

Criminal Investigations Unit TOP 10 Cases of 2010

C-10-0033 Robbery: Two subjects, a W/M and B/M robbed the Speedway gas station (located at 1711 Hill Rd. North.) at gun point. The suspects then fled the scene with \$177 in cash and \$945 worth of cigarettes. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that the suspects were Antonio Deena and Christopher Whiteside. Arrest warrants were obtained for the two. Both later admitted to the robbery during questioning.

C-10-0453 Felonious Assault & Felony Domestic Violence: Officers responded to 305 Timber Ridge Dr. in reference to a domestic assault. Upon arrival it was discovered that the victim (Geri Marino-Thomas) had been attacked by her husband (Gilbert Thomas) who burned her twice with a hot clothes iron. The victim suffered two large burns to her legs. Mr. Thomas was arrested on scene and charged. His trial is scheduled for late January 2011.

C-10-0489 Felonious Assault: Officers responded to the Kroger gas station in reference to a stabbing. Officers arrived and found Adam Kavanaugh with a knife wound in the shin area. It was later discovered that Kavanaugh had been stabbed by Travis Tuggle while the two were in another person's car. The knife was recovered while on scene. The victim and other witnesses in the car were uncooperative. It was later decided that the incident would be handled by the suspect's probation officer.

C-10-0535 Rape: Detectives opened an investigation into the alleged rape of a nine year old girl. During the course of the investigation it was discovered that she had been repeatedly raped by her fourteen year old step-brother. A confession was obtained from the suspect by detectives during questioning. Charges of Rape and Gross Sexual Imposition were filed. The fourteen year old step-brother was later convicted in Juvenile Court.

C-10-0665 Felonious Assault & Felony Domestic Violence: On 5/12/2010, Danielle Couch came on station to report that she had been assaulted by the father of her children (Curtis Barnett) while at their apartment located at 268 Pickerington Ridge Drive. She advised that she and Barnett had been involved in a physical altercation over finances the night before. During the altercation, Barnett had placed Ms. Couch into a headlock and savagely bit her scalp. Officers observed that Ms. Couch was missing a large piece of her scalp approximately 2" square and 1" deep. Her skull was visible. Mr. Barnett was later arrested at his place of employment in Columbus. He eventually pled guilty to the charges and is currently serving four years in a state correctional institution.

C-10-0875 Felonious Assault/Discharging Firearm into Occupied Structure: Early on the morning of 6/17/2010 officers responded to 390 Hilltop Dr. in reference to a shots fired call. Upon arrival, it was discovered that three rounds had hit the residence. The suspect(s) had fled the prior to officer arrival on scene. During the investigation, it was discovered that Todd

Mitchell James Hawes had been involved in a dispute with the residents of the house earlier that evening. Hawes later obtained a Colt. 45 pistol from Terrance Ellis and the two returned to the house and opened fire. Hawes and Ellis were both arrested. Hawes was sentenced to six years in a state correctional institution. Terrance Ellis is awaiting trial.

C-10-1007 Aggravated Drug Trafficking: While assisting the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) Task Force, Pickerington officers stopped two separate vehicles. The K-9 unit was run around both of the vehicles which hit on both. During a subsequent search of the two vehicles, officers located 32 lbs. of Marijuana and over \$5,000 cash in one vehicle and over \$15,000 cash in the other. The drivers of both of the vehicles, Brent Castle and Raymond Tillman, were arrested and charged with Aggravated Drug Trafficking. Detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence that the two suspects had come from. An additional 100 lbs. of Marijuana was seized inside the house.

C-10-1009 Aggravated Drug Trafficking: While assisting the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) Task Force, Pickerington officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of SR 256 & SR 204. During the stop, officers discovered two Marijuana bricks with a combined weight of over 14 pounds. The driver of the vehicle, Ricardo Rodriguez-Gutierrez (an illegal immigrant), was arrested and later deported. A search warrant for the house that he had come from (located on Refugee Rd.) was obtained and executed. Detectives located over 1,000 pounds of packaged Marijuana bricks.

C-10-1192 Felony Domestic Violence: Officers responded to 1223 Lakes Edge Way in reference to a domestic. Upon arrival, officers found Maria Quintero with several marks around her arms and throat which she stated were from her baby's father, Daniel Constante. Mr. Constante had taken the keys to Ms. Quintero's vehicle and had left her apartment. Ms. Quintero pursued Mr. Constante to the parking lot where he threw her to the ground and then grabbed her by the neck and slammed her into her car. Mr. Constante then fled the area prior to officer arrival. Mr. Constante was located a short time later at a local drinking establishment. A short foot pursuit ensued and Mr. Constante was caught. He was charged with Felony Domestic Violence (due to a prior conviction for DV). Mr. Constante was convicted at trial and is currently serving 9 months in a correctional institution.

C-10-1233 Aggravated Robbery: On the night of August 25, 2010, officers responded to the area of Circle K (29 Hill Rd. South) in reference to an armed robbery. The night clerk as well as one patron reported that they had been robbed at gun point by a masked black male subject who demanded their money. No money was obtained from the patron, but the gunman did take over \$100 from the business. A juvenile suspect was taken into custody a short time later and was questioned by detectives. He confessed to the crime. The juvenile was bound over and pled guilty to two counts of robbery. He will serve 6 months in a correctional facility as an adult and will be on probation for the next ten years.