



**MEMO**

**TO:** License & Welfare Committee

**FROM:** David H. Spenner  
Chief of Police

**DATE:** July 24, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Sabrina's Grill – 1436 Junction Avenue

RPD Records indicate seven (7) calls for service from January 1, 2006 – July 11, 2006. A list of all of the calls is attached. Two (2) calls involve the upstairs residence with a tie to drug activity. The most recent incident (a shooting on June 23, 2006) occurred in front of the bar but the victim and possibly the offender were in the bar immediately preceding the shooting. Also, the shooting victim received no cooperation from the bar employees to obtain police or rescue response.

Highlights are as follows:

**ASSAULT                                  01/01/06                                  3:00 AM                                  06-0105**

Roseannah M. Cornell (3/27/80) was in the bar with her boyfriend – Bobby G. Henderson (07/09/67). An ex-roommate, Falisha A. Williams, who was upset about Cornell moving out, punched Cornell. Cornell filed a report but did not cooperate with any follow-up investigation.

**BURGLARY                                  01/05/06                                  10:02 AM                                  06-0841**

Clyde M. Stokes (06/11/50) of Pleasant Prairie reported that he was the victim of a burglary to the upper unit. Stokes stated his apartment was broken into, that his daughter knows the offenders and had a part in selling his items (washer, dryer) for drugs. Stokes also stated his vehicle was "stolen" on December 1, 2005 and people sold his guitar and amplifier for drugs. Two people were arrested after the car was in an accident on December 1, 2005.

**ORDINANCE VIOLATION 01/11/06                                  10:05 PM                                  06-2168**

A report of "a lot of underage drinkers" in the bar. Patrol reported several people exited the back door when the first officer arrived. Everyone in the bar was of age. The people leaving the bar could not be located in the area.





**INVESTIGATION 01/16/06 8:44 PM 06-3090**

Members of the Special Investigations Unit were working with Racine County Metro Drug Agents. Offenders involved in drug trafficking drove to Sabrina's. Two (2) people were arrested in front of the bar. A third party who was involved had entered the building and could not be located.

The investigation is continuing.

**TRESPASSING 02/23/06 12:30 AM 06-10783**

George D. Owens (09/24/73) called to report someone trespassing in his upstairs apartment. Owens stated he has had problems with people entering the apartment to smoke crack cocaine. He heard someone inside the apartment and found James E. Cole coming out the rear door. Owens detained Cole for the officers and stated the damage to the door was new.

Cole admitted going to the apartment to look for women who had lived there. He found the apartment vacant and could not get out the front door. When he returned to the rear door, Owens held him at gunpoint, threatened him and punched him once.

**Arrested:**

James E. Cole, DOB: 07/15/60 – Criminal Trespass, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
Criminal Warrant – Retail Theft

**LIQUOR VIOLATION 05/20/06 3:28 PM 06-30484**

An anonymous female called stating Sabrina's has been serving minors – her daughter has come home drunk from there. Not an active complaint – information was sent for extra attention to the patrol sergeants.

**ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE 06/23/06 1:30 AM 06-39367**

**Victim:** Romel F. Laws, DOB: 02/16/75, 2039 Quincy Avenue

Laws reported that he had been inside Sabrina's and stepped outside to have a cigarette and go to his car. A black male walked past, turned and began shooting. Laws turned and ran inside the bar. Once inside, he noticed that he was bleeding and told his cousin, Prentis W. Hollimon. Bar personnel refused to call police and patrons began to run out of the bar. Hollimon and Laws exited the rear door and Hollimon called police from this cell phone. At the same time, he observed an officer on another call and flagged him down.

Laws did give a rather detailed description of the shooter. When the officer was providing aid to Laws, he did observe two (2) black males run from the rear of the bar to Ann Street and enter a waiting vehicle. The vehicle was not located by other responding officers. Laws was transported by RFD Rescue to SMMC and treated for a single gunshot wound to his abdomen.





Jeanette Owens (the cook) stated she was by the grill and did not see or observe anything. George Owens stated he heard an echo of a shot, observed people running into the bar and toward the back of the bar knocking over / breaking glasses.

A scene was located outside and one (1) projectile was recovered.

During the follow-up investigation, Laws stated he was very drunk and couldn't be sure of what happened. Some details changed but his description of the core action of the shooting remained the same. When he and Hollimon arrived in the bar a party was going on. They had heard that many of the patrons were from out of town – possibly Green Bay. Laws believed the shooter had been in the bar earlier but could not be sure. The investigation is "Dormant." It will be re-opened if new leads are developed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean Stanton".

DEAN STANTON  
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

DS/cp



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IQ RESULT 06-000105 Rpt'd Disp Officer.....NEUBAUER, BRIAN, D  
01/01/06 09:19 09:29  
CFS..ASSAULT REPORT Call Taker..GIESE, LAURIE, A  
CRIME REPORT Dispatcher..CHRISTENSEN, GRETCHEN, L

REPORTED Date	Time	Call#	CFS	Unit	Off#	Location
01/01/06	09:19	000105	ASSLTR	4051	1683	1436 JUNCTION AV
01/05/06	10:02	000841	BUR	4701	1838	1436 JUNCTION AV, UPPER
01/11/06	22:05	002168	ORDVIO	3081	1198	1436 JUNCTION AV
01/16/06	20:44	003090	INVEST	2051	1980	1436 JUNCTION AV
02/23/06	00:30	010783	TRES	3082	1141	1436 JUNCTION AV, UPR
05/20/06	15:28	030484	LIQVIO			1436 JUNCTION AV
06/23/06	01:30	039367	ASSLTR	3031	1677	1436 JUNCTION AV

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F1=DETAIL, F2=SHOW PARAMETERS, F4=EXIT, F5=PICK CALL

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# HISTORY REPORT

**1436 Junction Avenue**

**Peg & Lou's Junction Inn**

08/22/2004 The tavern called to report an unwanted patron who was refusing to leave. The patron was located, identified, and left upon police request.

Office of the City Clerk

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City Clerk



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July 31, 2006

Sabrina's  
Karintha L. Porter  
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Dear Ms. Porter:

Please be informed that the License and Welfare Committee of the Common Council of the City of Racine will meet at 5:00 P.M. in City Hall, Room 205, on Monday, August 7, 2006.

It is requested that you appear at this meeting due to incidents on a July 24, 2006 Report from Chief Spenner. Racine Police Officers responded to several disturbances at your establishment from January 1-July 11, 2006.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 636-9171.

Sincerely,

*Janice M. Johnson-Martin*  
Janice M. Johnson-Martin J.M.  
City Clerk

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