

Boulder Police

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Letter FROM THE Chief

The Boulder Police Department's (BPD) mission "Working with the community to provide service and safety" is important in creating an effective agency. In order to achieve this, we know collaboration is a key factor. We do this through many different avenues.

Along with other community members, we participate in Share-a-Gift which provides toys for children in need during the holidays and officers take a cold "plunge" in the Boulder reservoir to kick off the Law Enforcement Torch Run which allows Special Olympic athletes to fulfill their "field of dreams." We stay involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) after our employees "go behind bars" and their bail is donated to MDA. These partnerships expand to other areas including our work with the city's Transportation Department on the Safe Streets Boulder Project. This program educates the public about new and current laws on pedestrian, bicycle and motor vehicle safety. It's noteworthy to mention accidents were reduced from 2011 by 9%. We work closely with other agencies including the Boulder County Sheriff's Office and meet often with University of Colorado representatives to discuss and educate students on alcohol and drug abuse.

Boulder and many of its surrounding communities were shocked by the disappearance and murder of Jessica Ridgeway in Westminster. Many BPD employees, both commissioned and non-commissioned, volunteered to assist with the investigation by helping search for Jessica, answer phones at the Westminster Police Department Call Center and filter tips.

We work at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during large-scale disasters like the Four-Mile and Flagstaff fires. From helping in the call center assisting dispatchers with public inquiries, to officers handling traffic control, having Public Information Officers on site for press inquiries, to myself and other command staff remaining on hand to make policy decisions, it's always a group effort to keep our community safe and thriving.

Keeping our technology updated is another integral piece of running an effective department. This year we upgraded the server for our Records Management System (RMS), completed a Property and Evidence Inventory where all items were bar-coded into RMS for easier and proficient tracking, implemented a new Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and added a Police Technical Team (PTT) to address many of the unique technology issues associated with police work.

The Boulder Police Department remains a "work in progress" organization as we make every attempt to serve our community in the best way possible. We believe in transparency, truth and fairness as we take on future challenges and will continue to strive for excellence.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Beckner

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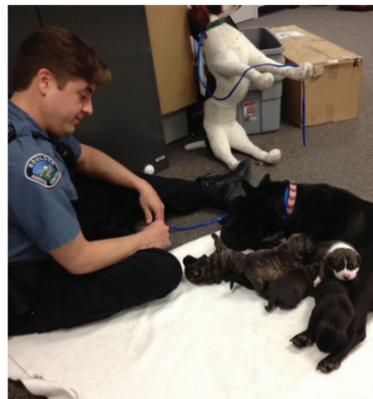


Animal CONTROL UNIT

The Animal Control Unit deals with all things “animal” in the city, from handling stray or vicious dogs, to investigating animal cruelty and neglect issues, to attending to injured wildlife. If there’s a citywide emergency – the Animal Control Unit is on hand to assist the community with animal evacuations.

No day is typical for the five officers and Supervisor Janee Boswell, who has 12 years’ experience in the animal control field. “The majority of calls involve stray animals, enforcing leash laws or nuisance complaints but really, we wear a lot of different hats,” said Boswell. “We spend much of our time mediating for the public and educating them not only about laws, but also about how to properly care for their animals.”

In 2012, the Animal Control Unit received a total of 12,790 calls for service. Dog-at-large calls accounted for 974 calls; there were



Animal Control Officer Chris Reich tends to a mom and her puppies.

207 barking dog complaints and a total of 262 investigations of animal cruelty and/or neglect.

“Animals are defenseless, and when you take on the responsibility of owning one, you’re now in charge of something that can’t take care of itself,” said Boswell. “Water, food, shelter, love, companionship – those are some of the biggest responsibilities anyone can have, and not everyone takes those responsibilities seriously. We are here to inform, educate and enforce the law when necessary.”

“We take all calls seriously, from minor leash law violations to major cruelty cases or dog attacks,” said Boswell. “Animal control is ultimately a human safety issue, which makes it a high-priority call. Research has shown there is a direct correlation between animal abuse and other criminal activity. I have dealt with cases that on their appearance involved animal cruelty, however, domestic violence, child abuse and drug dealing can all be part of the criminal package. Additionally, we have also seen minor situations such as a dog off-leash turn into an aggressive dog case where the off-leash dog brutally killed a neighbors pet.”

