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# Waldo County Sheriff's Office

## Sheriff's Statement

Scott L. Story

Welcome to the Waldo County Sheriff's Office newsletter. As always I think you will find the information contained herein to be interesting and informational. Most importantly, we want you to see what you get for your tax dollars that go to support this agency.

As you know, this is an election year and it should prove interesting to see what washes out at the other end. Although the Office of Sheriff is an elected position, politics have almost nothing to do with the day-to-day operations of carrying out our mission. The parameters around how we perform our work are dictated by law with policy and procedures set forth in part by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees. Their work does often respond to new laws and proposals that occur at the legislative level so we are not immune from the traditional politics as many people know them. We don't, however, bring partisan politics to our job—there's no place for it here. I do feel strongly that the Office of Sheriff remain an elected position. There have been attempts in the past to make this position appointed, or even dissolved as it has been in a couple of other states. The Maine Sheriff is the ONE law enforcement leader that is chosen by the people they serve directly. I have been grateful for the support of the citizens of Waldo County and pledge to continue to serve you in the most responsible way I can. Although I have been unopposed in this and past elections, I do not take this job for granted and believe that it is one of the most important law enforcement positions in the State of Maine and the United States.

Our patrol and investigative divisions have seen one of the busiest summers I can remember in a long time. We have responded to a number of very serious incidents this summer to include two homicides, numerous burglaries, thefts, child abuse cases, disturbances and domestic violence calls. Surprisingly, many of the more serious calls are coming during the day as opposed to the past when we used to see our most serious calls

come in after dark.

We have experienced a substantial turn over this past year with the resignation and replacement of three full time deputy positions and a number of part time officers.

The re-entry center has been very busy and is approaching 2/3 capacity. We anticipate being full by the end of this fiscal year. A recent visit from representatives of the National Institute of Corrections brought positive feedback to the facility and our staff and is recognized as how a re-entry facility should be.

The re-entry garden managed by Commissioner Shorey and worked in by re-entry residents produced 5 tons of fresh food to local food cupboards. It has been a very positive project for both the residents and the community.

Thanks again for taking the time to look over our newsletter and thank you for your ongoing support of this agency.



## OUR MISSION:

*To provide the best possible service in Corrections, Law Enforcement, and Civil Service in a professional, courteous and fair manner to improve the quality of life in Waldo County while maintaining public trust and support.*



## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Scott L. Story, Sheriff  
Robert B. Keating, Chief Deputy  
Robert Walker, Captain  
Jason W. Trundy, Lt.  
Kathy Cunningham, Admin. Assist  
Brenda Dakin, Admin. Assist.

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## Chief Deputy's Report

Robert B. Keating

**May, 2010:** The month of May was yet another busy month for our patrol and detective divisions. Deputies responded to 619 calls for service which was up 42 calls over April. Deputies conducted 241 traffic stops for various traffic violations, responded to 37 traffic accidents, conducted 24 background checks and responded to 27-911 hang-up calls.

Our detective division, in cooperation with the Searsport and Belfast Police Departments, solved two burglaries; one in Belfast and one in Belmont. The burglaries were at a garage on Lincolnville Avenue in Belfast and another a garage in Belmont. The officers recovered several hundred dollars in stolen property. As a result of this investigation, two Searsport men have been charged with two counts of burglary and two counts of theft.

Deputy Kevin Littlefield graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy after 18 weeks of training and has rejoined our patrol division. It is good to have Kevin back.

On May 28 our agency, working with the City of Belfast Police, conducted a joint safety check on Route 1 in Belfast between the hours of 2200 and 0130. The safety detail was set up with two cruisers on each side of the road and both north and south bound traffic was checked. We planned and timed this safety check at the beginning of the Memorial Holiday weekend. There was a total of 320 vehicles checked. As a result of this safety check there were 33 warnings issued for various defects, including, seatbelt, inspection, tires; headlight/tail lights out, etc. Additionally, there were summonses written for an OUI an OAS, an inspection sticker, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Four summonses were written for seatbelt violations.

