



# Apple Valley Police Weekly Digest

May 31, 2023

## **Service Highlight** — Going Above and Beyond *May 25, 2023, 3:58 am*

Officer Wagner was dispatched to a residence when a woman called for assistance. She reported to dispatch that she just had surgery and was unable to go downstairs but heard running water in her basement and asked if an officer could come out to check for her. Officer Wagner arrived and found her water heater was broken and water was pouring out from the side vent. He was able to shut the water off and assisted the woman by taking photos with her cell phone and advising her on who she should contact for repairs. The woman was able to reach out to someone to assist her with clean up the following morning and indicated she required no other assistance.





### OUR MISSION

Protecting our community and improving quality of life through **service, education, and enforcement.**

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## **Education Highlight — Know Your Renter**

*May 23, 2023, 9:15 am*

Officer Plantz was dispatched to a residence on a complaint of a drunk person. Officer Plantz spoke with the complainant who reported his roommate was drunk, had passed out a few times, was unable to formulate coherent sentences, and he wanted officers to remove her from the residence. He also stated the woman had been intoxicated over the last three days and partially flooded a bathroom. He stated he took the woman on as a roommate recently without doing a background check, but he did not know her last name. Officer Plantz spoke with the woman who was walking and talking and declined needing any assistance. The complainant was informed that the police could not intervene with her at this time or remove her from the property because she was able to care for herself and was inside her residence. The man was briefed on how to properly onboard a renter and advised he could seek remedy through civil court for any damages she has caused at the home.

## **Enforcement Highlight — Breaking Into Your Own House?**

*May 24, 2023, 9:16 am*

Officer Marshbank was reviewing a list of active warrants for residents of Apple Valley and located an active warrant for a juvenile male he was familiar with due to handling previous calls for service with him. Officer Marshbank spoke with the juvenile's mother who stated she was currently out of town on vacation, but her son was not with her. She told Officer Marshbank that she disabled the garage door and secured the residence as she did not want her son there while they were not home. She was able to track his phone's GPS location and it showed he was within 400 yards of her home. Officer Marshbank and several other officers responded to the residence and found the upstairs sliding glass door was shattered. Officer Marshbank spoke with the mother again and she stated the sliding glass door was intact when she left for vacation and gave officers permission to enter the residence to investigate. Inside, officers located her juvenile son, along with his girlfriend and another juvenile male. All stated they had arrived at the residence the previous night and admitted the juvenile male who lives there shattered the window.

The juvenile male was arrested on his outstanding warrant, the female also had a warrant and was at the residence in violation of a previous trespass order. Both were transported to jail. The other juvenile male was released from the scene after officers spoke with his mother. The mother of the arrested juvenile was advised her home was now empty and she appreciated our assistance in removing all three juveniles.



## FROM THE LOG

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Officers have daily contact with citizens for various reasons. Most are responses to calls received by our dispatch center and some are self-initiated by officers themselves. All officer responses are recorded in a daily log of calls for service. Below are noteworthy comments from officers responding to recent calls:

- 5/25/23, 8:18 pm – Suspicious Activity
  - Dispatcher: Smaller silver or light blue passenger car. 4 males inside, wearing orange jumpsuits and “Jason masks”. Occurred about 10 minutes ago. The caller did not get license plate.
  - Officer: Checked the area. Gone on arrival, unable to locate.
- 5/25/23, 4:16 pm – Animal Calls
  - Dispatcher: Caller concerned about a dead deer head on patio of her neighbor’s residence.
  - Officer: Spoke with the homeowner who stated he was trying to get the skull cleaned. I informed him about his neighbor’s complaints, and he stated he would move it.
- 5/26/23, 9:09 pm – Traffic Stop
  - Officer: Vehicle was sitting at the red light. The driver was looking at her cell phone with both hands for over a minute. She was looking at her phone the entire time I was next to her. She didn’t see me due to her looking at her phone. I used my body cam and pointed it at her to capture the violation. When stopped, the driver admitted to the violation. She said she missed a phone call, so she was checking her phone to see who called her. When asked why she was on it for so long, she didn’t have an answer. The driver was cited for Hands Free violation.

## PREVENTION INFORMATION

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During the summer months, officers are dispatched to many calls from concerned citizens of pets left unattended in vehicles. Please be reminded that on a warm day, the temperature in a vehicle can exceed 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, even with the windows partially open. Experts advise that when animals are exposed to extreme heat, they can suffer brain damage or die from heatstroke or suffocation. Protect your pets, be on the safe side and leave them at home.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Watchdog Walkers
  - **Next Week!** Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 6 pm – 7:30 pm at Kelley Park.
  - Watchdog Walkers is a crime awareness program encouraging dog walkers and walkers of all kinds to assist the Apple Valley Police Department as extra “eyes and ears” of the community while out and about. For more information on this pet-friendly event, visit the City’s website at <https://www.cityofapplevalley.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=3705>



- Casting with the Cops – Save the Date!
  - Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Cobblestone Lake fishing pier.
  - Bring the kiddos out for a fun fishing event during our Freedom Days celebration. Space is limited and registration is required.
  - Visit the City’s website for more information <https://www.cityofapplevalley.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=3714>.