Animal Control officers usually experience an increase in call load during the summer months. Many of those calls are due to people having their dogs accompany them when they run errands or go to the grocery store. While spending

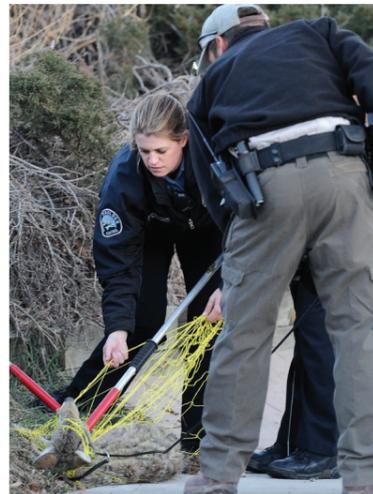


photo credit: Jeremy Papasso/Daily Camera
Animal Control Supervisor Janee Boswell and OSMP Ranger Jeremy Dear Ruel help an injured coyote.

time with a pet is admirable, it can be downright dangerous to bring them along in the car. “Often, these people mean well; they just don’t understand how hot a vehicle can get and how fast that can happen,” said Boswell. “Heatstroke can be deadly, and well-meaning dog owners put their pets at risk. We conduct outreach every year to educate the community about the dangers and the consequences of leaving pets in a potentially fatal situation.”

The Animal Control Unit is working on several new projects, one of which is the development of education programs for schoolchildren. The Animal Control Unit plans to roll out the new programs by Fall 2013, which will provide education to kids about bite prevention and responsible pet guardianship.

LAW ENFORCEMENT honors ^{BPD} employees AND CITIZENS



Detective Jack Gardner, receiving the 2012 Beth Haynes Memorial Award.



Karen Luebke receives a Special Recognition Award at the Beth Haynes Memorial Award ceremony for her work in police communications.



2012 Detective of the Year, Jeremy Frenzen.

We are always proud to share the accomplishments of our highly skilled staff. This year was no exception as we congratulated Detective Jack Gardner (aka “Tower of Justice”) for winning the Beth Haynes award for his work on domestic violence and child abuse cases. A ten-year veteran, Jack has handled more than 270 of these types of cases and has been nominated for the award four times in the past.

The department’s Administrative Assistant in Communications, Karen Luebke, received the Beth Haynes Special Recognition Award for her expertise at extracting information from our Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System. Nominated by Detective Dixie Bliley, who describes Karen as “one of the most compassionate people I know.” Dixie went on to say, “She responds quickly and professionally to all requests that I’ve brought her for recordings of 911 calls. She often drops whatever she is doing to copy a recording even if I tell her that the timeline is not urgent.”

We also applauded Detective of the Year, Jeremy Frenzen and Officer of the Year, Brad Kithcart. Detective Frenzen was recognized for his hard work and excellence in the Major Crimes Unit. Officer Kithcart showed exceptional tenaciousness and diligence during his first year in law enforcement with the Boulder Police Department.

At our 2012 Annual Awards Ceremony we were proud to honor the following people:

The Medal for Lifesaving was given to Officer Adrian Drelles, Officer Ashly Flynn and Officer Ryan McAuley. For making significant impacts on community safety, Officer Matthew (Scott) Adams and Detective Charles Heidel were given the Award for Excellence. For demonstrating exceptional initiative, the Chief’s Certificate of Commendation was awarded to Dispatcher Jamie Burch, Dispatcher Donnell Jackson and Officer Don Schuler. The Boulder County Drug Task Force was commended with a Unit Citation for displaying exemplary teamwork and effectiveness.

Once again, we were able to acknowledge the contribution that four community members made to public safety in Boulder. Dylan John, George Derrington and Nicholas Bonn were honored for their assistance in apprehending a serial burglar who confessed to over 50 burglaries on the hill. Brian Hayse helped officers capture an armed shoplifting suspect. They were each honored with an Outstanding Citizen Award.



2012 Officer of the Year, Brad Kithcart (right), and BPOA President Rich Denig (left).

BOULDER COUNTY Drug Task FORCE

Members of Boulder County's Drug Task Force work quietly undercover to target major drug dealers in Boulder and nearby cities like Lafayette and Louisville. It's not often the public hears about the cases the Drug Task Force is investigating, but when a major supplier and the supplier's drug ring are brought down - usually after an intensive, months-long investigation - it's major news.

