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## ***EDGEWATER POLICE***

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### ***NEWS RELEASE***

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#### **Cpl. Geerdes, Sgt. Hamilton, and MVPD Officer Toth thwart robbery**

Corporal Geerdes got dispatched to a handicapped parking violation in front of King Soopers at about 8:50PM last night. He contacted three persons in a pickup truck. A witness indicated that two of the persons walked into the grocery store, and then one of them walked back out to the truck just before Geerdes' arrival.

Officers got the occupants of the vehicle out of the truck and one of them started to run, but thought better of it. Mountain View PD Officer Toth arrived on scene to assist. The truck did not belong to any of them and no one could tell us who it belonged to or why they were there. Two of the persons had no ID and were acting very nervous. There were a bunch of black latex gloves in the truck and a couple of ID's that didn't belong to any of them. Cpl. Geerdes saw a pistol tucked in between the driver's seat and the center console. Geerdes told the driver that he was under arrest and started to handcuff him. The driver immediately pushed Geerdes away from him and tried to run. Geerdes tackled the driver as he fled. The backseat passenger who had no ID ran through the parking lot toward Target. Officer Toth went in foot pursuit of him. The front seat passenger put his

hands up and stayed where he was. Geerdes was fighting with the driver but had him down and was on top of him. Sgt. Hamilton lost visual contact with Toth and could not raise him on the radio. It turns out Officer Toth tasered and then fought with the backseat passenger before getting him under control. When Sgt. Hamilton returned to Geerdes he was still fighting with the driver and it took them both to get him handcuffed. The third person was cooperative throughout. Officers never contacted the fourth person who had gone into the grocery store just before their arrival.

The backseat passenger that Toth tasered was complaining of all kinds of injuries, but then proceeded to slip his handcuffs and crawl through the sliding partition of one of the patrol cars into the front seat. Turns out he has five felony warrants including one for Aggravated Robbery. Lakewood PD had an Attempt to Locate on the truck in connection to a series of thefts in Lakewood.

The truck was backed into a parking space directly in front of the grocery store with the engine running. Three suspects in the truck with a pistol and latex gloves. One of them wanted for Aggravated Robbery. None of them could say why they were there, who the truck belongs to or who the gun belongs to.

### **Residential Burglary – Great job by Nextdoor Neighbor and Neighborhood Watch Neighbor and Officer Challis!**

On 9/29 Officer Challis received a report of a residential burglary in the 2400 block of Ames St. The resident indicated that on 9/28 unknown person(s) entered his unlocked garage between 7AM and 3:30 PM that date and took a golf bag and an assortment of golf clubs as well as associated sporting goods.

On that same date I received a direct email from a Nextdoor neighbor regarding a suspicious persons that the neighbor had witnessed. The Nextdoor neighbor indicated that they learned that a 55 year old male Denver resident that was known to them pawned a pair of golf clubs locally.

Officer Challis was in the process of following up on this case with local pawn shops and identified the same person provided to us by our Nextdoor Neighbor as having pawned golf clubs and associated sporting goods. Thanks to our Nextdoor Neighbor and Officer Challis this Denver gentleman will be wearing new bracelets shortly, and our neighbor can continue his golf game. Case Continues.

### **Assist to Wheat Ridge Police**

On the evening of October 1<sup>st</sup> the Wheat Ridge Police Department investigated two separate shootings in the city with one person dead in the first shooting and two persons wounded in the second. Edgewater Officers assisted with service calls in Wheat Ridge during the course of the evening.

## **Nextdoor and Neighborhood Watch**

Our Edgewater Police Department Volunteers are researching methods to increase our Neighborhood Watch participation and participation in Nextdoor Edgewater. Both of these programs allow us to communicate more efficiently with residents for civic events and crime prevention purposes. Please consider inviting your neighbors to participate in Nextdoor Edgewater and contacting our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Lorenzo - [volunteers@edgewaterpd.com](mailto:volunteers@edgewaterpd.com) to get more information on making your neighborhood safer.

## **Stolen Vehicles**

On 9/17 between 8:30 and 9:15 PM unknown suspect(s) stole a 98 black Jeep Cherokee while it was parked locked and unattended on the street in the 5600 block of W. 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Jeep was recovered this past week unoccupied in Limon, CO.

The carjacking auto theft listed above involved a residents Chevrolet Cavalier which was recovered this week in Lone Tree.

## **Vehicle Break-Ins**

There were no reported vehicle break-ins this reporting period.

## **DUI's**

There were four DUI arrests this past week within Edgewater. Arrested for DUI:

24 year-old male from Denver.  
25 year-old female from Lakewood.  
25 year old female from Littleton  
27 year-old male from Denver.  
28 year-old male from Edgewater.  
33 year old female from Aurora.  
58 year old male from Lakewood.

Year to date, Edgewater Officers have arrested about 153 persons for DUI.

## **Shoplifting**

Edgewater Officers received two reports of shoplifting at local stores this report period. Arrested for shoplifting:

31 year old male Denver resident.  
An unknown W/M fled the store.

### **Traffic Issues**

Edgewater Officers performed about 35 traffic stops for traffic enforcement during the past week. Drivers were contacted for hit & run, speeding, careless driving, red light violations, turn violations, failing to signal, reckless driving, following too closely, parking violations, abandoned vehicles, weaving, expired plates, registration violations, suspensions, denials and revocations, and multiple traffic accidents.

The radar trailer was located in the 2000 block of Harlan St. this past week and will be relocated to the 6700 block of 24<sup>th</sup> Ave this coming week.

If you are interested in having the radar trailer put in your neighborhood, please contact the Police Volunteer Line – [Volunteers@Edgewaterpd.com](mailto:Volunteers@Edgewaterpd.com)

### **Calls for Service**

Edgewater Officers additionally responded to calls involving violation of protection orders, child abuse, medical assists, trespassing, alarms, civil assists, noise complaints, criminal mischief, harassment, suspicious persons, disturbances, welfare checks, animals at large, neighbor disputes, barking dogs, welfare checks, juvenile problems, thefts, and unwanted persons, intoxicated persons, found property, domestic violence, assault, criminal mischiefs, and multiple warrant arrests. **Edgewater Officers self-initiated and responded to about 172 various calls this reporting period including 6 Alarm Calls, 2 Welfare Checks and 13 Emergency 911 Calls – thank you neighbors for notifying our dispatch center at 303-271-0211 for the many calls and for our Edgewater Officers for their fine work during two very busy weeks!**

### **Thank You Notes from Neighbors – Kudo's**

I would like to thank Corporal Geerdes and Officer Palmer for coming to our apartment last night. I called because I saw a young man hurting his small dog. Once the Police showed up he was acting like he loved that dog so much. I did see him hurting the dog. The dog was “crying” as a hurt dog would; it was not just a short yelp.

I wanted to tell you that both officers were concerned enough to make sure the dog could walk well. The officers held the dog and checked on him to see that he was ok. Thanks to Corporal Geerdes and Officer Palmer for coming to our apartments and checking on this little dog. You both have good hearts!

Thank you to our outstanding police volunteers, Frank Kyper, Lorenzo Rendon and Dave Suter for the countless hours they are contributing to making our community and city a safer place to live, work and play! Chief Mackey

**Neighbor's notes and "Kudo's" are placed in the lobby of the police station and placed in the respective officer's personnel files – thanks for sharing!**