We received 15 applications for the patrol position left vacant by Gene Rega as a result of his recent retirement. Arthur Smith was selected and is currently in the background stage of the process.

We have begun covering the Town of Islesboro for the summer. We have worked closely with Chief Fred Porter of the Islesboro Police Department to create a summer schedule that works well for both agencies.

Our agency continues to work well and we continue to work with other law enforcement agencies in the county to provide efficient and effective law enforcement for the taxpayers of Waldo County. Our deputies have been doing many public service functions as well as their routine patrol duties.

**June, 2010:** The month of June was an extremely busy month for our patrol and detective divisions. Deputies responded to 592 calls for

service, conducted 260 traffic stops for various traffic violations and responded to 39 motor vehicle accidents, one of which was a fatal motor vehicle crash where a 35 year old Stockton Springs man was killed on Route 52 in the town of Northport. We conducted 28 background investigations and responded to 33-911 hang-up calls.

Deputies responded to a homicide in the town of Brooks where a man shot his wife, fled the scene and was taken into custody about an hour later on the Back Brooks Road in Brooks after some very tense minutes when he was inside a pick-up truck with the murder weapon. Fortunately it ended peacefully when he exited the pick-up truck and was taken into custody. Waldo County Sheriff Deputies and the Maine State Police worked well together during this stressful and dangerous time.

Our detective division remains busy with the many residential and business burglaries reported during the month. A suspect was arrested and all the stolen property was recovered in less than 24 hours as a result of a burglary of a garage/storage facility in Burnham.

We have begun to deploy the Agency's "radar speed board" in various locations throughout the county. On June 24 it was set up for 5 hrs on Main Street in Unity; June 2 it was set up for 8 hrs on Main Street in Unity and on June 27 for 9 hours on Main Street in Unity. We expect to continue to deploy the speed board during the month of July.

As the result of two vacancies within our agency created when Gene Rega retired and Deputy Scott Jones resigned, Arthur Smith, an academy certified patrol officer who formerly worked for the Camden Police Department was hired to replace one vacancy. He began his duties with us on June 26. Also hired was Nicholas Oettinger, also an academy certified patrol officer, who is presently working his notice with the Wilton Police Department. We hope to have Deputy Oettinger assuming his patrol duties by mid to late July.

During the month of June all our deputies, full and part-time were re-qualified with hand guns, long rifles and shot guns at the agency's range. Officers who carry or has issued to them any of the three listed weapons, must qualify with that weapon annually.

Our patrol and detective divisions continue to run very well and are providing the county's taxpayers with quality, professional law enforcement.

**July, 2010:** The month of July was another busy month for patrol and detective divisions. Deputies responded to 687 calls for services, which was up 95 calls over last month's calls. Deputies also

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conducted 244 traffic stops for various traffic violations, responded to 42 traffic accidents, one of which was a fatal crash in the town of Unity when a 51 year old Freedom man lost his life and the driver of the other vehicle was critically injured. Deputies responding to this accident reported that it was the worst they'd seen in many years. Deputies also responded to 31-911 hang-up calls.

Again this month deputies responded to a homicide which occurred in the town of Morrill where a female was murdered at the hands of her boyfriend. He was taken into custody at the scene.

Our radar speed board has again been deployed for a week in Unity and another week in Winterport.

Nick Oettinger, who replaced the vacancy created when Scott Jones left the agency, began working on July 14 and after two weeks orientation has assumed his patrol duties with his team under the supervision of Sgt. Dale Brown on August 1.

We currently have two new part-time deputies who are joining our agency; Kyle Haseltine just completed Phase 1 of the Field Training Program and has moved to Phase 2. Jordan Tozier will begin Phase 1 on August 5 with his Field Training Officer.

The detective division has been busy this month both with child abuse investigations, sexual abuse investigations and marijuana eradications. Through an ongoing investigation of marijuana cultivation within the county, deputies developed information that marijuana was being grown off the Crie Road in Searsmont. On July 30 deputies searched a wooded area off the Crie Road, and following a tote road, they found several plants in buckets at various locations along the tote road which brought them to the area of the Johnson residence. Deputies obtained a search warrant for the property where they found a large quantity of illegal fireworks, 5 more marijuana plants in a "grow room" downstairs in the residence along with "grow equipment". Martin Johnson of Searsmont was charged with cultivating marijuana (5 or more plants); possession of a useable amount of marijuana; sale and use of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of fireworks (more than \$100.00).