The Boulder County Drug Task Force spent much of its time in 2012 on two major cases: Operation El Gaucho, and Operation Hillside. El Gaucho targeted a major cocaine ring that supplied Boulder County, and at its conclusion, task force agents were able to stop an entire section of the organization.

"El Gaucho" was the nickname of an ounce-level dealer in the city of Boulder. He earned his nickname because he always wore a cowboy hat and agents could find him easily when he was out doing business.

He was a mid-level dealer that returned to Mexico as the case was really taking off. "His suppliers are predominantly Mexican nationals. While we haven't arrested them, we did take out a huge part of their Boulder connection, essentially shutting it down," says Drug Task Force Sergeant Barry Hartkopp. "The amount of drugs these dealers were moving affected the whole community."

Operation El Gaucho began in August 2011 and involved an extensive wiretap investigation that involved ten phones. Wiretaps are time-intensive operations which require a high level of manpower. The wiretaps are investigated in real time, and that means agents are keeping track of a variety of phones (dealers often use phones for a short period of time and then throw them away) and they will wait on the line to intercept conversations and watch for text messages. The agent monitoring the phone also works with other agents, some of whom are in the room to assist



Cash seized during an undercover drug investigation.

with the monitoring process and others who are assigned to field surveillance to try to corroborate what investigators are hearing on the wire.

Operation El Gaucho culminated with an early-morning raid which involved four counties and 12 different locations hit simultaneously in Boulder and Boulder County, Weld County, Adams County and Denver. Seventeen suspects were arrested that day.

Drug investigations can also involve confidential informants and

undercover officers, who are able to gain the trust of smaller dealers as they infiltrate the drug rings they're investigating. Undercover work can take a lot of time, and agents will invest that time when they believe they can get to higher-level suppliers.

"I'm proud when we can take a major supplier out. I feel like we have accomplished a significant contribution to the community of Boulder and sometimes, even nationwide," said Hartkopp.

Operation Hillside had just such a nationwide impact when the Drug Task Force shut that drug operation down in late spring of 2012, after beginning the wiretap investigation in September 2011.

Hillside was named for the Boulder neighborhood at 19th St. and Norwood where the main distributor lived, and for the distributor's name: Taylor Hills. He shipped drugs - and boxes of cash - through the US mail. The US

Postal Service and the Department of Homeland Security assisted the Boulder County DTF with this case, and agents were able to intercept a total of 8 kilos of MDMA, also known as Ecstasy, as well as shipments of cash. A number of low-level dealers pointed their fingers at Taylor Hills, because he was able to move large amounts of the drug without a lot of planning.

The DTF's wiretap investigation took several months and in the end, the dealer was arrested and charged with multiple counts of distribution. In addition, a grand jury recently indicted him on money laundering charges and failure to pay taxes on drug proceeds.

"People don't realize the quantity of drugs that are in Boulder. They think it's just marijuana and cocaine, but there is much more out there that's affecting people in our community," said Hartkopp. "When we are able to successfully investigate and arrest a dealer, there's a direct community benefit



Cocaine seized during an undercover investigation in 2012. On the street, this bag would sell for about \$4,000.00.

and in the case of Operation Hillside, a national benefit. That dealer moved drugs from Oregon to California, from Oregon to Boston and in several areas here in Colorado. Shutting him down shut down all those operations, throughout numerous states."

The Boulder County Drug Task Force consists of officers from six agencies throughout Boulder County that include: the Boulder Police Department, the Boulder County Sheriff's Office, University of Colorado Police Department, and officers from Erie, Louisville and Lafayette.

In 2012, the DTF investigated 86 criminal cases, arrested 53 adults, and seized several pounds of drugs including cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, LSD, methamphetamine, mushrooms, marijuana and illegal prescription medications.



Cultivated marijuana plants.



Marijuana on a drying rack, to be cured before sale.

SCENARIO training AT FAIRVIEW HIGH School

One of the challenges of being a police officer is never knowing what the day holds. That's why officers need to be ready for anything. Scenario-based training is one way officers sharpen their skills and stay up to speed on tactics and strategies for dealing with emergencies.

Last fall, Fairview High School was the scene of a suicide-gunman exercise that started off with an "explosion" outside the school, and which involved mass casualties (injuries and fatalities) and hostage situations.

