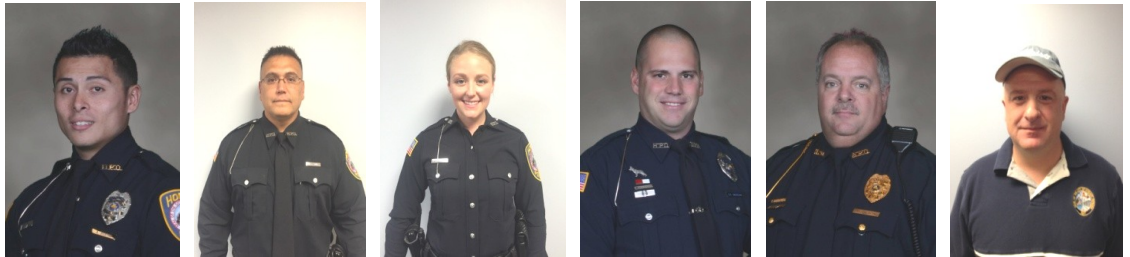




MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF

On May 14th in the early morning hours, Hobart Police were notified by dispatch of a structure fire at Lake Of the Woods Apartments. Realizing that there are several units per building on multiple floors, police officers responded quickly to assist with evacuations. The timing of the fire occurring when most people are home and asleep only exacerbated the emergency.



Andres Bustos Art Azcona Erica Kelley Ryan Snedecor David Olson Lino Maggio

Officers Andres Bustos, Art Azcona, Erica Kelley, Ryan Snedecor, Cpl. Dave Olson and Reserve Officer Lino Maggio arrived on scene and observed the building in flames with heavy smoke. Officers Bustos, Azcona, Kelley, Snedecor, Olson and Maggio immediately entered the burning building and started knocking on doors to alert the residence. As the officers made their way through the building the flames and smoke became more intense.

Officer Azcona and Cpl. Olson attempted to enter the last building but the smoke was too intense. Officer Bustos, quickly thinking, remembered he had his SWAT gas mask in his vehicle. Officer Bustos ran to his vehicle, retrieved his mask, put it on, and entered the building. Officer Kelley then followed Bustos into the building. The two of them kicked in doors and brought several people out of the burning building along with a pet dog. They are responsible for saving the lives of several people who were asleep and unaware of the danger.

Officers Andres Bustos, Art Azcona, Erica Kelley, Ryan Snedecor, Cpl. Dave Olson and Reserve Officer Lino Maggio are responsible for notifying and saving people from certain injury or death. These police officers put their lives on the line for others. It is a great credit upon them and their efforts will be acknowledged at the June 21st Board of Public Works & City Council meeting.

Chief Rick Zormier

DID YOU KNOW?

Bicycle Safety

In 2015, 815 cyclists were killed by motor vehicles. It's that time of year when you will be seeing more bicyclists out. Here are some safety tips for bicyclists and drivers.

Drivers

Slow down in or near residential areas.

Scan between parked cars and other objects for signs of children darting into the road.

Make room when you approach bicyclists, be patient and wait until it is safe to pass.

Give way and travel at a safe distance behind bicyclists.

Bicyclists

Wear a properly fitted helmet.

Always ride in the same direction as traffic.

Be seen by road users with bright colors and reflective material.

Stay Alert!



Collection Call Con Takes on Another New Twist

Some scams just don't quit! Debt collection cons are one of the most prevalent scams, often there's a new twist. This time, scammers are scaring victims into paying by claiming to have filed a "civil complaint" against them.



How the Scam Work:

You receive a call from someone claiming to be collecting money for an overdue payment. This "collection agent" informs you that a civil complaint was filed against you. Con artists do a great job of making this seem real. The scammer may provide specific details, such as the amount of the debt, the complaint case number and a phone number where you can follow up. As convincing as the information seems, it's all phony.

If you call the number, another "agent" will claim that the company tried to contact you about the debt. Now, to avoid a pending lawsuit, you need to pay immediately. To do so, you need to make a wire transfer or load a prepaid debit card with the funds immediately.

Don't do it! No matter how intimidating the threats seem, these phony collection agents don't have any legal power. In most cases, the debt doesn't even exist.

Protect Yourself from Debt Collector Cons:

To keep yourself protected against debt collector scams know your rights.