We continue to patrol the Island of Islesboro and have worked several cases with Searsport, Belfast and Lincolnville Police Departments. Additionally, deputies worked a traffic safety check point with Lincolnville Police from which one drunk driver was arrested.

This agency has also conducted 15 background checks for various agencies and military requirements.

**August, 2010:** In the month of August our patrol division responded to 627 calls for service, conducted 194 traffic stops for various traffic

law violations, responded to 40 traffic accidents and to 24-911 hang-up calls. We also completed 15 background checks.

Our detective division has been extremely busy this past month both with residential and commercial burglaries. In one day alone we had three reported business break-ins and three residential break-ins resulting in thousands of dollars in stolen property. Detectives made one arrest in the business break-ins and have recovered over \$50,000 in stolen tools and other items. They are very close to making arrests on several residential break-ins. Along with the burglaries and thefts, they have also investigated several child and sexual abuse cases.

As reported last month, Jordan Tozier began the 300 hours field training officer program and is doing well. He has completed the first 100 hours and has begun phase two.

Deputies responded to a traffic accident in the Town of Unity in which a vehicle left the roadway and struck a fence and trees. After an investigation it was found that the driver had actually passed away while driving on the highway prior to the crash.

Both patrol and detective divisions continue to be very busy this summer. Both are running well and continue to provide excellent law enforcement services to the tax payers of the County of Waldo.

**September, 2010:** In the month of September our patrol division finally saw our calls for service drop off some for the first time in about 4 months. Deputies responded to 559 calls, conducted 155 traffic stops for various traffic law violations, responded to 38 traffic accidents, 32 - 911 hang-up calls and conducted 26 background checks for various reasons.

Our detective and patrol divisions have been busy this past month following up on leads and intelligence and have found several marijuana grow operations within our county. More than 32 plants have been harvested. In one location on the West Hill Road in Frankfort, they found 19 very large (in excess of 6 feet tall) marijuana plants that were very well maintained and healthy.

Part time Deputy Jordan Tozier has completed phase two of the FTO program and after passing his review board has moved to phase three of the program.

I am pleased to report that our deputies were engaged in two high speed chases this past month and in both cases they used very good judgment in shutting down the chase as they felt it was too dangerous, for a number of reasons. In both cases the fleeing drivers crashed their vehicles. Both drivers have been charged with various traffic law violations. In both instances, this agency reviewed and discussed the chases at the

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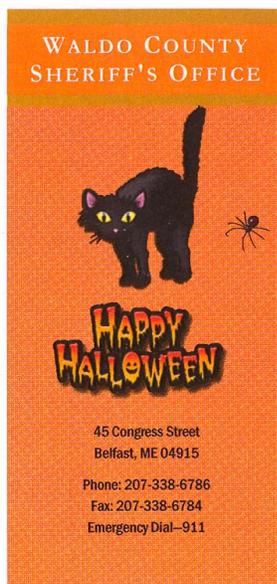
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monthly department meeting. This has proved to be a good tool for all deputies, both full and part time, to discuss the how, what and why of a chase. As you are aware, high speed chases are very dangerous, both for the officer and the general public, and it is a good feeling to know the deputies are making good, sound decisions when they do occur.

Deputy Darrin Moody is continuing his studies at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and is doing well and is nearly at the halfway point of the 18 week program.

Deputy Gerry Lincoln is doing well at the American International Institute of Polygraph in Atlanta, GA. I spoke with him recently and he is scheduled to graduate November 5, 2010. This will provide our agency with our own polygraph operator, replacing Lt. Bryant White, who retired two years ago. Bryant continues to do polygraphs for this agency, but winters down south.

Both patrol and detective divisions continue to work well and have been extremely busy.





