

Police Report

April 2020

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The Spring Lake Park Police Department responded to five hundred and three calls for service for the month of April 2020. This is compared to responding to four hundred and thirty-two calls for service in April of 2019.

Normally, we would have a report from our School Resource Officer for the month of April, but since the COVID-19 Pandemic has taken over, our local schools (on site) have not been back in session for quite some time. With the Governor's order to not have schools come back into session (On site) as of May 4, 2020 for the rest of the school year. Our Spring Lake Park School District as well as others are continuing to provide educational requirements by providing "E-Learning" with our students. I have been in personal contact with our Superintendent Jeff Ronenberg since the beginning of COVID-19 to address any issues that may arise and work through mitigating what needs to be addressed by the police department. As of May 8, 2020, Superintendent Ronenberg and myself have corresponded regarding potential options for our graduating seniors of 2020. The school district does have a committee looking at options for potential graduation possibilities but at this point nothing has been decided on. A potential graduation ceremony of some sort is being discussed for August of 2020.

Investigator Bennek reports handling a case load of fifteen cases for the month of April 2020. Thirteen of these cases are felony in nature, one of these cases are gross misdemeanor in nature and one of these cases are misdemeanor in nature. Investigator Bennek also continues to monitor five forfeiture cases, along with his monthly case load and is attempting to bring all cases to a conclusion as soon as possible. Investigator Bennek did note that he led a local multi-agency investigation along with the United States Secret Service for a currency counterfeiting/theft by swindle case, which included executing three search warrants in the metro area and the recovery of counterfeit currency, this case still remains under investigation while new leads are being followed up on. Investigator Bennek and the police department would also like to take this opportunity to thank not only our residents but those individuals outside our community that monitor our multi-media (Facebook, Twitter, Ring.com) communications. With the public's assistance, Investigator Bennek has been able to identify and charge individuals in some local

theft cases. If it were not for the public's help, these cases might not have been able to be solved. For the public's assistance, Investigator Bennek and the police department would like to say "Thank You!". For further details, see Investigator Bennek's attached report.

The Spring Lake Park Police Department Administrative Office Staff continue to remain steadfast in their duties, typing and imaging reports, filing, answering and dispensing phone calls for service and information, along with other duties that may be assigned on a daily basis.

The month of April has been a busy month for myself as well, besides handling the day to day operations of the police department, I continue to attend multiple virtual meetings (to include but not limited to: Local, State and Federal Agencies) on a daily basis regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the every changing climate that we are living in, while implementing protocols for the health and safety of not only the officers of the police department but also our public. We are currently living in a time of continuous change at every turn, from the police department perspective, we are continuing to address these changing times on a daily basis, evaluating, adapting and changing to meet the needs of our community.

This will conclude my report for the month of April 2020.

Are there any questions?



Investigator Tony Bennek Spring Lake Park Police Department Investigations Monthly Report

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Total Case Load

Case Load by Level of Offense: 15

Felony	13
Gross Misdemeanor	1
Misdemeanor	1

Case Dispositions:

County Attorney	7
Juvenile County Attorney	0
City Attorney	2
Forward to Other Agency	0
SLP Liaison	0
Carried Over	2
Unfounded	0
Exceptionally Cleared	2
Closed/Inactive	2

Forfeitures:

Active Forfeitures	5
Forfeitures Closed	0

Notes: