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A Message from Chief Knight

Prescription Drug Abuse by Teens



Next to Marijuana, the most commonly abused drugs used by teens to get high are illegal prescription medications. Prescription medications are relatively easy for teens to obtain, often from friends or relatives, and teens often feel that these drugs are medically safe. Powerful pain

relievers such as OxyContin and Vicodin are the most commonly abused prescription drugs by teens. (Source: The Office of National Drug Control Policy: Teens and Prescription Drugs).

Our area is not immune to this problem. Chaska Police Officers have investigated and charged youths for illegal possession of a variety of prescription drugs. Most alarming, these prescription drugs are anything but safe. Most recently, a Chaska Officer encountered a 16-year-old who admitted to taking a prescription pain reliever (OxyContin) that she received from a friend. This teen's drug use caused medical problems resulting in an ambulance ride to a hospital. Talk to your teen about the dangers of misusing prescription medications. Also, make sure to safely dispose of any unused prescriptions in your household. Some great resources include:

Teens Health at - <http://kidshealth.org/teen/>

The National Institute on Drug Abuse -
<http://www.drugabuse.gov/ResearchReports/Prescription/Prescription.html>

And, the Office of National Drug Abuse Prevention -
http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/prescr_drug_abuse.html.

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Around the Clock
-Sgt. Ben Anderson

**Chaska Officers issued 25 citations and 17 warnings during this reporting period.
There were 228 calls for service**

Disturbances:

A vehicle was stolen from a parking lot on Ravoux Road. Investigation continues.

Officers located a man who had an active arrest warrant, as he walked out of his home. During the arrest, a strong odor of marijuana was detected coming out of the residence. The man consented to a search of his apartment and vehicle. A search of the apartment revealed 30 grams of marijuana, numerous items of drug paraphernalia and a seizure of approximately \$5,000.00 in cash. He was charged for the possession of the marijuana and drug paraphernalia.



A three-year old child started a fire in a residence on Crosstown Blvd. The child had been playing with a light in a closet when the fire started. An adult who was present at the residence extinguished the flames. Minor damaged occurred and the information was sent to the Chaska Fire Marshall.

Notables:

Brotherly Love...

Two adult brothers (one 33 years of age and the other 43 years of age) became involved in an argument at their mother's residence, where they both currently reside. The younger brother was upset because he thought the older brother told his child it was "ok to smoke". The older brother disputed this accusation, which led to the altercation. The younger brother assaulted the older brother by punching him numerous times in the face, kicking him and attempting to gouge his eyes. Their mother broke up the fight by getting in between them. The victim male suffered a broken tooth, abrasions near his eyes and on his legs. He reported the assault to the police the next morning. Officers located the offending brother at the residence and placed him under arrest. He was charged with domestic assault and 5th degree assault. The mother was present during the arrest, as she had taken the day off from work in order to keep the peace between her two sons.



Hot Stove Talk...



A woman called the police and reported she was unable to turn off her stove, and it was becoming too hot in her apartment. The officer arrived at the residence and observed a burned pizza in the garbage and another pizza that was ready to be placed into the offending oven. The officer assisted the woman in flipping the breaker controlling the stove, which successfully shut the stove off. The officer then advised her where the electrical plug was located near the stove, should the incident reoccur.

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Administration: 952.448.4200

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District 112 Student Tip Line

952.227.7448

Chaska Student Text Tip Line/Email

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Website

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