

Woonsocket Police Department

Juvenile Division

2020 Annual Report

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Woonsocket Police Department Juvenile Division

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The Juvenile Division is a specialized branch of the Detective Division and is primarily responsible for investigating and prosecuting crimes involving juveniles as both victims and offenders. The fundamental goals of the Juvenile Division are the protection of juvenile victims as well as to assist with the education and rehabilitation of all juvenile offenders.

The Juvenile Division is comprised of one Officer-In-Charge (OIC) Detective Sergeant, one Family Court Prosecution Detective, and four Investigative Detectives. The OIC, the Prosecutor, and two of the Investigative Detectives are assigned to Days (0830-1630 hrs.); the remainder of the division is assigned to Nights (1630-0030 hrs.). All detectives of the division are Reid Interview certified.

Detective Sergeant Phil Kamer is the Officer-In-Charge of the Juvenile Division. He oversees the daily operations of the Juvenile Division and functions as the Acting Detective Lieutenant as needed. Also, he functions as an alternate Family Court Prosecutor. He is the primary investigator of all missing person cases as well as the discretionary authority of DCYF investigations in accordance with RI General Law 40-11-7. He is responsible for the coordination and submission of Juvenile Detention Data Summaries mandated by U.S. Department of Justice Statutory Regulations and R.I. General Laws and the related Annual Federal Audit. Furthermore, he is a liaison to the Woonsocket Education Department to coordinate all police related matters from investigations to trainings including the supervision of School Resource Officers. Moreover, he operates as the Detail Officer ensuring said assignments are adequately staffed, scheduled, and in adherence with WPD Policies and Procedures as well as Local, State, and Federal Laws. Furthermore, as a RI Police Academy Certified Physical Fitness Instructor, he is a critical element of the departments' health and wellness programs ranging from gym operation/oversight to annual physical fitness tests as well as the weight loss program. As a veteran law enforcement officer, Detective Phil Kamer consults and assists in a supervisory capacity with all investigations and assignments as needed.

Detective Joshua Smith is the Family Court Prosecutor as well as Detective Administrator to the Juvenile Hearing Board and functions as the primary Acting Detective Sergeant as needed. The Family Court Prosecutor reviews, prepares, and submits Wayward, Delinquent, and Neglect Complaints to the Family Court. The Woonsocket Police Docket designated court days are Wednesdays at 1400 hrs. for the Formal Magistrate Calendar and

Fridays at 0900 hrs. for the Formal Chief Judge/Family Court Judge Calendar. Additionally, the Prosecutor must be available for alternate court dates throughout the week and for specialized appearances such as Emergency Detention Hearings, Capias Hearings, Probable Cause Hearings, Waiver Hearings, Compliance Calendar Reviews, and Drug Court (Wed. & Friday 1400 hrs.) if needed. Also, as the Prosecutor, he is the liaison to the Family Court Intake/Diversion Program. He provides service of all Family Court Summonses. He is responsible for the arraignment, pre-trial, review, and dispositions of all Wayward Cases presented by the Woonsocket Police before the Family Court. He exclusively coordinates Disobedient Petitions (Status Arrest Cases) between Social Services (Community Care Alliance) and the Family Court. Additionally, he prepares all Delinquent Cases for presentation to the Attorney General's Office and assistance with said cases until their dispositions. The Prosecutor serves as the primary liaison between the agency and the Attorney General's Office, Public Defender's Office, Court-Appointed and Private Counsel and the Family Court Clerk's Office. He maintains all Juvenile Division Records and ensures that case files are complete and current. In addition, he serves as an assistant to the WPD Accreditation Coordinator for Juvenile Division compliance as well as maintaining the Juvenile Detention Data Summaries in preparation for the related Annual State/Federal Audit.