- **Just hang up:** If you don't have any outstanding loans, hang up. Don't press any numbers or speak to an "agent."
- **Ask the debt collector to provide official "validation notice" of the debt:** In the U.S, and most of Canada, debt collectors are required by law to provide the information in writing. The notice must include the amount of the debt, the name of the creditor and a statement of your rights. If the self-proclaimed collector won't provide the information, hang up.
- **Ask the caller for his/her name, company, street address, and telephone number:** Then, confirm that the collection agency is real.
- **Do not provide or confirm bank account, credit card or other personal information:** over the phone until you have verified the call.
- **Check your credit report:** In the U.S, check with one of the three national credit reporting companies (Equifax, TransUnion, Experian). In Canada, check with Equifax Canada. This will help You determine if you have outstanding debts or if there has been suspicious activity.
- **Place a fraud alert on your credit report:** If the scammer has personal information, place a fraud alert with the three national credit reporting companies.

For more information visit bbb.org.

Found Property

May 8, 2017

Found Wallet
Main St. & 3rd St.

May 10, 2017

Found Bicycle
1200 block S. Lake Park Ave.

Questions in regards to found property please call:
942-1125 ex.1067



HOBART POLICE BLOTTER May 1, 2017 - May 14, 2017, 278 Citations, 90 Traffic Accidents, 16 Warrant Arrests, 8 K-9 Usage, 26 Shoplifting Incidents, 65 Ordinance Violations, 22 Animal Complaints, 0 Medical Incidents, 13 Juvenile Incidents, 97 Suspicious Incidents, 2 Driving Impaired, and 1150 Calls For Service



05/01, 8:14am, Harassment, 1500 block E. 6th St., report taken
 05/01, 8:16am, Battery, 100 block N. Guyer St., altercation between two subjects
 05/01, 8:38am, Fraud, 600 block N. Union St., fraudulent purchase on credit card
 05/01, 9:12am, Drugs, W. 62nd Ave. & Marcella Blvd., subject arrested
 05/01, 6:28pm, Criminal Mischief, 100 block N. Liberty St., Liberty School, window broken out on door
 05/02, 6:41am, Drugs, E. 10th St. & Lincoln St., subject arrested
 05/02, 10:09am, Drugs, W. 3rd St. & S. Wisconsin St., subjects arrested
 05/02, 10:41am, Harassment, 900 block Lillian St., harassing texts from known subject
 05/02, 1:33pm, Battery, 400 block N. Lake Park Ave., report taken
 05/02, 9:30pm, Robbery, 900 block E. Cleveland Ave., report taken
 05/02, 9:31pm, Battery, 2500 block Southlake Mall, Buffalo Wild Wings, subjects arrested
 05/03, 1:49am, Theft, 1100 block S. Hobart Rd., vehicle rummaged through
 05/03, 6:24am, Theft, 1200 block S. Hobart Rd., theft of safe with firearm from vehicle
 05/03, 8:55am, Drugs, Mississippi St. & E. 79th Ave., report taken
 05/03, 9:08am, Theft, 3300 block E. 73rd Ave., theft of credit card
 05/03, 9:15am, Theft, Multiple Residences, theft from several vehicles
 05/03, 1:18pm, Drugs, Hillcrest St. & Drexel Dr., subject arrested
 05/03, 4:27pm, Missing Person, 2000 block E. 84th St., subject located
 05/03, 4:36pm, Missing Person, Police Station Report, report taken
 05/03, 5:37pm, Domestic Disturbance, 2700 block Dekalb St., known subjects in altercation
 05/03, 7:13pm, Trespassing, 2100 block Southlake Mall, subject issued trespass warning
 05/03, 7:55pm, Theft, 400 block W. 8th St., theft of US currency from vehicle
 05/03, 10:14pm, Disturbance, 3800 block Colorado St., subjects in altercation
 05/04, 12:29am, Missing Person, 200 block N. Ohio St., report taken
 05/04, 7:11am, Theft, Multiple Residences, Colorado St., window broken out on vehicles/theft of several items
 05/04, 7:18am, Criminal Mischief, Police Station Report, scratches on vehicle
 05/04, 8:48am, Theft, 7200 Colorado St. theft of vehicle
 05/04, 10:12am, Fraud, 600 block W. Old Ridge Rd., report taken
 05/04, 11:46am, Domestic Disturbance, 1100 block S. Decatur St., altercation between known subjects
 05/04, 1:35pm, Burglary, 7300 block Grand Blvd., theft of door knob and lockbox
 05/04, 1:40pm, Intoxication, 500 block E. 3rd St., subject arrested
 05/04, 2:23pm, Threats, 1900 block Northwind Pkwy., threats made by known subject
 05/04, 3:11pm, Theft, 1600 block Southlake Mall, theft of firearm
 05/04, 4:35pm, Overdose, I65 & Ridge Rd., subject arrested
 05/04, 4:56pm, Theft, 7100 block Colorado St., theft of wallet from vehicle
 05/04, 6:16pm, Theft, 1900 block Southlake Mall, Victoria's Secret, theft of merchandise
 05/04, 7:01pm, Burglary, 1200 block W. 38th Ave., report taken
 05/04, 7:02pm, Drugs, Police Station Report, subject arrested
 05/04, 8:54pm, Theft, 200 block W. Old Ridge Rd., theft of cell phone
 05/05, 8:53am, Theft, 1600 block Arizona St., theft of license plate
 05/05, 11:56am, Drugs, 4700 block W. 61st Ave., subject issued summons
 05/05, 3:02pm, Fraud, Police Station Report, fraudulent activity on bank account
 05/05, 4:13pm, Fraud, 400 block Main St., fraudulent transactions on bank account
 05/05, 4:34pm, Criminal Mischief, Clay St. & E. Lincoln Hwy., vehicle throwing trash at other vehicles
 05/05, 4:55pm, Fraud, 2100 block Southlake Mall, counterfeit US currency
 05/05, 5:58pm, Battery, 6100 block E. 73rd Ave., report taken
 05/05, 7:16pm, Theft, 7000 block Colorado St., theft of US currency and tractor key from vehicle