## CIVIL SERVICE

Civil service during this quarter continues to be extremely busy. As of the date of this writing, civil deputies have served 1804 papers, 170 of which were foreclosures. This increase in service of foreclosures in Waldo County is indicative of the financial crisis the world is experiencing at this time. Foreclosure is a process that allows a lender to recover the amount owed on a defaulted loan by selling or taking ownership of the property securing the loan. The foreclosure process begins when a borrower defaults on their mortgage payments. Generally, this process will start after 90 days (grace period) of your final payment for the loan. If nothing is paid during this grace period, then the bank has no other choice to recover the money, other than the foreclosure process.

A property owner may find themselves in danger of foreclosure for any of the following reasons: 1.) Economic downturn. The economic trend has required, in most instances, more than one person in a household to work. However, for various reasons, one or more breadwinner may have lost their job due to downsizing, or has had a reduction of work hours. This situation creates budgetary problems, thereby making it difficult to keep up with mortgage payments and other bills. A decline in property values has caused an inability to refinance, making it difficult to take advantage of lower interest rates; 2.) Balloon payments: A "balloon payment" is the final installment payment on a note that is greater than the preceding installment payments which pays the note in full. Many homeowners, during the "good times", when property values were increasing rapidly "bought" this type of loan. The new homeowner would usually make interest only payments for a three to five-year period at which time the entire balance would be due. Unfortunately, the property value did not always increase and the new homeowner was unable to refinance enough money to make the payment. The missed balloon payment started the process of foreclosure; 3.) During the late 70's and most of the 80's, home values increased all over the US. Many buyers felt the home prices would continue that upward trend, perhaps doubling and tripling and bought properties they could barely afford with the intent to refinance at a lower interest rate at some point in the future. Many lost their properties as a result of high monthly payments they were unable to maintain. These three reasons are not the only reasons for foreclosure, but are some of the most common.

The foreclosure process can end one of four ways: 1.) The borrower/owner reinstates the loan by paying off the default amount during a grace period also known as pre-foreclosure as determined by state law; 2.) The borrower/owner sells the property to a third party during the pre-foreclosure period. The sale allows the borrower/owner to pay off the loan and avoid having a foreclosure on his or her credit history; 3.) A third party buys the property at a public auction at the end of the pre-foreclosure period; and 4.) The lender takes ownership of the property, usually with the intent to re-sell it on the open market. The lender can take ownership either through an agreement with the borrower/owner during pre-foreclosure, via a short sale foreclosure or by buying back the property at public auction. Depending on the court schedule, it usually takes approximately 180-200 days to effectuate an uncontested foreclosure. The process may be delayed if the borrower contests the action, seeks delays or files for bankruptcy.

The State of Maine has a "statutory right of redemption" which allows a party whose property has been foreclosed upon to reclaim that property by making payment in full of the sum of the unpaid loan plus costs. There is a time limit to undertake such a redemption of one year or 3 months, depending on when the mortgage was executed. The right of redemption must expire before certain actions are taken to complete the foreclosure sale.

In 2009 the Maine Legislature passed "*An Act to Preserve Home Ownership and Stabilize the Economy by Preventing Unnecessary Foreclosures*". This law provides for mediation of foreclosure of residential mortgages beginning January 1, 2010. Borrowers may choose mediation which they must attend and evaluate foreclosure alternatives. The law also provides that issues such as reinstatement of the mortgage, modification of the loan and restructuring of the debt need to be addressed at these mediations. The new law also provides that Maine's Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection is to provide assistance in avoiding foreclosure. Call the *Maine's Foreclosure Prevention Hotline @ 1-888-664-2569*



Contact your lender or servicer at the first sign that you may be having trouble making your mortgage payments and explain your circumstances. Even if a foreclosure action has been started, it's not too late to contact your lender or servicer.

*Civil Deputies*  
Wendall Story  
John Ford  
Brenda Dakin, Civil Secretary

## DEPUTY ACTIVITIES

To the right is Deputy Gerry Lincoln, who, conducted an iris scan at the Troy Elementary School on May 14. Deputy Lincoln also did an iris scan with Detective Reed and Neva at the Bank of America Child Care Center in Belfast.



