

Norwalk Police Activity Report

March 17, 2023

DISCLAIMER: All defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

March 9, 2023: Vandalism: 800 Block Umbra Pl – Construction crew reported multiple new construction sites that had been vandalized. Information was taken and a report made. Case is active at this time.

March 9, 2023: Warrant Arrest: 2900 Block Sunset Dr – Sagar Bhandari, Des Moines, was arrested on active warrants out of Polk County for Criminal Mischief 3rd and Des Moines for Theft 5th. Subject was detained and transferred to Polk County Sheriff's custody.

March 10, 2023: Theft: 1700 Block Silver Maple – Construction crew reported building materials stolen from a new construction site. Information was taken and a report made.

March 10, 2023: Fraud: 1700 Howard Dr – Resident reported fraudulent activity on a service transaction. Information was taken and a report made.

March 10, 2023: Impaired Driver: G14 & S Orilla Rd – Kyle Lahr, Norwalk, was arrested and charged with Operating While Intoxicated. Subject was processed and transported to the Warren County Jail.

March 11, 2023: Warrant Arrest: 2000 Block Sunset Dr – Kimberly Boner, Norwalk, was arrested on an active warrant out of Polk County for Failure to Appear. Subject was detained and transferred to Polk County Sheriff's custody.

March 12, 2023: Burglary: 400 Block Snyder Ave – Home owner reported a possible attempted burglary. Information was taken and a report made. Case is active at this time.

March 13, 2023: Theft: 900 Block E 17th St – Resident reported personal property stolen from their home. Information was taken and a report made.

March 13, 2023: Homicide: 400 Block Center St – On March 8th, the Norwalk Police Department was contacted with concerns for the safety of a child in Norwalk. With the assistance of the Division of Criminal Investigation, officers started an investigation. On March 9th, law enforcement and professional volunteer searchers located a deceased newborn child along the road in the 5300 block of Delaware Street in Warren County.

Further investigation revealed that Megan K. Staude, age 25, of Norwalk gave birth to a baby at home during the last days of February 2023. With cooperation from her father, Rodney A. Staude, age 64, of Norwalk the baby was left to die and was then disposed of along Delaware Street. An autopsy was conducted by the Office of the State Medical Examiner and results are still pending. Both Rodney Staude and Megan Staude have been arrested for Murder in the First Degree. The investigation is ongoing.

March 16, 2023: Vehicle Crash: Hwy 5 Ramp to Hwy 28 – A vehicle driven by Talon Vanbenthuisen, Urbandale, was struck by a vehicle driven by Nermin Hodzic, Grimes. Information was taken and a report forwarded to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

March 17, 2023: Barred Driver: Lexington Dr & Kingston Ave – Brooke Carter, Norwalk was arrested and charged with Driving While Barred. Subject was processed and transported to the Warren County Jail.