



CITY OF ORLANDO

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ROBERT F. STUART
CITY COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2007

TO: Ardsley Manor/ Radclyffe Terrace Neighborhood Association
Maury Road Neighborhood Watch
Neighborhood Internet Crime Spotters (NICS)

FROM: Commissioner Robert F. Stuart

SUBJECT: Recap of Silver Star/ Rio Grande Responses

The following information has been accumulated so that there can be a better understanding of the professional responses provided by both the City of Orlando and the Orange County Sheriff's Office on behalf of City residents, and those living nearby in unincorporated Orange County.

For better clarity, I have posted excerpts from several of the replies that I have received in response to my regular requests to staff in order that I may stay informed on Orlando's response, whether from police, code enforcement, or planning to our residents about the 1500 block of Silver Star Road. In addition, I've copied a brief report from Orange County Sheriff's Office, Capt. Ken Wilson, Sector One Patrol Commander, on their latest developments.

December 3, 2007—Capt. Randy Thames, OPD, Drug Enforcement Division Commander:

Patrol Tactical Units made a series of controlled drug buys using an informant from 1506 Silver Star Road in July and August of this year resulting in a search warrant being served at that address on August 10, 2007. Arrest charges for sale and delivery of drugs are still outstanding on three unidentified suspects from those buys. We have continued to make buy attempts in that block at least once a week without any recent success. The Orange County Sheriff's Office is working the other drug complaint locations in that neighborhood that are outside of the city limits.

The Vice Unit has arrested three women for prostitution charges in the 1500 block of Silver Star Rd in the last two weeks. None of these cases or arrests were made on the property of any of the target addresses in the city limits.

Please contact me at **407.246.2440** if you have any further questions.

December 3, 2007—Mike Rhodes, Code Enforcement Division Manager, City of Orlando

There are three open cases (on the 1500 block of Silver Star Road) that are running fines at \$50 per day for each case. The liens should be filed against the properties this week. After the lien has run for three months (per state statute), we can file a foreclosure suit to force a sale. The

properties are currently listed with two owners---Luxury Living Developers Corporation and Tania Torreulla individually (who is the president of the corporation).

We inspect the property weekly for follow-up inspections or as the result of new complaints.

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December 1, 2007 – Capt. Frank Smith, OPD, North Patrol Division Commander:

The following is a recap of OPD Patrol Activity for the dates outlined. DPA (Designated Patrol Area) is logged on the activity response log and are mandated to have a higher level of patrol for the designated area (in this case: 1500 Block of Silver Star Road and surrounding area). DPAs are initiated as a result of complaints by local citizens.

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE
10-14/07	1157 hours	DPA
10/09/07	1547 hours	DPA
10/09/07	2012 hours	DPA
10/10/07	0051 hours	DPA
10/12/07	1848 hours	DPA
10/19/07	0046 hours	DPA
10/19/07	1859 hours	DPA
10/19/07	1915 hours	DPA
10/23/07	2030 hours	DPA
10/24/07	0347 hours	DPA
10/24/07	0407 hours	DPA
10/26/07	2200 hours	DPA
10/26/07	2359 hours	DPA
10/27/07	0028 hours	DPA
10/27/07	2248 hours	DPA
10/28/07	0357 hours	DPA
10/29/07	0347 hours	DPA
10/31/07	1811 hours	DPA
11/01/2007	2004 hours	DPA
11/01/2007	2220 hours	DPA
11/05/2007	0847 hours	General Disturbance
11/06/2007	0101 hours	DPA
11/06/2007	0101 hours	Traffic Stop
11/06/2007	0248 hours	DPA
11/06/2007	2048 hours	DPA
11/07/2007	0011 hours	DPA
11/08/2007	2227 hours	DPA
11/09/2007	0428 hours	DPA
11/09/2007	2223 hours	DPA
11/10/2007	1543 hours	Suspicious Person

11/13/2007	0402 hours	DPA
11/14/2007	1131 hours	Prostitution - 1 Arrest
11/14/2007	1207 hours	Assist Code Enforcement
11/14/2007	2122 hours	DPA
11/16/2007	0055 hours	DPA
11/16/2007	1417 hours	Battery
11/16/2007	2142 hours	DPA
11/17/2007	0446 hours	DPA
11/19/2007	0027 hours	DPA
11/20/2007	2004 hours	DPA
11/21/2007	2253 hours	DPA
11/21/2007	2304 hours	DPA
11/23/2007	2210 hours	DPA
11/24/2007	2311 hours	DPA
11/26/2007	2040 hours	Battery – 1 Arrest
11/28/2007	1020 hours	General Disturbance
11/28/2007	2136 hours	DPA
11/28/2007	2249 hours	DPA
11/30/2007	2105 hours	DPA

Please note that during the times listed the officers on the scene received five calls reference prostitution, four out of five, nothing found and the fifth was unfounded. There was also one traffic stop and one suspicious person during this time frame.

Captain Frank D. Smith
Orlando Police Department
North Patrol Division Commander
407-297-2075

November 29, 2007 – Capt. Ken Wilson, OCSO, Sector One Commander

The following is a report from Capt. Ken Wilson as a result of a request by Comm. Robert Stuart.

TO: Mr. Robert Stuart
District 3 – Commissioner’s Office

FROM: Captain Ken Wilson
Sector One Patrol Commander

SUBJECT: Crestwood Drive (Zone 12)

Per our conversation today in reference to the corridors of Crestwood Drive: When I received the complaint on Crestwood Drive, I personally assigned Commander Jose Campina to be the contact person for Ms. Gearhardt. During the last several weeks, Commander Campina implemented operational plans with omni-presence in this area. In addition to this, one of the zone deputies D/S Sarah Penilla contacted Ms. Gearhardt and provided her cellular phone number for further information and/or problems in this area.

There were several arrests for prostitution during the operation plans, along with County Code Enforcement working this area heavily. The Nuisance Abatement Board will meet on December 13th for the address at 1649 Crestwood Drive. There were 33 directed patrol contacts documented

during the last 6 months. (Directed patrol contacts are when deputies are available they are instructed to work the problem areas/operational plans and document each time "DP". There were many hours for Crestwood Drive documented.

Listed below are some of the statistical records for Crestwood Drive from 06/01/07 – 11/29/07. There were a total of 56 calls for service on Crestwood Drive. This list does not include drug activity as the Narcotics Unit is in charge of tracking their own arrests.

(GENINV) General Investigation -	4
(TRESP) Trespassing -	2
(SUSPP) Suspicious Person -	17 (all were "NR" None Report Calls)
(SUSPV) Suspicious Vehicle -	3
(VERBAL) Non Report Calls -	7
(CHECK) Check on well being -	7
(WARR) Warrant Arrests -	1
(DIST) Disturbance -	3
(ROBA) Robbery -	1
(RESC) Rescue -	1
(PROST) Prostitution -	2
(CM) Criminal Mischief -	1
(AGBAT) Aggravated Battery -	2
(911 Non) Non Emergency Calls -	3
(MOBHU) Mobile Hang Up Calls -	2

Thank you and please let me know if you have any further questions.

November 30, 2007 – Kevin Tyjeski, AICP, Chief Planning Manager, City of Orlando

The following is an update of the annexation and building plans for 1506 Silver Star Road (Located along south side of Silver Star Rd., between Coolidge and Rio Grande Ave.)

Builder – Robert Becker

Annexation - Approved by City Council on April 17, 2006 (ANX2005-00043)

GMP – Residential Low Intensity, Approved by City Council on June 5, 2006, effective July 6, 2006 (GMP2005-00034)

Zoning – R-3A/W/RP, Approved by City Council on July 24, 2006 (ZON2005-00042)

Building Plans (BLD2007-03536) for one 5-unit townhouse and one 4-unit townhouse (Park Grand Villas) were submitted to the City on May 5, 2007. The City provided comments to applicant on June 13, 2007. According to the Permitting Services Division, revised plans have not been submitted.

November 27, 2007 – Lt. Darryl T. Braunskill, Sr., OPD, Undercover Drugs/Street Crimes, Section Commander:

On 11/27/07 Street Crimes arrested a W/F Stuhrker, Angela, DOB 5/23/64 for Prostitution and Entering for Prostitution. The Case was made at NOBT/Silver Star. We are continuing to work this area daily. Thanks!

November 15, 2007 – Chief Mike McCoy, OPD:***This is a response to the concerns expressed by a citizen living in unincorporated Orange County:***

Regarding your follow-up questions, the Orlando Police Department can only respond to complaints of a criminal nature, as we have no jurisdiction in civil matters. Absent the requirements to bring a nuisance abatement case forward, I recommend reliance on Code Enforcement to make headway in this area. I have copied Mike Rhodes, Code Enforcement Manager, to ensure that he is aware of your concerns. I am hopeful that Mr. Rhodes has contacted you to further discuss his progress in that area.

Sex offenders are required to notify law enforcement of any change in address. Therefore, if the sex offenders begin to relocate to the 1500 block of Silver Star Road without proper notification, we will have the ability to violate them for non-compliance.

