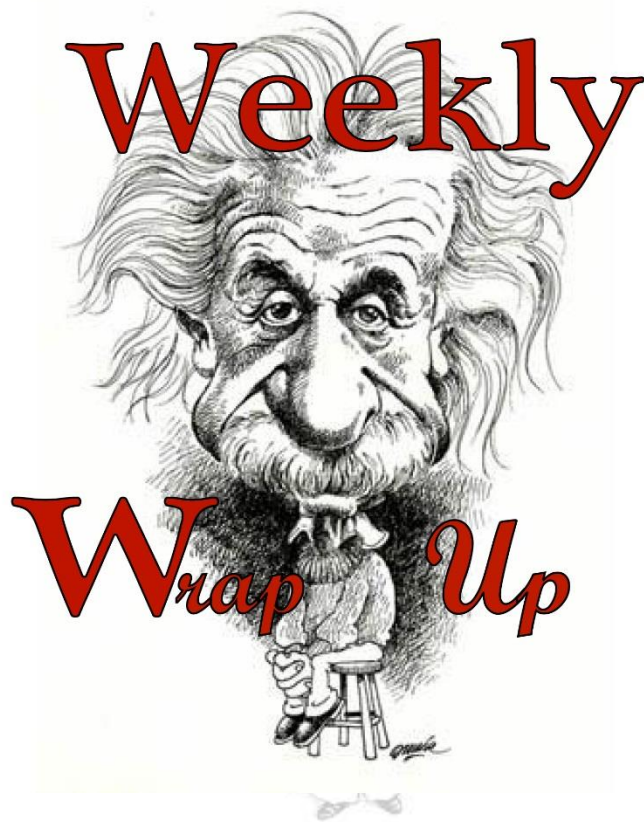


A COLLECTION OF INCIDENTS, SOME ARRESTS, SOME CRIME TIPS, AND A FEW KNUCKLEHEADS



WEEKLY WRAP UP 2017

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@captainrose



Well here we are in March already. We wore t-shirts earlier in the week while New Yorkers were eating dogs and cats, struggling to survive the Noreaster plummeting the temps to, well I don’t really know cold but its cold. This time of year always brings me back our northern friends making fun of us, and rightly so I guess, when we hit DefCon 4 after an inch of snow. But, now, the Dogwoods are blooming and pervs have begun the traditional exposing themselves as they do this time each year. A rite of passage, a tradition. Spring, among other things, is in the air.

I would like to call my friends up north to rub it in a bit but cell service is down and besides, they are too busy eating dogs and cats.



As far as crime, we will hit the highlight film this week.

Crime and Punishment for This Week

Robbery

2419-5550 Glenridge Drive

30342

2/26

The male victim said he and his girlfriend were in their apartment. He was asleep on the couch, she, in the bedroom. Someone knocked on the door. He checked through the peephole and found no one. Someone knocked a second time so he checked the peephole again. On the third knocking, he opened the door and walked outside where he was confronted by a man with a gun. The man demanded money. The victim returned to the apartment, retrieved \$500 cash and gave it to the man. The suspect fled after pushing the victim down the stairs.



The suspect was dressed in all black and wore a mask. He appeared light skinned.

Well, I probably don't need to point this out but the critical error was opening the door. Usually the suspect will bum rush inside the apartment but this guy waited for the man to exit the apartment.

Burglary

2544-7200 Roswell Road (Marbin Electric)

30328

2/28

Employees left a job site just before 4 p.m. Overnight, someone cut the lock off the main gate area from Roswell Road, entered an unsecured building and into the electrical room. There, they stole several spools of electrical wiring.

Larceny

2470-6400 block Roswell Road

30328

2/26

The complainant said he left a package store and accidentally dropped his wallet as he entered his car. He returned to the Roswell Package Store and viewed the video that clearly showed a black

male, about six-foot tall, slim, short hair, dark clothing, retrieve the wallet. The employee told the man a suspect, who fit that description has been banned from the store for stealing from the store. No connection was made at the time of report.

2488-200 block Harbor Pointe Pkwy 30350 2/27

2000 Jeep Cherokee was reported stolen overnight. Later, the victim was contacted by GSP that his Jeep was involved in an accident in LaGrange, GA and a man, described as a black male, was seen running from the scene.

