

**POLICE DEPARTMENT - VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN**

**MONTHLY BOARD REPORT  
JUNE 2021**

**TOTAL MONTHLY CALLS FOR SERVICE- 341**(year to date calls for service; 1,648)  
**TRAFFIC TICKETS- 22**(year to date traffic tickets; 293)  
**ARRESTS- 21**(year to date Arrests; 130)

**CALLS FOR SERVICE**

**11PM and 7AM – 77**  
**7AM and 3PM – 116**  
**3PM and 11PM -- 148**

**NOTABLE COMPLAINTS**

Animal Complaints- **24**  
Parking Complaints- **3**  
School Resource Officer- **12**  
Vehicle and Traffic Complaints- **9**  
Aided Case- **4**  
Warrants (arrested or added) - **2**  
Suspicious condition- **14**  
Records- **17**  
Larceny- **11**  
Noise Complaint- **5**  
Burglar Alarms- **7**  
Fire Alarm- **1**  
Assist Citizen- **25**  
Assist other Agencies- **3**  
Check Well Being- **10**  
Domestic/Disorderly- **14**  
Harassment Complaints- **10**  
Mental Health Incidents- **2**  
Motor vehicle accidents- **26**  
Property Checks- **40**  
DWI- **1**  
Death Investigation- **2**  
911 Unknown- **7**

## **OTHER NOTABLE DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY**

### **ROAD RAGE ASSAULT INCIDENT**

On June 27, 2021 at about 2:38pm the Watkins Glen Police Department received a call regarding a male victim who had just been physically attacked and assaulted. The Victim stated an unknown male followed him to his residence before getting off a motorcycle and attacking the victim. The victim stated the unknown male attacked him physically, knocking him to the ground where the assault continued. The suspect eventually got back onto his motorcycle and left the area after the assault. The assault is believed to be the result of some type of road rage incident.

The victim required medical attention at a local hospital where he suffered a laceration to his face and several abrasions to his face and knees. The suspect has been identified as 34 year old Michael D. Crosson Jr, last known address Beaver Dams NY. Crosson Jr was arrested and charged with Assault in the third degree, a class A misdemeanor and Disorderly Conduct, a violation.

### **VEHICLE PURSUIT OF ASSAULT AND CHILD KIDNAPPING SUSPECT**

On June 22, 2021 at about 12:35pm the Watkins Glen Police Department and other county law enforcement agencies received a Be On the Look Out “BOLO” for a suspect and suspect vehicle which was just involved in an assault and child kidnapping in Chemung County, according to dispatch.

At about 12:44pm Officers with the Watkins Glen Police Department located the suspect vehicle and subsequently stopped the suspect vehicle on N. Franklin Street in the Village of Watkins Glen. Upon approaching the suspect vehicle, officers immediately noticed a small female child in the backseat of the suspect vehicle. The male operator was immediately uncooperative with officers and refused to speak to officers and refused to exit the vehicle. Officers attempted to gain entry to the vehicle and attempted to get the child out of the vehicle. The suspect ignored all verbal commands and then fled the scene with the child still inside the vehicle. The suspect nearly hit an Officer and continued Northbound through the Village as officers pursued the vehicle.

The pursuit continued Northbound at speeds in excess of 100mph on State Route 14 through Schuyler County, as several marked WGPD units pursued the suspect. The pursuit continued on State Route 14 at over 100mph as the pursuit entered into Yates County. At this time, members of the Schuyler County Sheriff’s Office, Yates County Sheriff’s Office and New York State Police also joined in the pursuit as the Watkins Glen Police Department continued as the lead car in the pursuit.

Eventually the NYSP took over as the lead car in the pursuit as the pursuit continued Northbound on State Route 14. A Yates County Deputy was able to deploy stop sticks in the roadway ahead of the pursuit, in an attempt to apprehend the fleeing suspect. A short time later the suspect lost control of the vehicle and went off the roadway and into a ditch. The suspect was then taken into custody as members of the Watkins Glen Police Department removed the child from the vehicle and brought her to safety. The child suffered what appeared to be minor injuries and was transported to the hospital for an evaluation, as a precaution. A Watkins Glen Police patrol car and NYSP patrol car were deemed disabled once the pursuit ended, and both cars needed to be towed from the scene. The pursuit lasted nearly 20 miles at over 100mph nearly the entire time. The NYSP remained on scene to reconstruct the accident.

The suspect was identified as Richard R. Somers II, 35, of Elmira Heights NY. The Watkins Glen Police Department charged Richard with the following;

- Endangering the welfare of a child, a class A Misdemeanor
- Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2nd degree, a class A misdemeanor
- Reckless Driving, and Unclassified Misdemeanor
- Unlawful fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle in the 3rd degree, a class A Misdemeanor
- Speed in Zone, 91mph in a posted 30mph zone.

Further charges are pending.

Somers was processed and released to the custody of the Chemung County Sheriff's Office to face further charges.

### **DEATH INVESTIGATION**

On June 16th 2021, at about 4:30pm, Officers received a call at the South Seneca Marina for a male subject unresponsive in the water. Upon arrival, Officers observed the man floating in the water, unresponsive under a dock. Members of Schuyler Ambulance and the Watkins Glen Fire Department also arrived on scene and it was determined that the male victim was deceased. Members from the Fire Department extracted the man's body from the water. At this time, with assistance from the Schuyler County Coroner's Office, the death is believed to be caused by a medical emergency. With respect to the family, all names have been kept confidential.

Watkins Glen Fire Department and Schuyler Ambulance assisted on scene.

### **FIGHT IN PROGRESS/DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE**

On June 13, 2021 at about 8:30am dispatch received a call about an active physical altercation in the parking lot of Dunkin Donuts. Officers were dispatched to this location for the reported fight in progress.

Upon arrival the Watkins Glen Police Department observed a male laying on the ground with a female on top of him. The male was detained and was identified as Shane Woodard, 29, of Watkins Glen. After the initial investigation by the Watkins Glen Police Department, it was determined that Shane had followed a male and female victim into the parking lot of Dunking Donuts. It was determined that Shane exited his vehicle, while leaving two small children inside, and approached the victim's vehicle. Shane then attacked a male operator through the window of the vehicle, striking him in the face multiple times. The altercation then proceeded with the two men going to the ground after the victim exited the vehicle. The fight was broken up by another female victim as officers arrived on scene.

It was later determined there was an active court order of protection in place against the female victim. Woodard was arrested and charged with the following;

- Criminal Contempt in the 2nd degree, a Class A misdemeanor
- Two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, class A misdemeanors
- Harassment in the 2nd Degree, a violation
- Disorderly Conduct, a violation

Woodard is being held at the Schuyler County Jail waiting CAP arraignment. The NYSP and Schuyler County Sheriff's office assisted on scene.

## Arrest and Complaint numbers in 2021 compared to 2020

Complaints in June 2020   **237**  
Complaints in June 2021   **341 (+104)**

Arrests in June 2020     **10**  
Arrests in June 2021    **21 (+11)**

Traffic tickets in June 2020   **24**  
Traffic tickets in June 2021   **22 (-2)**

Total traffic tickets through June 2020   **134**  
Total traffic tickets through June 2021   **293 (+159)**

Total calls for service through June 2020   **1051**  
Total calls for service through June 2021   **1648 (+597)**

Total arrests through June 2020    **46**  
Total arrests through June 2021    **130 (+84)**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sergeant-in-Charge