



**SEPTEMBER, 2022**

**Monthly Report**

**Chief Leon J. Grim**

*The mission of the South Heidelberg Township Police Department is to serve the people of the community and those who work in, and visit the Township, through purposed policing that protects our citizens, prevents criminal acts and traffic crashes, and provides the highest quality of law enforcement services available anywhere.*



**On Friday, 2 September, Conrad Weiser Elementary School Principal Melissa Rhoads joined Officer Alex Doelp for a ride-along to experience Police work. School was not in session, which offered the perfect day for us to continue our exceptional partnership with the Conrad Weiser School District.**

## SEPTEMBER CALLS FOR SERVICE

Incidents	2021	2022
South Heidelberg	208	180
Heidelberg Twp.	62	55
Robesonia	85	52
Wernersville	89	83
September TOTAL	444	370
YEAR TO DATE	3586	3323

## CITATIONS

CITATIONS	2021	2022
SEPTEMBER	121	114
YEAR TO DATE	1101	924

## VEHICLE MILEAGE

45-1	3,379	2022	Ford Explorer (Doelp & Hackney)	1,642 Miles Driven in Sept.
45-2	127,036	2017	Ford Explorer (SRO Ranft)	527 Miles Driven in September
45-3	90,515	2017	Ford Taurus (Cole & McMahan)	1,308 Miles Driven in Sept.
45-4	9,401	2021	Ford F-150 (Hook & Oxenford)	1,108 Miles Driven in Sept.
45-5	41,951	2020	Ford F-150 (Fizz & Patton)	867 Miles Driven in September
45-6	94,770	2018	Ford Explorer (Cooper & Lehman)	1,456 Miles Driven in Sept.
45-7	56,730	2020	Ford Explorer (Lanza)	1,103 Miles Driven in Sept.
45-8	98,369	2013	Dodge Charger (Heiden)	299 Miles Driven in September
45-90	44,012	2020	Ford Explorer (Chief)	1,187 Miles Driven in Sept.
45-34	12,843	2021	Ford Explorer (Baxter and K9 Aldo)	897 Miles Driven in September
45-1A	137,901	2014	Ford Explorer Out of Service	20 Miles Driven in September
45-3A	100,644	2014	Ford Taurus Out of service	0 Miles Driven in September

# SEPTEMBER 2022

**Total Calls for September: 370**

September 2022	South Heidelberg	Heidelberg	Robesonia	Wernersville	Notes4
Abandoned Vehicle	2				
Accident Related DUI			1		
Accident Non-Reportable	3		1	2	
Accident Pedestrian					
Accident Reportable	3		1	3	
Aggressive Driver	8		1	1	
Animal Case	6	2	3		
Assist to Children & Youth					
Assist to EMS	2	1	2	1 (1 CWE)	
Assist to Fire Department	1	1			
Assist to other Agency in SH	3 (2 Caron)				
Assist to other Agency outside SH	8			1	
Attempted Burglary					
Bad Checks	1				
Buckle-Up	2		2		
Burglar Alarm	9	2		2	
Burglary					
Child Abuse			1		
Child Custody Issue	1				
Civil Matter	4		1	3	
Community Relations	2	1 (1 CWHS)		2	
Criminal Mischief	1	1			
Disabled Vehicle	1	1			
Disorderly Conduct	10 (1 Caron)	5 (1 CWHS)	4 (1 CWD)	3	
Dog Incident	5		2	2	
Domestic	3	2 (1 CWMS)	1	6	
DUI	3				
DUI Roving			1		
Drug Abuse	1	1			
Excessive Noise				2	
Fight		1 (1 Beth)			
Fire	2	1			

Fire Alarm	4 (1 Caron)	2			
Fraud	3	1		1	
General Complaint				1	
Harassment	1	1 (1 CWMS)	2	2	
Hazardous Condition					
Hit and Run	4				
Illegal Dumping					
Information	3		1		
Intelligence Information	1				
K-9 Search/Training	4 (1 Caron)				
Medical Alarm					
Mental Subject	5 (2 Caron)	2 (1 Beth)		2	
Miscellaneous	2		1		
Missing Adult					
Missing Juvenile	1	2			
Neighbor Dispute	1			1	
Ordinance Violation				2	
Other Type Alarm	2		1		
Parking Complaint	1			4	
PFA Information	4	1	2	4	
Police Advisory	5	1	2		
Property Lost	1				
Property Recovered/Found	1		2		
Public Drunkenness					
Public Service (Assist Motorist)	3		1	1	
Railroad Crossing Malfunction	1				
Reckless Driver	2	3	2	2	
Recovered Stolen Property				1	
Retail Theft	1				
Runaway		1 (1 Beth)	1		
School Related		3 (2 CWHS)	1		
Security Check	1		1	1	
Sex Offense	1 (1 Caron)	2 (2 Beth)	3		
Shot Heard					
Simple Assault		2 (2 CWHS)			
Soliciting					
Special Detail			1		
Suspicious Activity	6		1	2	
Suspicious Person	2			1	

Suspicious Vehicle	1	1		2	
Telephone Detail	2		1	3	
Theft	5	1	2		
Theft From Building					
Theft From Vehicle	2				
Theft of Services					
Threats		1 (1 CWMS)			
Tobacco Compliance Check					
Traffic Control	1		1		
Traffic Light Malfunction				1	
Traffic Violations	10	4	4	20	
Tree Down	8	1			
Trespasser	1				
Truancy		1 (1 CWMS)			
Unauthorized Use					
Vacation Check	3				
Vehicle Repossession				2	
Vehicle Theft		1			
Welfare Check	6	3	1	2	
Wires Down		2			

	South Heidelberg	Heidelberg	Robesonia	Wernersville	Total
January 2022	140	51	43	55	289
February 2022	163	58	60	78	359
March 2022	159	58	63	99	379
April 2022	150	67	63	87	367
May 2022	158	71	72	83	384
June 2022	215	47	60	73	395
July 2022	186	33	54	76	349
August 2022	234	59	54	84	431
September 2022	180	55	52	83	370
Year to Date 2022	1,585	499	521	718	3,323
Bethany		5 (69 YTD)			
Caron	8 (55 YTD)				
Conrad Weiser		10 (72 YTD)	1(3 YTD)	1 (12 YTD)	

## **SEPTEMBER CALLS OF INTEREST**

**South Heidelberg Township  
Assist Fire Department**

**Incident #: 45-22-03093**

**On 13 September, Officers assisted the Western Berks Fire Department at the Dollar Tree store for a report of an adult female stuck in the restroom. The store was aware that the door was broken, and they were awaiting repairs when the woman became stuck inside. The Fire Department was able to force the door open and free the woman without any issues.**

**Wernersville Borough  
Motor Vehicle Accident**

**Incident #: 45-22-03118**

**On 15 September, at 4:42 A.M., Officers responded to the 100 block of East Penn Avenue in Wernersville for a motor vehicle accident involving a motorcycle. The driver of a pick-up truck headed west on Penn Avenue claimed he fell asleep on his way to work, crossed into the east bound lane of travel, and then struck a motorcyclist head-on. The driver of the motorcycle was thrown up and over the truck, suffering life threatening injuries. He was transported to Reading Hospital trauma center via Western Berks ambulance.**

**South Heidelberg Township  
Theft/Assault**

**Incident #: 45-22-03130**

**On 14 September, at 3:16 P.M. a resident from the 6000 block of Penn Avenue in Lower Heidelberg observed a male stealing his lawn tractor, along with several other pieces of equipment. The victim followed the culprit to the grounds of the Wernersville Community Corrections Center and a confrontation ensued. The culprit punched the victim in the face, knocking him to the ground. The culprit was found to be a resident at the Correction Center and was arrested for the theft and assault. Fortunately, the victim did not suffer serious injury and was able to give the responding police officers a detailed account of the crime. The culprit had been serving his parole at the Correctional center but was returned to the State Prison system as a result of this crime.**

## Criminal Investigations September 2022

### **SEX OFFENSE/Juvenile Victim**

South Heidelberg Township

Incident #: 22-00365

Synopsis: On February 8, 2022, a 17-year-old patient at CARON Foundation informed a counselor he was sexually assaulted by a roommate.