This particular exercise was created to allow officers to train on the Incident Command System (ICS), which is a system that allows agencies to provide a coordinated response to various emergencies ranging from weather situations like floods, to active-shooter calls. The ICS usually involves multiple agencies working together, and it's important to understand who's in charge (command structure); how first responders will communicate with each other and their agencies and how to manage resources within a complex incident. It's a system that can be challenging to navigate in a real emergency, when time is of the essence and decisions need to be made quickly in order to save lives and protect the public.

"With this training, participants are forced to process a lot of information quickly, and they're required to make decisions based on past training and experience,"

says Officer Mike Heath, one of the scenario exercise organizers. "It allows officers to gain confidence in their skills and to be able to handle real-life, complex and stressful incidents."

The exercise also placed people in new positions they wouldn't normally have. In some cases, patrol officers stepped in to become team leaders (usually the role of a sergeant or commander in a real-life situation) because they arrived first, and because the situation called for immediate leadership.

Boulder police officers sharpen their skills throughout the year with a variety of training exercises that involve building searches, rapid emergency deployment, high risk vehicle stops, and officer rescue and crowd control.



Cold case WITH A diverse twist

The Boulder Police Department is committed to improving communications with the Spanish-speaking community and for several years, the Department has offered Spanish classes to officers. The instructor, Sandra Diaz, is a native speaker from Bogota, Columbia, who helps officers improve their vocabulary and their understanding of the Latino culture.

"We practice conversation, and focus on the vocabulary needed for police work and investigations," said Diaz. "This helps Boulder police officers respond more effectively to any type of situation or emergency within the Spanish-speaking community."

Students role-play in a variety of situations to test their speaking and comprehension abilities. The practice came in handy for Detective Tom Dowd, who was tapped to conduct a television interview about a cold-case homicide entirely in Spanish with the local Univision affiliate in Denver.

Detective Dowd is the lead investigator in the Sid Wells murder case. In 1983, 22-year-old Wells, a journalism student at the University of Colorado in Boulder, was shot and killed in his Spanish Towers condominium. The main suspect has always been Wells' roommate, Thayne Smika, who has been on the run from law enforcement for decades. In 2011, a warrant was obtained for Smika's arrest.

Recent information developed by

investigators indicates that Smika might be living in Mexico, near Puerto Vallarta. Deputy Chief Dave Hayes, who was a detective at the time of the homicide, remains very involved in the investigation. He felt that national or international media coverage might help detectives locate Smika in Mexico, and that's where Univision's worldwide media reach came into play.

Reporter Vanessa Bernal was very interested in the case and after pitching the story to her editors, made plans to interview DC Hayes and Detective Dowd. Her interest was piqued when she found out that Detective Dowd would be able to speak in her native language, something she didn't expect.

"Sandra's training gave me the confidence to speak about some of the details pertaining to this case," said Dowd. "It can be difficult to speak to the media, let alone in a different language, and the Spanish training I received prepared me for that interview."

The interview was complicated and detailed, and Dowd conducted the entire conversation in Spanish. The story was aired in Denver, Mexico and in other international locations. While Smika has eluded capture, the Univision story helped the Boulder Police Department share information with an international audience in the audience's own language.

"I was glad that the police department had the opportunity to expose this case to Spanish-

speakers here in the United States and possibly throughout Latin America," said Dowd.

("Estuve contento que la policia tuvo la oportunidad de exponer este caso a la comunidad mexicana aqui en los Estados Unidos y posiblemente por toda America Latina").

Deputy Chief Hayes agrees and emphasized that this homicide investigation will continue. "We're always looking at new and improved ways to examine the evidence in this case, including what can be determined from the lead analysis and the other contents of the shotgun shells," said Hayes.

Several officers and other detectives are also fluent in Spanish and are called upon whenever officers need help communicating with the Latino community.

Have you seen "Jungle Mike"?

"Jungle Mike", also known as Thayne Smika, is wanted in connection with a 1983 homicide in Boulder, Colorado, USA, in which University of Colorado student Sid Wells was shot to death.

Thayne "Jungle Mike" Smika was last seen in Yelapa, Jalisco, Mexico.

The Boulder Police Department is offering a substantial CASH REWARD for information leading to Smika's whereabouts.

REWARD: \$1,000.00 (USD)



Please call Detective Tom Dowd at the Boulder Police Department at 303-441-3385. Tips may also be emailed to BouldersMostWanted@boulder.colorado.gov.

