed.
6/3	Bush Rd.	Suspicious Incident	Complainant stated that a vacant home had a door open and it did not appear anyone was around. Deputies spoke to a subject on location who claimed to be the owner of the property.
6/3	Grand Island Blvd.	Accident PDO	Deputies responded to a report of a 2 car motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported.
6/3	Whitehaven Rd.	Suspicious Incident	Complainant states that he observed an object hovering over the Holiday Inn that was changing colors and not making any noise. Deputies checked the area and determined the complaint to be unfounded.
6/4	Staley Rd.	Criminal Mischief	Deputies responded to 2 similar complaints of criminal mischief on Staley Rd. The complainants state that sometime during the night an unknown person(s) smashed the glass on their front doors with an unknown object. Neither complainant had observed the damage until the morning when they left their respective residences. Investigation Ongoing.
6/4	Colonial Dr. West	Suspicious Vehicle	Complainant states that 2 vehicles were parked at the end of the street and the subjects appeared to be operating ATV's on the power line property. Deputies located the subjects and advised them.
6/4	South State Pkwy.	Suspicious Incident	Complainant states that while she was walking her dog on the bike path, a black Pontiac Grand Am vehicle pulled up to her and a black male subject asked where he could find an ATM. When the complainant began to explain directions the subject stated "Why don't you get

			into the car?" The complainant refused and the vehicle sped off toward Grand Island Blvd. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate a vehicle matching the description. Surrounding Police agencies were notified of the occurrence.
6/4	Love Rd.	Accident PDO	Deputies responded to a report of a car that had struck a building. No injuries were reported.
6/4	Ward Park Rd.	Fight	Complainant states that 5-6 subjects were fighting in the street. Prior to the arrival of Patrol, several subjects fled in a vehicle and fled. Deputies located all other subjects involved who refused to cooperate with the Police. The subjects were advised.
6/4	Baseline Rd.	Accident PDO	Deputies responded to a report of a vehicle that had struck Sidway Elementary School. No injuries were reported and damage to the building appeared to be very minor.
6/4	Elsie La.	Animal Loose	Complainant states that a dog was running loose in the neighborhood. The Dog Control Officer was notified.
6/5	Autumnwood Dr.	Suspicious Person	Complainant states that she could see a subject walking in her backyard with a flashlight. Deputies located the subject who was a Time Warner Cable employee that was doing work in the area.
6/5	Waterford Pk.	Pistol Permit Investigation	Deputies conducted a background check of an individual who applied for a pistol permit.
6/5	Grand Island Blvd.	Accident Hit & Run	Complainant states that while he was shopping in Tops Market, an unknown vehicle struck his parked car in the lot.
6/6	Ransom Rd.	Suspicious Person with Vehicle	Complainant states that several vehicles were parked behind the High School late at night and appeared to be occupied by several subjects. The complainant was concerned the subjects were going to try to get on the roof of the school. The vehicles left prior to the arrival of Patrol. No damage was observed.
6/6	Foxcroft St.	Suspicious Person	Complainant states that a male subject was walking through neighbor's yards. The complainant lost sight of the male prior to the arrival of Patrol. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate any subjects matching the description.
6/7	Riverdale Dr.	Larceny	Complainant states that sometime during the night, an unknown person(s) stole various items from her unlocked vehicle.
6/7	Broadway	Larceny	Complainant states that sometime during the night, an unknown person(s) stole various items from her unlocked vehicle.
6/7	Enola Rd.	Larceny	Complainant states that sometime in recent days, an unknown person(s) stole his son's bike from the yard.

Deputies responded to 29 Burglary False alarm calls and 8 Fire Alarms during the dates of this report