Police Blotter Continued

05/05, 7:23pm, Domestic Disturbance, 2500 block Southlake Mall, known subjects in altercation
05/05, 8:00pm, Criminal Mischief, 900 block E. 13th St., yard torn up by 4 wheeler
05/05, 8:26pm, Criminal Mischief, 1300 block State St., subject arrested
05/05, 9:16pm, Domestic Disturbance, 6200 block Willet Ave., verbal altercation
05/05, 9:36pm, Overdose, 400 block Manor Dr., subject transported to hospital
05/05, 11:36pm, Criminal Mischief, 600 block W. 37th Ave., windows broken on trailer
05/05, 11:45pm, Domestic Disturbance, 800 block S. Lake Park Ave., verbal altercation
05/06, 12:25am, Domestic Disturbance, 400 block N. Lake Park Ave., verbal altercation
05/06, 1:33pm, Domestic Disturbance, 1600 block W. 3rd St., verbal altercation
05/06, 2:37pm, Threats, 1100 block S. Decatur St., threats from known subject
05/06, 5:23pm, Drugs, I65 & 61st Ave., subject arrested
05/07, 11:48am, Trespassing, 1800 block E. 37th Ave., subject issued trespass warning
05/07, 3:18pm, Domestic Disturbance, 3000 block E. 10th St., known subjects in altercation
05/07, 4:15pm, Disturbance, 1600 block E. 81st Ave., Luke's, subjects in verbal altercation
05/07, 5:10pm, Overdose, N. Hobart Rd. & E. Rand St., subject transported to hospital
05/08, 8:26am, Theft, 1100 block State St., theft of US currency
05/08, 3:23pm, Domestic Disturbance, 1600 block W. 3rd St., known subjects in altercation
05/08, 3:44pm, Sexual Battery, 1500 block Independence Dr., report taken
05/08, 9:12pm, Drugs, 3900 block W. 37th Ave., subject issued summons
05/08, 10:04pm, Drugs, W. 3rd St. & S. Wisconsin St., subject issued summons
05/09, 9:39am, Harassment, 100 block N. Liberty St., report taken
05/09, 12:40pm, Theft, 7300 block Grand Blvd., theft of several items from residence
05/09, 2:42pm, Identity Theft, Police Station Report, report taken
05/09, 10:44pm, Trespassing, 900 block Fleming St., subject issued trespass warning
05/10, 8:01am, Overdose, 3900 block E. 34th Ln., subject transported to hospital
05/10, 12:44pm, Burglary, 3800 block Missouri St., theft of water heater from residence
05/10, 1:54pm, Child in Need of Services, 3700 block Montgomery St., report taken
05/10, 4:25pm, Fraud, 3700 block Gill St., fraudulent purchases on credit card
05/10, 6:39pm, Fraud, 2400 block E. 79th Ave., Best Buy, subjects arrested
05/10, 9:49pm, Harassment, 1000 block Lincoln St., report taken
05/11, 1:48am, Overdose, 600 block State St., subject transported to hospital
05/11, 4:36am, Trespassing, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, subject issued trespass warning
05/11, 12:09pm, Theft, 1600 block E. 37th Ave., theft of cell phone
05/11, 1:12pm, Fraud, 900 block Port Circle, fraudulent withdrawals from bank account
05/11, 2:46pm, Theft, 1900 block Southlake Mall, Foot Locker, theft of merchandise
05/11, 3:21pm, Threats, Police Station Report, threats from known subject
05/11, 6:33pm, Theft, 400 block Lawrence St., theft of firearms from known subject
05/11, 8:48pm, Theft, 1900 block Southlake Mall, theft of cell phone
05/12, 1:03am, Disturbance, 3700 block Mississippi St., verbal altercation
05/12, 3:31am, Drugs, E. 69th Ave. & Colorado St., subject arrested
05/12, 11:18am, Fraud, 3300 block E. 73rd Ave., fraudulent purchases made on credit card
05/12, 11:22am, Criminal Mischief, 3600 block E. 69th Ave., damage to mailbox
05/12, 1:14pm, Disturbance, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, no description
05/12, 3:13pm, Theft, 1800 block Southlake Mall, theft of cell phone
05/12, 3:44pm, Battery, 100 block Fraser Ln., report taken
05/12, 4:01pm, Theft, 7700 block E. 37th Ave., theft of leaf blower
05/12, 5:53pm, Domestic Disturbance, 3300 block E. 73rd Ave., subject arrested
05/12, 6:14pm, Harassment, 1500 block E. 6th St., harassment by known subject
05/12, 7:47pm, Fraud, 7700 block E. 37th Ave., fraudulent transaction
05/12, 7:49pm, Theft, 1800 block Southlake Mall, theft of cell phone
05/12, 10:38pm, Disturbance, 2900 block Dekalb St., subject arrested