Disposition/Status: **CLOSED** (Exceptional) on September 22, 2022. During this investigation, multiple attempts were made to have the victim participate in a Forensic Interview (FI). Those attempts were unsuccessful due to the victim transferring treatment centers and the victim deciding not to participate. Most recently, victim refused again to participate in a FI set-up at the Plymouth County DA's Office, Mass. Victim is having issues with trauma from the assault. Victim turned 18 years of age on September 21, 2022 and has been informed he can contact SHPD if/when he is able to pursue a criminal investigation.

### **SEX OFFENSE/Juvenile Victim**

Heidelberg Township

Incident #: 22-01419

Synopsis: On May 3, 2022, a 15-year-old resident of Bethany Children's Home informed staff an 18-year-old resident touched her thighs without permission. Also, that a second subject, a 17-year-old resident, made alarming comments regarding wanting to touch, choke and tug the victim without her permission.

Disposition/Status: **CLOSED** (Exceptional) on September 14, 2022. Berks County DA's Office has reviewed the case. DA Office Recommendation: Harassment charge relating to unwanted physical contact if our Department deems to file charges. Victim was contacted to make the final decision. Victim did not provide an answer in a timely manner as Summary charges need to be filed within 30 days of the incident or being authorized.

### **SEX OFFENSE/Rape of Juvenile**

South Heidelberg Township

Incident #: 22-02233

Synopsis: A 15-year-old female camper at the YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser reported she was raped by a 14-year-old male camper. The incident occurred at a recreational area of the camp. The victim informed staff of the incident a couple of days after it occurred and right after the suspect had been dismissed from camp for unrelated behavior issues.

Disposition/Status: **Open**. Victim participated in a Forensic Interview. Interview results were consistent with prior interviews. A search warrant for records has been served. Evidence was taken to PSP Lab. Three campers/counselors interviewed in September. Four other campers/counselors were attempted to be interviewed without success during September. Next steps: continue attempts to interview four campers/counselors, await results of the evidence, and contact suspect once all tasks complete.



**ACCESS DEVICE FRAUD/Theft**

South Heidelberg Township

Incident #: 45-22-02534

Synopsis: On August 1, 2022, a South Heidelberg Twp. resident filed a report related to unauthorized transactions on her Diamond Credit Union checking account. The transactions, which were done using the victim's debit card, were made at various locations in the Commonwealth, mostly in Wernersville, West Reading, and Wyomissing. Total loss reported is approximately \$1,000.00.

Disposition/Status: Closed on 09/27/2022 with the **ARREST** of Jessica Ann Mutter. Mutter was identified as being the actor behind eleven unauthorized debit card transactions at Speedway convenient store. Mutter stole the debit card from the victim. Mutter deceived her boyfriend causing him to be an unknowing participant in her scheme. Investigative techniques used to identify the scheme included a half dozen interviews, retrieving & reviewing surveillance footage (multiple dates/multiple feeds) from Speedway, sending surveillance photos to law enforcement for identification, requesting PaCIC to perform facial recognition on the surveillance photos, and review of social media platforms. Mutter was charged via summons with 4106(a)(1)(ii) Access Device Fraud M1, 3922(a)(1) Theft by Deception M1, 3925(a) Receiving Stolen Property M1, and 4114 Securing Execution of Documents by Deception M2.

**FRAUD/Identity Theft**

South Heidelberg Township

Incident #: 45-22-02573

Synopsis: On 08/04/2022 a female entered Tompkins VIST Bank to open a new account. The bank conducted a check on the possible new customer using their third-party vendor. The query returned an alert for possible identify theft. Additional information included the subject having five other financial inquires this year, and six in 2021. Also, the branch manager did not think the person matched the identification she presented. The subject was told the branch was having IT issues. The subject exited the branch. The branch called the PD.