Detective Anthony Conetta, the Senior Investigative Detective, is a Day Juvenile Investigative Detective. He investigates Wayward and Delinquent Cases that originate on the Westside of the city and assists citywide as needed. The Investigative Detective deals with juveniles not only as offenders, but also victims of all crimes. As a Juvenile Detective, he exclusively investigates major cases such as child abuse, neglect, and child molestation cases. Moreover, he conducts reviews of DCYF Investigative Findings Reports. He is ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) certified. Subsequently, he coordinates with various social services in relation to the needs of victims on a case-by-case basis with these intensive investigations. Furthermore, as a Day Juvenile Detective, he is assigned all Department of Education Investigations ranging from employee to student criminal misconduct. Notably, Detective Conetta specializes as a 'Cold Case' lead investigator. As an Investigative Detective, he augments the overall Detective Division with all cases (adult and juvenile) or when called-in on a 'major case'. He is a certified BCI Investigator.

Detective Jamie Martin is a Day Juvenile Investigative Detective. He investigates Wayward and Delinquent Cases that originate on the Westside of the city and assists citywide as needed. The Investigative Detective deals with juveniles not only as offenders, but also victims of all crimes. As a Juvenile Detective, he exclusively investigates major cases such as child abuse, neglect, and child molestation cases. Moreover, he conducts reviews of DCYF Investigative Findings Reports. He is ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) certified. Subsequently, he coordinates with various social services in relation to the needs of victims on a case-by-case basis with these intensive investigations. Furthermore, as a Day Juvenile Detective, he is assigned all Department of Education Investigations ranging from employee to student criminal misconduct. As an Investigative Detective, he augments the overall Detective Division with all cases (adult and juvenile) or when called-in on a 'major case'. He is a certified BCI Investigator. Additionally, Detective Martin excels with technology related cases and specializes in Child Enticement and Internet Crimes against Children Cases. Also, he assists as the WPD Detective Alternate for the Juvenile Hearing Board.

Detective David Wahl is a Night Juvenile Investigative Detective. He investigates Wayward and Delinquent Cases that originate on the Eastside of the city and assists citywide as needed. The Investigative Detective deals with juveniles not only as offenders, but also victims of all crimes. As a Juvenile Detective, he exclusively investigates major cases such as child abuse, neglect, and child molestation cases. Moreover, he conducts reviews of DCYF Investigative Findings Reports. Subsequently, he coordinates with various social services in relation to the needs of victims on a case-by-case basis with these intensive investigations. Also, as a Night Juvenile Detective, he is responsible for all malicious property damage cases. As an Investigative Detective, he augments the overall Detective Division with all cases (adult and juvenile) or when called-in on a 'major case'. Detective Wahl is a negotiator for the Special Response Team (SRT).

Detective Gabriel Koneczny is a Night Juvenile Investigative Detective. He investigates Wayward and Delinquent Cases that originate on the Eastside of the city and assists citywide as needed. The Investigative Detective deals with juveniles not only as offenders, but also victims of all crimes. As a Juvenile Detective, he exclusively investigates major cases such as child abuse, neglect, and child molestation cases. Moreover, he conducts reviews of DCYF Investigative Findings Reports. Subsequently, he coordinates with various social services in relation to the needs of victims on a case-by-case basis with these intensive investigations. Also, as a Night Juvenile Detective, he is responsible for all malicious property damage cases. As an Investigative Detective, he augments the overall Detective Division with all cases (adult and juvenile) or when called-in on a 'major case'. Detective Koneczny is a member of the Special Response Team (SRT).

The Juvenile Division acts as the primary liaison between the police department and:

- Rhode Island Family Court
- Attorney General's Juvenile Prosecution Unit
- Juvenile Probation Office
- Public Defender's Office, Court Appointed Counsel, Private Attorneys
- Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)
- Day One (Forensic Interviews for Crimes Against Children)
- Woonsocket School Department
- Woonsocket Truancy Court
- Community Care Alliance (CCA)
- U.S. Department of Justice Statutory Regulations

Juvenile Hearing Board

The Juvenile Hearing Board (JHB) is essential in assisting to achieve the Rhode Island Family Court goal of educating and rehabilitating the juvenile offender. It is the first step in providing first time Wayward Offenders the opportunity to be diverted from the Family Court. It operates as an extension of the court and possesses many of its authorities to impose sanctions. All statistics of the JHB are submitted annually to the Family Court for analysis in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 8-10-23.1.

The city appointed board is comprised of seven (7) members that voluntarily serve the community in some capacity. The current JHB members are Detective Administrator Joshua Smith, Chairwoman Nancy Irza, Secretary Lisa Carcifero, Desta Heath, Judy Zagaglia, Emma Dandy, and Roberto Gonzalez.