Police Blotter Continued

05/12, 11:45pm, Battery, W. 37th Ave. & Wisconsin St., no description
 05/13, 1:00am, Intoxication, 100 block Fraser Ln., subject arrested
 05/13, 2:50am, Drugs, 200 block Main St., subject arrested
 05/13, 11:46am, Disturbance, 1600 block E. 80th Ave., verbal altercation
 05/13, 2:05pm, Disturbance, 2600 block E. Lincoln Hwy., verbal altercation between known subjects
 05/13, 2:30pm, Drugs, Evergreen St. & W. 38th Ave., subject arrested
 05/13, 3:34pm, Fraud, 2500 block Newton St., fraudulent purchase made with credit card
 05/13, 4:29pm, Fight, 200 block N. Cavender St., known subjects in altercation
 05/13, 8:34pm, Criminal Mischief, 700 block E. Home Ave., damage to lawn furniture
 05/13, 9:20pm, Domestic Disturbance, 7700 block E. 37th Ave., altercation between known subjects
 05/13, 10:04pm, Domestic Disturbance, 7700 block Murrelet St., known subjects in altercation
 05/13, 10:31pm, Disturbance, 2400 block Southlake Mall, verbal altercation
 05/14, 2:06am, Fight, 200 block Main St., Cagney's, no description
 05/14, 2:36am, Burglary, 600 block S. Wisconsin St., report taken
 05/14, 6:23am, Trespassing, 2900 block E. 79th Ave., Walmart, subject trespassed
 05/14, 12:26pm, Criminal Mischief, 8300 block Aster Dr., damage to vehicle door handle
 05/14, 1:50pm, Theft, Southlake Mall, Cricket, theft of cell phone
 05/14, 4:04pm, Domestic Disturbance, 1700 block E. 69th Ave., verbal altercation
 05/14, 6:33pm, Harassment, 3000 block Topaz Dr., threatening text messages
 05/14, 7:53pm, Theft, 3400 block Randolph Pl., theft of bike



It's not about writing tickets.
It's about saving lives.

The Hobart Police Department would like to thank the School City of Hobart, Dr. Mann Spitler and all 5th grade students and parents who attended the Too Good for Drugs Graduation Tuesday, May 9th 2017. Congratulations to all the graduates and their continued goal to stay drug free!



