



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for March 2025 Board Meeting



TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In February, we handled 537 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- Three arrests for domestic violence:
 - One person arrested for disorderly conduct, intimidation of a victim, and criminal damage to property.
 - One person was arrested for disorderly conduct and battery.
 - One person was arrested for disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, and resisting arrest. This subject was intoxicated and physically resisted the officers' attempt to place him in custody and remained uncooperative all the way to the jail.
- Two OWI arrests, both as a result of the driver putting their vehicle in the ditch
 - One was a second offense OWI and this person also physically resisted the officers' attempt to place him under arrest. As a result, he was also charged with resisting an officer and received traffic citations for the crash.
 - Another subject was arrested for third offense OWI. He refused to cooperate with the blood draw and officers had to obtain a search warrant for his blood sample.
- A pair of fraud/identity theft complaints. One victim lost \$6,000, and that case is still under investigation.
- One mental health emergency detention (no transport out of county).
- Four traffic stops that resulted in two drivers being arrested for outstanding warrants and two other subjects being arrested or cited for drugs and bail jumping.
- A theft of \$800 that is still under investigation.
- One natural death investigation.
- A pair of agency assists that resulted in arrests:
 - One assist to Mosinee PD that resulted in officers engaging in a foot pursuit of the suspect, who was apprehended and arrested.
 - An assist to the Sheriff's Office, who was attempting to stop a wrong way driver on I-39 on the midnight shift. Officer Baron got into position with his spike strip and executed a perfect spike of the vehicle. This safely ended the situation, and the driver was taken into custody for OWI and drug possession. Wrong way drivers, particularly on the highway, pose an imminent threat of death or great bodily harm to other drivers on the road. This stop took place about a tenth of a mile south of where our double fatality wrong way crash ended up a few years ago. GREAT JOB by Officer Baron! He saved lives that night.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS – One of our significant case investigations from 2023 concluded recently, with the defendant taking a plea. This one was another multi-jurisdictional investigation, although in this case, we had most of the investigation since the majority of offenses occurred here. On our end alone, we had 15 reports written by four different officers, with Ofc Baron handling most of the work as the case agent. We obtained multiple search warrants for this case, including the defendant's apartment, multiple electronic devices, and for DNA buccal swabs from the defendant. The DNA obtained from the defendant proved valuable, as it turned out to be very incriminating.

In addition, our officers attended many CAC (Child Advocacy Center) forensic interviews with multiple child victims. They also spent countless hours working with evidence, some of which they sent to the WI Crime Lab



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for DNA testing. There's no doubt in my mind that the work they put into this put the defendant in an unwinnable situation if he had taken his chances in a trial.

I think the e-mail from Assistant District Attorney Zibolski underscores the outstanding work our officers did in this case. Lt. Smart oversaw the investigation and Sgt Shope and Ofc Konopacki assisted Ofc Baron. It is an example of tremendous teamwork and demonstrates the competence and capability of our department. I am extremely proud of the great work on this one!

Good morning,

The plea went through today, he pled to 3 counts of Repeated Child Sexual Assault. Originally, we had offered the defendant two options for a sentence – a stipulation or an argued sentence, as outlined below. At the last minute, the Defendant changed his mind about the offer and accepted the stipulation.

The stipulated agreement is for 20 years in prison, 10 in and 10 on extended supervision.

He will be sentenced on February 26 at 2:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you so much for your investigations and continued support of the prosecution. This was a strong resolution to a case that showed excellent teamwork, consideration of victims, and sound evidence collection. It is for that reason this offender is willing to agree to a 20-year sentence rather than face us in trial. Excellent work!

This was also a complicated case and a good learning opportunity for us all. I will reach out next week to you and your agencies to do a case debrief, hopefully on one of the trial days we all already have available.

All of you keep our community safe, and we are safer with this offender in prison and registered as a sex offender. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

*Natalie Zibolski
(She/Her/Hers)
Assistant District Attorney
Marathon County*

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT — Our new body worn cameras (BWC's) arrived, and we are working with CCIT and Panasonic IT to get them up and running. We certainly got our money's worth with the used BWC's, but I'm excited to get the new ones in service. The download time with the old BWC's could be long and they were showing their age, so the timing of the new equipment was good. The officers are anxious to try out the new BWC's as well. Our new portable radio also recently arrived, and it will replace an aging portable radio. We need just one more of these newer model portable radios and then all our full-time officers will have the upgraded version.