2496-4600 block Cherrywood Lane 30342 2/27

The complainant said someone took a Stihl Power Blower from his truck. The theft occurred sometime between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m.

2532-800 block Summer Drive 30350 2/28

Short version-A man reported he and his girlfriend broke up and she packed her stuff and left, along with some of his stuff including his Apple Watch and ear buds.

Larceny from Vehicle

2456-100 block Stone Mill Trail 30328 2/26

2468-200 block Summer Drive 30350 2/26

2514-400 block Morgan Falls Road 30350 2/27

2526-5580 Roswell Road (Lifetime Fitness) (x2) 30342 2/27

2587-5300 block PDR 30342 3/1

2658-7500 Roswell Road 30328 3/2

Fraud

2435-Interstate North Pkwy 30328 2/26

The caller said someone used her personal identity and at one point, was issued a citation for a headlight violation.

2457-900 block Pitts Road 30350 2/26

The caller said when he contacted Georgia Power to establish an account, he was told one had already been opened and had a balance of just under \$300.

2445-City Walk Kroger

30328

2/26

Loss prevention employees contacted SSPD over their discovery that an employee of the store used a customer's identity. The employee works in the accounting department, sorting money and checks. The complainant said Kroger has received several complaints of fraud after they shopped at the store. The LP staff questioned the suspect who admitted taking photos of the checks as he sorted them, and then sold the information to a person known as D.J., who has since been identified by the suspect. The suspect was booked for Fraud and the investigation moves towards the "D.J." suspect.

2453-800 block River Run

30350

2/26

The caller said he operates a moving company and last year, began using another company who provides leads on folks intending to move. Payment was ongoing via credit card provided by the caller. After a while, he decided the cost wasn't worth what he was getting so he cancelled the service and payments. The company however continued to charge the card totaling \$2500. He disputes the transactions and obtained the police report to document it.

2469-5000 block Roswell Road

30342

2/26

The caller/victim reported he paid \$10,000 for a jewelry piece that he later found was stolen in Tennessee. He returned the piece to the owner and therefore was out ten grand. He told the officer the suspect who sold him the piece is in jail in Tennessee, awaiting trial on the theft of that jewelry piece.

2540-500 block Montrose Lane

30342

2/28

The victim reported someone wrote a fraudulent check on his account totaling \$246.

2546-100 block Lansdowne Dr

30328

2/28

The caller said he began receiving mail to his home, addressed to a taxi business. He received several pieces of mail from SunTrust Bank, which made him suspicious. He later received an e-mail requesting he log in on his SunTrust account. He printed the e-mail and was later told the e-mail was fake. The report doesn't say if or not the victim lost money.

Assault

2438-7840 Roswell Road

30350

2/26

The incident occurred in one of the participant's cubicle. That's the exciting part. Two guys got into a heated argument and one put his hand on the other's arm. That's about it.



I'm not sure I should even categorize this in the "Assault" category.

Sounds like Biff and Chad got into it and almost slapped each other. You call that an assault? Where I live, when Cletus puts his hand on J.W.s arm, either that hand, or that arm, is coming off! Once more, after they get the tourniquet in place, they slam down a couple of Fireballs on the way to the ER and talk about how great the night was.

2525-1600 block Greyfield Lane

30350

2/27

A man reported that his apartment upstairs neighbor charged at him with a knife. He said the upstairs neighbor was making loud noises, scaring his toddler, so he contacted the neighbor in the old-school tradition by banging on the ceiling. The response was almost predictable. The upstairs person made even more noise. The caller exited his apartment and went upstairs where, according to him, met his neighbor, who exited his apartment, armed with a knife and who said he was going to kill him. The neighbor said it was in fact the caller who yelled at him, challenging him to a parking lot fight.

Unfortunately, for the caller, the independent witnesses all concluded that the caller was the instigator. The officer mediated a short and impromptu summit resulting in apologies and handshakes all around.

Other Things

2498-1155 Mt. Vernon Hwy

30328

2/27

A crime-suppression detective noticed two men soliciting money near the Office Depot and Five-Below Stores. He checked the two men who had in their possession, fake AAU Basketball flyers and solicitation forms used to fraudulently receive money from pedestrians. One suspect told the cops "It's just a hustle." They said they came to Sandy Springs on Marta to dupe the folks out of money. One of the suspects was on probation in Clayton County for Theft by Receiving (Stolen car) and the other had an outstanding warrant from Blount County, TN for Prescription Fraud. Unfortunately, Tennessee authorities would not extradite outside the state. Both men were charged with soliciting and taken to jail.

