



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for April 2026 Village Board



TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In March, we handled 586 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- Two referrals for felony bail jumping (violating bond conditions).
- Two arrests for outstanding warrants, both on the same person (once at the beginning of the month and the second time near the end of the month).
- Two sexual assault investigations
 - One case in which an adult male was arrested for having sexual intercourse with a juvenile teenage female.
 - A second case regarding the sexual assault of a child. This case included a forensic interview at the Child Advocacy Center, and the officer worked on the investigation with CPS. Once completed, we referred the investigation to the DA's Office for their review to determine if charges will be brought.
- Two fraud/identity theft cases involving fraudulent use of the victim's credit card and a check washing case. We've seen several check washing cases in our Village lately and we're working with the USPS Inspector's Office on these.
- An arrest of a subject for Obstructing and Disorderly Conduct after officers responded to a suspicious activity complaint at an apartment complex.
- One natural death investigation
- Two OWI arrests, both second offenses
 - The first was an *Attempt to Locate* for a reckless driver traveling over 100 MPH on I-39. The driver ultimately crashed north of the WI River on I-39 and the Sheriff's Office handled the crash investigation. Our officer handled the OWI aspect and arrested the driver for OWI 2nd offense, reckless driving, imprudent speed, and no insurance. It's fortunate that this reckless driver didn't injure or kill anyone.
- Five mental health welfare checks that resulted in either voluntary or involuntary commitments. More on that below.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS –We finished up two rounds of police officer interviews, and we've selected two candidates to advance to the background phase. The first new hire will start June 1, and the second will begin on October 1. These two positions will really help with staffing and investigations, and again, we're very thankful to the APC and the Village Board for approving these positions. Both officers who were out on family leave have now returned to duty. This is a big boost to patrol and a big "thank you" to the officers for their hard work while we were shorthanded.

I want to talk a little bit about the mental health welfare checks we handled last month, particularly the three juvenile involuntary emergency detentions. All three of these involved the same juvenile, whose behavior has continued to escalate. Two of the three calls with him involved a knife and during the last one, we referred him for criminal charges after he not only threatened, but actually cut the victim (albeit, a small, superficial cut).

In terms of time spent, the three calls were very typical of what we encounter on emergency detentions, particularly those involving juveniles. In virtually every instance with a juvenile, we have



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to transport them to Winnebago Mental Health, a minimum three-hour ordeal. In addition, we spent a lot of time at the hospital getting medical clearance and this is true of both adults and juveniles. However, it's typically much worse with juveniles due to the strict guidelines of Winnebago. The average time spent on these three calls was roughly 10 hours each, with five of those hours being at the hospital! In each case, we had to utilize a second shift or night shift officer to handle the transport, thereby tying up two officers. This does not include the time spent on the report. These calls continue to be a burden on law enforcement across the state.

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT — The new squad cars have arrived, and they are at the installer in Portage being outfitted with equipment and supplies. We were notified that we are eligible for another PBT (preliminary breath test) from a grant last year in which we received a new PBT and equipment to calibrate it. They offered the opportunity for agencies to request another PBT based off the first grant. This will be very useful with our new squad cars. These are easily \$650 machines, so it was a nice surprise when we were contacted.