**Too Good Overall
Essay Winner
Karington Carter
with Ofc. White
and
Ofc. Pochron**

Arrests 05/01-05/14 All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

Leslie N. Beckett, 30, Multiple Charges, Anaheim, CA
 Levi J. Coday, 28, Poss. of Synthetic Drug/Paraphernalia, Hobart, IN
 Edith A. Copeland, 34, Possession of Marijuana, Elgin, IL
 Michael F. Hipskind, 27, Poss. of Synthetic Drug/OWI, Gary, IN
 James A. Kmetz, 26, Multiple Charges, Crown Point, IN
 Cynthia A. Lazaro, 39, Arrest Warrant, Hammond, IN
 Bruce M. Leipart, 34, Hand Gun License Required, Hobart, IN
 Robert V. Martinez, 26, Multiple Charges, Downey, CA
 Nabil A. Shurbaji, 62, Possession of Marijuana, Dyer, IN
 Lloyd J. Diehl, 26, Invasion of Privacy/Crim. Mischief, Wheatfield, IN
 Destiny P. Hall, 26, Theft, Gary, IN
 Frank H. Lopez Jr., 26, Theft, Chicago, IL
 Aaron J. Pavlin, 38, Poss. of Narcotic Drug/Paraphernalia, Portage, IN
 Terry J. Villareal, 46, Arrest Warrant, Gary, IN
 Thomas Eleeya, 40, Theft, Burbank, IL
 Luis J. Gonzalez, 22, Theft, Hobart, IN
 Nicole Herrera, 33, Theft, Rensselaer, IN

Ieshia D. Hoyle, 33, Theft, Hammond, IN
 Sophia D. Jeronimo, 19, Battery, Joliet, IL
 Rita E. Kwasniewski, 54, Theft, Portage, IN
 Jasbrielle Marshall, 23, False Reporting, Chicago, IL
 Diamond L. Patton, 18, Theft, Gary, IN
 Rashieda J. Saunders, 25, False Reporting, Chicago, IL
 Michael W. Anderson, 57, Public Intox./Resisting, Hobart, IN
 Keith L. Bowers, 45, Operating While Intoxicated, Gary, IN
 Mark V. Crague, 32, Operating While Intoxicated, Portage, IN
 Lynn M. Fentress, 32, Theft, Valparaiso, IN
 Kathleen J. Fry, 32, Possession of Marijuana, Lake Station, IN
 Jeremy M. Johnson, 28, Poss. of Marijuana/Paraphernalia, Hobart, IN
 Marsha A. Jones, 25, Theft, Gary, IN
 Jeffrey L. Luttrell Jr., 31, Multiple Charges, Hobart, IN
 Aleksandar Markosi, 23, Battery/Poss. of Narcotic Drug, Valparaiso, IN
 Jean N. Renk, 35, Arrest Warrant, Merrillville, IN

4 Juveniles Arrested

Code Enforcement Section-Sgt. Ron Russo
Our next article will post in the June 2nd issue.

**Memorial Day Weekend****DRIVE SAFELY**

With more people on the roads Memorial Day weekend, it's important to drive safely. Be well rested and alert, use your seat belts, observe speed limits and follow the rules of the road. If you plan on drinking alcohol, designate a driver who won't drink.

Other tips for a safe trip include:

1. Give your full attention to the road. Avoid distractions such as cell phones.
2. Use caution in work zones. There are lots of construction projects underway on the highways.
3. Don't follow other vehicles too closely.
4. Make frequent stops.
5. Clean your vehicle's lights and windows to help you see, especially at night.
6. Turn your headlights on as dusk approaches, or during inclement weather.
7. Don't overdrive your headlights.
8. Don't let your vehicle's gas tank get too low. If you have car trouble, pull as far as possible off the highway.
9. Carry a Supplies Kit in your trunk.
10. Let someone know where you are going, your route and when you expect to get there.

Our Newsletter can also be picked up from the following locations:

Hobart Police Station, Maria Reiner Senior Center, Hobart Family Y.M.C.A., Hobart Public Library, Walgreen's 742 W. Old Ridge Rd., Ellney's Bakery and Catering 1995 W. Old Ridge Rd, and at the following restaurants: Lake Park, Diner's Choice, and Paragon

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