Arrests

2515	2/27	5925 Roswell Road	Drug investigation arrest
2578	3/1	8879 Roswell Road	Armed Person (Nerf Gun) See Below
2624	3/1	1000 Johnson Ferry Road	N'Side Hospital (DOC)
2418	2/26	7000 blk Roswell Road	No Insurance
2436	2/26	4600 block Stella Drive	DOC
2445	2/26	227 Sandy Springs Place	Fraud (See "Kroger" in Fraud Section)
2466	2/26	Cimarron Pkwy	Child Abandonment
2475	2/27	6000 block Roswell Road	DOC
2477	2/27	500 block Sarabrook Pl	Battery (DV)
2490	2/27	400 ramp on Abernathy Rd	Panhandling
2479	2/27	400 and Spalding	DUI
2498	2/27	1155 Mt. Vernon	Panhandling x2
2539	2/28	980 Hammond Drive	Passing School Bus
2582	3/1	7785 Roswell Road	Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
2398	3/2	Kingsport Drive / N'wood	Prowling
2017-5015	3/2	Transfer from Cobb Jail	FTC Fraud



The highlight film this week includes an arrest made on domestic violence when a husband and wife engaged in an argument, then physical altercation, over getting her hair wet. They were together in the shower at the time.

Case #2578-Cops were called to Stars and Strikes on a person causing a problem. A man came inside with his own alcoholic beverage and was told to leave. He eventually did so but returned and made threatening remarks to the caller. Police were called and were told the man was walking south. They found him and a Nerf gun in his backpack, wrapped in electrical tape that was most likely used as a "show" to support the threat. Based on all that and the fact he was given a previous criminal-trespass warning, he was arrested.

Case #2582- On March 1, around 2 a.m., an officer made a traffic stop in the 7700 block of Roswell Road. The driver of the car did not stop but continued on to St. James Apartments (7700 block) where he drove to the gate and attempted to get the gate open via gate pad. All this with the police car behind him, blue lights and all. The driver of the car then bolted and ran with the officer in foot pursuit. The suspect jumped through the gated bars but his feet got hung up sending him to the ground rather briskly, causing a pavement-punch to the head. He was secured and later medically treated at North Fulton Hospital before being sent to jail.

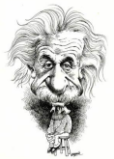
During the scuffle, a Springfield 9mm pistol was retrieved by the officer from under the suspect as he lay on the pavement. The suspect was later charged with Speeding, Driving with a Suspended License, Marijuana Possession (less than an ounce,) Obstruction, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

This Week's Einsteins

Courtesy of Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

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Kenneth R. Shutes Jr. of New Richmond, Wisconsin, bolted from a midnight traffic stop on Feb. 6, but he didn't make it far before having to call 911 for help. The Twin Cities Pioneer Press reported that Shutes got stuck in a frozen swamp in rural Star Prairie and, after about an hour, became unable to walk as temperatures dipped to minus 8 degrees. Fire and rescue workers removed Shutes from the wooded area, and he was later charged in St. Croix County Circuit Court for failing to obey an officer, marijuana possession and obstructing an officer. Shutes told a deputy he "needed an incident like this because he was making poor decisions in his life." [Twin Cities Pioneer Press, 2/13/2018]



Marion County (Florida) sheriff's officials were surprised to get a text from David W. Romig, 52, on Jan. 30 about a murder scene at his home in Dunnellon. The Ocala Star Banner reported that detectives were called to the home after Romig reported an intruder had killed his girlfriend, 64-year-old Sally Kaufmann-Ruff. Some of the evidence they found didn't match Romig's story, and their suspicions were confirmed later in the day when Romig texted a detective, saying, "I think they are going to arrest me" -- a text he meant to send to his wife. On Feb. 12, Romig admitted he may have killed Kaufmann-Ruff. He

was charged with homicide, making a false report and tampering with evidence. [Ocala Star Banner, 2/14/2018]