In another positive development, our Drug Enforcement Division (DED) continues to work the area for both drugs and prostitution. Yesterday our Vice Unit arrested a white, female named Kelly Scott, who resides at 1502 1/2 Silver Star Road for prostitution, entering for prostitution and directing for prostitution. It appears that the undercover officer that you referred to in today's email was not an Orlando Police Officer. In fact, I have checked with DED and they did not have an operator in the area matching the description that you gave. However, since this is a joint effort, it may have been an Orange County Deputy that you observed. Nevertheless, I am happy to report the arrest of Kelly Scott, who was one of our main targets.

I have copied numerous people within the City of Orlando and OPD staff who are wholly committed to assisting with this ongoing effort including Commissioner Stuart who has been concerned about the reported activity in this area since the onset and continues to support our efforts in keeping the entire community safe. As always, I hope this information helps you and your neighbors to know we will continue to stand with our citizens. If I can be of additional assistance, please feel free to contact my office any time.

November 15, 2007 – Chief Mike McCoy, OPD***This is a response to the concerns expressed by a citizen living in unincorporated Orange County:***

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and suggestions. As you may know, Commissioner Stuart has been deeply involved in this process from the very beginning. However, since working with Commissioner Stuart for many years, even before his role as Commissioner for District 3, I have admired his leadership style that gives our City's staff the freedom to accomplish their jobs and be directly responsible and accountable to the public. This style allows him to stay in the background and place the services of the city and the needs of the constituents to the forefront. In fact, Commissioner Stuart has asked me to work directly with you and provide the highest level of professional care that is possible.

In order to accomplish this goal, Commissioner Stuart has asked me to contact you directly, on his behalf, and provide personal assistance. If you could provide a telephone number, I would be more than happy to call you and discuss our ongoing efforts to keep your neighborhood safe.

I hope this information helps you to know the level of commitment both Commissioner Stuart and the Orlando Police Department share with your neighborhood. I look forward to the opportunity to speak with you soon.

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November 12, 2007 – Chief Mike McCoy, OPD

This is a response to the concerns expressed by a citizen living in unincorporated Orange County:

In an effort to summarize the actions of the Orlando Police Department related to the 1500 block of Silver Star Road and surrounding area, I want to take this opportunity to share information about our ongoing enforcement activity. From the onset of your warranted complaint we have networked with the Orange County Sheriff's Office to rid your neighborhood of the reported prostitutes and drug dealers.

Initially, we saturated the area with frequent patrols in order to put those engaged in suspicious or illegal behavior on notice that we were on the lookout. In addition, we spotted a marked patrol car

in the area to further promote an omni-presence effect. In fact, Captain Frank Smith, North Patrol Division Commander, has flagged your neighborhood as a Designated Patrol Area (DPA). With this designation, officers are directed to spend as much time as possible patrolling your area. I have seen recent reports indicating that our officers are indeed fulfilling that mandate. In addition, on August 10, 2007, our North Patrol TAC Squad and the SWAT Team served a search warrant at 1506 Silver Star Road. If you have any patrol related questions, please feel free to call Captain Smith at **407-297-2075**.

Efforts are also being made by our Drug Enforcement Division (DED) to conduct undercover operations in your area. In fact, Captain Randy Thames, Drug Enforcement Division Commander, reports that they will also be working jointly with the Orange County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit to help make cases. In addition, our Vice Unit continues to work in the area, attempting to curb prostitution activity. Of course, you would never know when the drug and vice officers are working your area as they skillfully blend in with the surroundings. If you have any information about drug activity, please contact Captain Thames at **407-246-2440**.

The Orlando Police Department continues to work in conjunction with Code Enforcement to make a lasting difference in your neighborhood. Currently, Mike Rhodes, Code Enforcement Manager, reports that there are a number of open cases in the immediate area of concern with a Code Board ordered compliance date of November 9, 2007. Three of the cases will result in \$50.00 per day fines if compliance is not met and are scheduled to go before the Code Board in January. If you have any questions or concerns about code enforcement issues, please call Mike Rhodes at **407-246-3331**.

Please be assured that the Orlando Police Department will continue to aggressively patrol your area and use all available methods of enforcement to help keep your neighborhood safe. We ask that your neighbors who live within the City to continue to call whenever they see something suspicious. As stated in my last e-mail to you, our main contact numbers are as follows; for emergencies dial **911**, and for non-emergencies call **321-235-5300**. Please feel free to share this e-mail with your neighbors, as it is my hope that it helps you to know that we are always available to assist in any way possible.