Those who submit tips which lead to the location, arrest and filing of charges against Thayne Smika/Jungle Mike are eligible for a \$1,000.00 (USD) cash reward.

This poster was published in the Puerto Vallarta Mirror newspaper after detectives developed information that suspect Thayne Smika might be living in the area.

BOULDER DETECTIVES **solve** 17-YEAR-OLD **cold case homicide** OF **Marty Grisham**

Michael Clark, acquaintance of victim, arrested and convicted in case



Marty Grisham

It was November 1st, 1994 and 48-year-old Marty Grisham was having a late dinner with his girlfriend at his apartment on Arapahoe Avenue when he heard a knock at the door. When Grisham answered the door, an assailant shot him four times in the face and chest before fleeing. Grisham was rushed to the hospital, but it was too late. He died from the gunshot wounds.

Grisham's girlfriend couldn't see who had attacked him and for 17 years, the case remained unsolved.

Although police couldn't prove it at the time, investigators always believed that an acquaintance of Grisham's, Michael Martin Clark, was the shooter. Clark was a friend of Grisham's daughter and he had access to Grisham's apartment. Clark admitted to police that he'd stolen a book of checks from Grisham's apartment and then used those checks to forge \$4,500 from Grisham's account.

Lead investigator Detective Chuck Heidel said, "We always considered Michael Clark to be a person of interest in this case, because he had the motive, the opportunity and the connection to the victim."

Proving that wasn't easy but in January 2012, Boulder police arrested Michael Clark in Summit County, where he had been living. Clark was 36 years old. He was married with three kids.

Clark had always denied any involvement in the homicide, but Boulder investigators doggedly pursued the case until they had enough evidence to convince Boulder County District Attorney Stan Garnett that he could successfully prosecute the murder, even though 17 years had passed.

The case went to trial in October 2012, and Michael Martin Clark was finally brought to justice. It was now 18 years since Grisham had been gunned down in his own home. Clark wept in court when the judge read the verdict: Guilty of first degree murder.

Detective Heidel said it was one of most emotional reactions he'd ever seen by a defendant and family members. "It didn't have to come to this. Michael Clark's inability to take responsibility for the murder continued to collect more victims, beyond Marty Grisham," said Heidel. "I still hold him responsible for Loren Grisham's suicide (Marty Grisham's son) many years later. I don't think that would have happened if Loren hadn't lost his father. Michael Clark's family was



Boulder police investigate the murder of Marty Grisham, November 1, 1994.

also victimized by a crime that took place decades ago; he started a family knowing this day would come," said Heidel.

Clark's attorneys have filed a notice with the court that they intend to appeal the first degree murder conviction.

OTHER **cold cases**

The Boulder Police Department continues to work on many cold cases. Some of the most notable include missing persons Robert Bockmann who hasn't been seen since April of 2003; Timothy Case, who's last contact with family was in May of 2003; Fabian DelRosario who was supposed to pick up his girlfriend one evening in August of 1987 but never showed up; and Douglas Meer who was moving from Las Vegas to Boulder in March of 1982 and never arrived.

Several homicides which continue to haunt the department are the murders of Paul Moilanen, a transient found in the 500 block of S. 46th Street in 2007; six-year-old JonBenet Ramsey who was found deceased in her basement in December of 1996; and Sid Wells who was shot and killed at Spanish Towers in August of 1983.

Multi-car collision CAUSED BY MAN ON **pain medication** AND **marijuana**

On March 12th, 2012 20 people and nine different vehicles were involved in a major crash in a Boulder neighborhood.

Sean Marino was driving his truck at a very high rate of speed near Iris and 19th Street when he hit a Volkswagen Passat with three people inside. Marino didn't bother to stop; he continued through the intersection where he collided with several other vehicles, pushing one of the vehicles into the intersection where it slammed into other cars.

At least ten people were sent to the hospital to be treated for their injuries, including children. Four people suffered serious bodily injury.

"We are very fortunate that Sean Marino's reckless and intoxicated driving didn't result in loss of life," said Sergeant Jack Walker who, along with his traffic team, investigated the accident and helped the injured motorists and their passengers.

Marino told police his accelerator had gotten stuck and that's why he was driving so fast through town. The truth was that Marino was on prescription pain medication, mixed with marijuana. He didn't have insurance and had been told by his doctor not to drive, because he suffered from seizures.