As previously stated, the JHB operates as the first step in the diversion of juvenile offenders from a Family Court Formal Calendar. The JHB annual statistical reports are compiled and submitted by Detective Joshua Smith for analysis on a Federal, State, and Municipal level.

2020 JHB Annual Report

Total Cases Heard: **25 (25 new)**

Gender: Males **17**, Females **8**

Race: White **10**, Hispanic **8**, Black **5**, Asian **2**

Ages of Offenders: 10 yrs. old & under = **0**, 11 yrs. old = **2**, 12 yrs. old = **1**, 13 yrs. old = **4**,
14 yrs. old = **5**, 15 yrs. old = **5**, 16 yrs. old = **2**, 17 yrs. old = **6**

Criminal Offenses: Simple Assault and Battery **8**, Vandalism **2**, Disorderly Conduct **5**,
Weapons Prohibited **1**, No License **5**, Tampering w/ Auto **1**,
Poss. Stolen Goods **1**, Poss. Marijuana **3**, Obstruction **2**

Type of Sanctions: Community Service **6**, Essays/Lists **22**, Apology Letter **5**, Counseling **5**,
School Report **2**, No Further Trouble **3**, Home Rules/Chores **3**,
Driver's Ed. **3**, Curfew **3**, Research Paper **4**,

Woonsocket Juvenile Comprehensive Crime Statistics

The following appendixes are the Woonsocket Police Department's Juvenile Detention Statistics. This summary is compiled by the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety in compliance with the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) regulations.

These statistics are compiled annually and summarize juvenile information documented by the Woonsocket Police Department. The information is comprised of offenses, non-offenses, as well as various demographics for the year of 2020.

Note: The Rhode Island Department of Public Safety's compilation is pending (Spring 2021). A Revised Report Addendum will be presented at that time to provide these statistics.

The following attached lists are in-house statistics compiled by the Juvenile Division Prosecution noting Total Petitions filed to Family Court categorized into *Delinquent, Wayward, and MV Violation Filings*.

2020 RI Family Court Cases

Total Petitions Filed= **59** Delinquent Charges, **113** Wayward Charges, & **4** Violation Charges

Delinquency Petitions

- 5** – Possession of Firearm by Minor
- 4** – Possession Weapon on School Grounds
- 1** – 1st Degree Sexual Assault
- 2** – 1st Degree Child Molestation
- 9** – Felony A&B
- 2** – Threats to Public Official
- 1** – Intimidation of Witness
- 4** – LSOA Bodily Injury
- 5** – B&E
- 3** – Larceny Over \$1500
- 10** – Possession of Stolen Auto
- 1** – Driving Without Consent of Owner
- 1** – Manufacture, Possession, Intent to Deliver Schedule I-II (Cocaine)
- 1** – Manufacture, Possession, Intent to Deliver Schedule I-V (Marijuana)
- 2** – Possession Schedule I-IV (Fentanyl)
- 1** – Possession Schedule I (Ecstasy)
- 2** – 5th Degree Arson
- 5** – Conspiracy (Felony)

Wayward Petitions

3 – Weapons Other than Firearms Prohibited

1 - Possession of Mace

10 – A&B

1 – Domestic A&B

13 – Disorderly Conduct

1 – Domestic Disorderly Conduct

8 – Resisting Arrest

13 – Obstruction of Justice

2 – Vandalism

1 – Domestic Vandalism

1 – Failure to Relinquish Phone

3 – Larceny

7 – Possession of Stolen Goods

1 – Tampering with Auto

1 – Escape Police Custody

4 – Violation of Home Confinement

1 – Violation of Curfew

3 – Disobedient

1 – Possession of Marijuana Over 1oz

6 – Possession of Marijuana Under 1oz

2 – Possession of Tobacco

2 – Conspiracy (Misdemeanor)

1 – High Speed Pursuit

3 – Reckless Driving, Eluding Police

5 – LSOA Attended

18 – Operating Motor Vehicle without a License

1 – Transportation of Alcohol

Violation Petitions

2 – LSOA Highway Fixture

1 – Times When Lights Required

1 – Vehicle Turning Left ROW