Disposition/Status: **CLOSED** on 09/12/2022 after investigation revealed no criminal activity occurred. Investigation included interviewing the person of interest and intelligence information requested/received from the PSP's fusion center.

**FORGERY/Fraud**

Wernersville Borough

Incident #: 45-22-02655

Synopsis: On 08/10/2022 a construction company filed a report relative to forgery of checks. The victim found out two of their customers sent them checks as payments to money owed. The checks made it to the company's office. The two customers report both checks were cashed. Both checks are signed by the same unknown person. Possible theft of mail. The two checks in question total \$17,312.00.

Disposition/Status: **Open**. Search warrant for records served on a financial institution in September. Waiting for the results. Possible next steps include other search warrants for financial records and contact suspect.

**FORGERY/Counterfeit Check**

Heidelberg Township

Incident #: 45-22-02711

Synopsis: A resident of North Heidelberg Township reported being the victim of a counterfeit cashier's check drawn on his account at a bank located in Heidelberg Township.

Disposition/Status: **Open**. Follow-up with the bank reveals they will take a financial loss of \$1,900.00, thus making them the indirect victim. A search warrant on the financial institution that transacted the suspect check needs to be served. This information will provide the location of the transaction. The Robesonia bank will be provided this information so they can file a police report in the jurisdiction of the offense (at least Receiving Stolen Property charge would apply).

**SEX OFFENSE/Indecent Exposure**

Robesonia

Incident #: 45-22-02979

Synopsis: A resident of Robesonia filed a report relative to his 17-year-old daughter being a victim of an Indecent Exposure incident at her workplace in the Borough. The alleged actor is an adult co-worker.

Disposition/Status: **Open**. The primary Victim, the complainant's daughter, was interviewed. The allegation is an adult coworker had his pants open and genitals out; the actor's genitals were covered by his underwear. One other juvenile Victim/Witness, and three managers have been interviewed. Video surveillance has been reviewed by management and results discussed during those interviews. At this time, the facts of the case do not rise to the level of a crime. One other Victim/Witness needs to be interviewed prior to a final decision on the case.

**\*\*\*A second case, 45-22-03260, was received via ChildLine. Case was opened and briefly investigated. Case was closed on 9/26/2022. All follow-ups will be conducted via 45-22-02979. \*\*\***

**SEX OFFENSE/CP**

Heidelberg Township

Incident #: 45-22-03034

Synopsis: Via Childline reports, a 12-year-old victim resident of Bethany Children's Home was sent a sexual photo and a sexual video. The victim was off campus on a home visit when she received the messages containing the media. The suspect is a 17-year-old resident who was on campus at the time of the incident.

Disposition/Status: **Open**. Victim was interviewed in person with Guardian Ad Litem via ZOOM. Approximately 3 other interviews need to occur, and 2 search warrants.

**\*\*\*A second case, 45-22-03096, which has another victim, is related to this case. \*\*\***

**CHILD ABUSE/Sexual Assault**  
Wernersville Borough

Incident #: 45-22-03096

Synopsis: Via ChildLine reports, a 13-year-old female resident reported to a counselor from Caron that she was the victim of a sexual assault by her ex-boyfriend, and physical/verbal abuse by her father, mother, maternal grandmother, and stepmother.

Disposition/Status: The case was handled two-fold and closed **UNFOUNDED** on 09/15/2022. From an interview, the sexual assault was found to have occurred in the City of Reading. That aspect of the case was forwarded to the supervisors of Reading PD's Criminal Investigations Division. Berks CYS was contacted relative to the other allegations, physical and verbal abusive family members. The caseworker assigned to the family indicates there are issues in the home but not to a level that would cause a family member to be Indicated. The juvenile has reported feeling safe at home. Berks CYS is closing their case Unfounded.

**FRAUD/Bad Check**

South Heidelberg Township

Incident #: 45-22-03107

Synopsis: Lords and Ladies Salon performed services for the actor which totaled \$284.10. The actor attempted to pay via credit card, which was subsequently denied. The actor then issued an out of state check. The check was returned to Lords and Ladies Salon for insufficient funds. The victim made several attempts to contact the actor via cell, email, and social media without success. Victim was unsure if this was a bad check or a scheme forcing the victim to accept an out of state check that would eventually bounce.