The accident tied up traffic, police officers and streets for hours.

Marino was arrested and charged with vehicular assault, DUI, reckless driving and hit-and-run (injury) accident. He pled guilty to two felony counts of vehicular assault. The judge sentenced him to community service and a substance abuse evaluation. Marino is also banned from driving.



Cars hit by drugged driver, Sean Marino



Driver Sean Marino blamed the accident on a stuck accelerator. The truth was that he was driving under the influence of marijuana and pain medication. Several people suffered serious injuries as the result of the accident at 19th street and Iris.

Major crowds converge ON BOULDER

Boulder was the place to be if you were President Barack Obama, a professional cyclist involved in the USA Pro Cycling race or, if you wanted to smoke pot on the University of Colorado campus to mark 4/20.

The University took steps to curtail the event ahead of time by closing the Norlin Quad, where smokers have gathered in the past. According to CU officials, there were several hundred 4/20 participants on campus in 2012, compared to the thousands which have gathered in prior years.

Boulder police assisted CU as they have in years past, by providing extra officers to help with the event.

Presidential Campaign Stops in Boulder It was an election year, and President Barack Obama knew that Colorado was an important swing state. He visited Boulder three different times before the election. Not since the 1950's has a sitting president graced Boulder with a visit. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower came to

Boulder for the dedication of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Ensuring the safety of the president was crucial and prior to the visits, Boulder police worked closely with the Secret Service to make sure the president was protected and to map out a route for his motorcade. The White House didn't tell Boulder police that President Obama was traveling to Boulder until just four days before he arrived.

"The logistics are incredible. You have to have enough people to secure every single intersection, driveway, bike underpass and railroad underpass," said Commander Carey Weinheimer. "We didn't have enough cars for all the officers, and had to pull from the city fleet to make it work."

During the President's first visit in April, he and his motorcade made what's known as an "off the record" stop at The Sink on University Hill. "Off the record" is an unplanned stop where the president can get out of his motorcade, meet people



photo credit: Jeremy Papasso/Daily Camera
President Barack Obama shakes hands with surprised patrons outside The Sink on University Hill.

and shake hands. This particular off the record stop created a need for increased crowd control on University Hill, and even Police Chief Mark Beckner was called in to assist at the intersection of 13th and Pennsylvania. "The crowd knew something was going on but many of them weren't sure what it was until President Obama stepped out of his vehicle and began interacting with people," said Beckner.

Boulder police provided assistance for all three of President Obama's visits. What did we learn? "Everything will change, up until the last minute. Expect the unexpected," said Commander Weinheimer.



Air Force One at Boulder Municipal Airport. Most people believe – incorrectly – that Air Force One is the name of the airplane. It's actually the designator used to identify any plane in which the president is on board.

USA Pro Cycling brings race to Boulder for the first time

The USA Pro Cycling organizers brought the race to Boulder in August, attracted by the city and by what they believed would be a spectacular finish on Flagstaff Mountain. Thousands of spectators crowded into downtown Boulder to watch the racers as they sped through the streets, and thousands more hiked up Flagstaff Mountain to watch Boulder resident Rory Sutherland win Stage 6 by crossing the finish line at the top first.

Boulder police were involved with race organizers from the very beginning, when the possible routes were being determined to race day, helping with roadblocks and crowd control.

The race occurred on what's typically one of the busiest weekends of the year for Boulder police – the weekend before the start of the fall semester at the University of Colorado.



Officer Jenny Paddock at the USA Pro Cycling Race in downtown Boulder.



USA Pro Cycling racers rounding a corner in downtown Boulder, before heading to Flagstaff Mountain for the big finish.

Intoxicated

COLLEGE STUDENT **shot** BY HOMEOWNER



Zoey Ripple, 21, shot by resident after wandering into an unlocked home.

In the early-morning hours of May 23, 2012, police Dispatch received a call from a Boulder resident, who reported that he had shot an intruder at his home in the 400 block of College Ave.

The homeowner, Timothy Justice, and his wife, Doreen Orion, had been sound asleep in their bedroom when they were awakened by a noise that they initially assumed was a raccoon. They had left the exterior screen door of their bedroom unlocked and open to allow fresh air into the home.

At 3:36 a.m., they realized the noise was not a raccoon, but an intruder who had entered their bedroom. The husband demanded that the intruder leave immediately, shouted that he was armed with a gun and warned that he would use it if the intruder didn't leave.