Disposition/Status: Attempts were made to contact the actor via phone without success. Intel information was requested and received from PSP and federal fusion centers. Information received revealed previous unusual financial activity that couldn't be readily explained, and no prior arrests. On 09/29/2022 the case was closed **EXCEPTIONAL** as the victim notified SHPD that the actor contacted the business and made good on the outstanding balance. The actor informed the victim she didn't know how this occurred, but intel information suggests the actor has knowledge of financial schemes.

**OTHER SERVICES & REPORTS:**

**COUNTERFEIT CHECKS/ Identity Theft**

South Heidelberg Township

Incident#: 45-22-02934

Synopsis: A resident had two counterfeit checks submitted against her checking account at a bank in Spring Township. The bank directed the customer to go to her local PD to file a report.

Disposition/Status: Queries using multiple search engines were performed to see if the two subjects the suspect checks were made payable to have ties to the local community. Results were negative. Report number provided to victim for their records via email. Closed on 8/31/2022. **NO FURTHER ACTION.**

**CIVIL/Divorce & Property**

Wernersville Borough

Incident #: 45-00-03192

Synopsis: A resident of Wernersville Borough filed a complaint relative to missing items from her home after her ex-husband and family moved his belongings out of the house. A moving company was used.

Disposition/Status: Case was closed **CIVIL** with no further action on 9/20/2022. The complainant explained the divorce and provided a list of items taken. The description of the items taken does not provide or prove single ownership. The manner to which the items were moved out of the house does not provide intent. Complainant was directed to contact her divorce attorney as the civil courts are better suited to address this type of situation.

**CIVIL/Property Line Dispute**

South Heidelberg Township

Incident #: 45-22-03258

Synopsis: A resident came to the Department to file a complaint regarding a property line/marker dispute. The complaint is against neighbors who recently moved out. Resident is afraid the former owner of the property, who he had years of problems with, has become friends with new owners. He has seen the old property owners onsite after selling the property and is afraid they will continue to cause issues with the property marker.

Disposition/Status: Resident was informed a report would be taken. Resident was told the new neighbor can have the old neighbor as a friend. It was suggested the resident speak with the new neighbor to explain the importance of the property line marker to him. Resident refuses to speak with the new neighbor. The process to notify a person to stay off another's property, and the need for direct evidence was explained to the resident. Closed **NO FURTHER ACTION** on 09/26/2022 as a Civil issue.

**THEFT/Mental Health**

South Heidelberg Township

Incident #: 45-22-0359

Synopsis: A resident wanted to report unknown person stealing rocks from his property. The theft is ongoing and occurs at all times of the day and night.

Disposition/Status: SHPD met with the resident at his property. Officers listened to and documented the resident's complaint. The resident has a history of mental health issues and drug use. The resident did not exhibit any signs of self-harm, appears to be self-sufficient, and not in immediate danger. A report was taken as a service to the resident. Closed **NO FURTHER ACTION** on 09/26/2022.

**FOUND PROPERTY/Wallet**

South Heidelberg Township

Incident #: 45-22-03274

Synopsis: A resident of South Heidelberg Township found a wallet in the middle of the street in front of his house. Resident brought the wallet to the Department.

Disposition/Status: The wallet had identification in it for a resident of Lower Heidelberg Township. The wallet was returned to the mother of the owner. I called the South Heidelberg Township resident who found the wallet to thank him and to let him know the wallet was returned to the owner. The case was closed on 09/27/2022 with **NO FURTHER ACTION**.

**At the September 27, South Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors' meeting, Officers Alex Doelp and Bryan Baxter, along with Womelsdorf Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Zerbe were awarded the Lifesaving award. The Officers responded on September 10<sup>th</sup>, for a report of a male in cardiac arrest, and began providing CPR to Heidelberg Township resident Anthony Andrews, who was able to make a full recovery and attended the meeting to personally thank the Officers.**



**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**Chief Leon J. Grim**