The intruder kept coming toward the bed. It was dark in the bedroom, but Justice and Orion could see some type of light the intruder was carrying as the person made their way further into the bedroom. That's when Justice pointed the handgun he kept in the bedside table and shot 21-year-old Zoey Ripple in the hip.

Ripple was extremely intoxicated; she had been partying earlier in the evening and told police she thought she was at a friend's house and didn't realize she had entered a stranger's home.

Ripple was taken to the hospital to be treated for the gunshot wound. She recovered and ultimately pleaded guilty to first degree criminal trespassing several months later.

The Boulder County District Attorney's Office did not file any charges against homeowner Timothy Justice. His actions were protected under Colorado's "make my day" law, which allow residents to use deadly force if a person enters their residence without permission and they feel threatened.

Statistics

It's interesting to compare crime statistics from year-to-year and also a good evaluation tool for the department overall. Boulder's population rose from 98,168 in 2011 to 99,069 in 2012. We increased our officers by one with 172 in 2011 to 173 in 2012. The ratio of officers to every 1,000 people in Boulder remained the same for both years at 1.75. We were pleased there were no homicides in 2012; in 2011, there were two. The number of rapes reported in 2012 increased slightly from 31 in 2011, to 34 in 2012. Burglaries also increased with 473 reported in 2011 and 502 in 2012. There were 465 adult arrests in 2011 compared to 568 in 2012. The total number of accidents we covered in 2011 was 3,328 and 3,183 in 2012. Bike/pedestrian accidents numbered 240 in 2011 and 259 in 2012. Driving under the Influence arrests increased in 2012 to 708 from 672 in 2011.

Much to our satisfaction we are able to report our clearance rates rose in 2012. Part I Crimes (serious crime including aggravated assault, homicide, rape, robbery, etc.) were at 32% compared to 30% in 2011. Part II Crimes (all other crime including fraud, simple assault, liquor offenses, etc.) were 73% compared to 71% in 2011.

DETECTIVE UNIT INVESTIGATIONS: SOLVED

More than 50 burglaries were solved when burglary victims witnessed a suspect walking nearby carrying their backpack and laptop. Police believe Daniel Stewart Cooper was responsible for between 50 and 100 burglaries in the University Hill neighborhood. Cooper only targeted unlocked residences and would help himself to food, alcohol, showers, clean clothing and personal toiletries while he was carrying out his crimes. Often residents were asleep when he entered their homes. He repeatedly went in to several houses that were consistently left unlocked. Cooper often pretended to know someone at the residence and was allowed to leave with no police involvement.

Police believe his crime spree began sometime in April, 2012 and ended when he was arrested in September of 2012.

A unique case resulted in the quick arrest of an alleged homeless woman after she attempted to rob the Target Store on 29th Street in early February. She handed a note to a clerk saying "This is a hold-up. \$200. Please." Afterwards, she grabbed the note from the clerk and walked over to the Starbucks inside and stood by the window. The woman, identified as 44-year-old Selma Leathem, initially told police the note was meant as a joke but later admitted "it would have been nice" if the clerk had provided her with \$200 because she "needed money."



Surveillance photos of the Face-off Bandit during a robbery.

Police arrested the "Face Off Bandit" after they believed he was responsible for six bank robberies in four jurisdictions. Forensic evidence linked Mark Steven Edwards to the robberies. He was dubbed the "Face Off Bandit" because he disguised himself with fake beards and disposed of them as he fled. His robbery spree began in December of 2011, and ended March 14 when he was taken into custody.

Changes TO DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT staff



Patty Raab

Boulder Police Management Staff is a decision-making committee that includes the Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, Commanders, and Financial, Communications and Records Managers. There were several changes this year when our Financial Manager, Joe Pura and Records Manager, Rebecca Kilpatrick retired after many years of service at the police department. We filled our Communications Manager vacancy after Lonna Donin left in 2011 and welcomed replacements Ted McEldowney (Communications) and Patty Raab (Records). Ted began his career at the

police department in 2002 as a dispatcher and was promoted to dispatch supervisor in 2004 before he was hired as Communications Manager. Patty worked in law enforcement agencies on the western slope and Denver area before joining us as our Records Manager.



Joe Pura



Rebecca Kilpatrick



Ted McEldowney