Sgt. James Greeley went to the Searsport High School where a student interviewed him for an English project. Sgt. Greeley along with Juvenile probation officer Dan Delehanty appeared at the Mt View Middle School and spoke to the 6th graders about harassment and the consequences if someone is charged with that crime.

The annual Common Ground Fair was held in Unity on September 24, 25 and 26th. As in years past, this agency was hired to provide services for law enforcement, traffic control, parking, and security for this event. The monumental task of coordinating these efforts and scheduling the manpower to provide such services has fallen, for many years, upon Sgt. Dale Brown. Sgt. Brown spends a considerable amount of time coordinating between fair officials and the Sheriff's Office as well as scheduling various deputies to cover the many needs associated with running this fair. A total of 475 hours of manpower covered by 23 deputies, both full and part time was invested in making this a successful undertaking, for which Sgt. Brown should be commended.



Deputies Mushrall & Stone



Deputy Nick Oettinger



During this quarter Waldo County Deputies, together with other law enforcement agencies performed a number of eradications. As a result of these eradications marijuana plants were confiscated and/or destroyed. Some of these eradications were the result of information (intelligence) received by law enforcement of possible marijuana growing at a specific location. Plants confiscated ranged anywhere from 1-2 feet tall to 3-6 feet tall. Law enforcement confiscated more than 125 plants along with various drug paraphernalia and drugs.

Summonses for cultivation of marijuana, less than 100 plants and summonses for possession of drug paraphernalia were issued. In one instance a suspect was transported to jail and VOA requested a urine sample which tested positive for cocaine and morphine. This individual was placed under arrest for violation of condition of release.



## NEVA TALES



Neva was called upon several times during this quarter to use her drug detection skills.

She and Detective Reed searched the re-entry center where pills were found inside one of the resident's boots. A search of the remaining rooms as well as the bathrooms uncovered nothing further.

Agents received information that men on board a ship docked in Camden Harbor were bringing in drugs. There was also money laundering issues with this vessel. Detective Reed and Neva were called upon by the Boarder Patrol to respond to the Wayfarer docks to search the 49' vessel while it was docked. Agents detained 3 occupants of the boat. Neva and Detective Reed searched the three rooms on the boat. There were no "alerts" in the search of the first 2 rooms. Neva made several "alerts" on the last room, but nothing was found. She was working high along the walls and the outer edge of the trim which could indicate the presence of drugs. This information was passed along to the Agents who intended to go through the boat with other agents.

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## WALDO COUNTY HISTORY

### Waldo County Incorporated 1827

*Belfast-1773 as a Town*

*Belfast-1827  
as County Seat*

*Belfast-1853 as a City*

*Belmont-1814*

*Brooks-1816*

*Burnham-1873*

*Frankfort-1789*

*Freedom-1794*

*Islesboro-1789*

*Jackson-1818*

*Knox-1819*

*Liberty-1827*

*Lincolnton-1802*

*Monroe-1822*

*Montville-1807*

*Morrill-1855*

*Northport-1796*

*Palermo-1801*

*Prospect-1794*

*Searsmont-1814*

*Searsport-1845*

*Stockton Springs-1857*

*Swanville-1818*

*Thorndike-1772*

*Troy-1812*

*Unity-1782*

*Waldo-1845*

*Winterport-1860*

The town of **Burnham**, formerly called Twenty-Five Mile Pond Plantation, was first settled in 1795 when Maine was still a part of Massachusetts. The town was incorporated February 4, 1824 as the 256th town in the state of Maine. It was named after Dr. Rufus Burnham, of Unity, who served as their physician for years. Dr. Burnham served a total of 10 years as Burnham's treasurer. He was appointed postmaster in 1829, a position which he held for ten years. Dr. Burnham was known as the wealthiest man in town. When Dr. Burnham died in Unity at the age of 76, his obituary read "one of the oldest practicing physicians in Waldo County".

The Town was first located in York County and as more counties were added to the state, Burnham was placed in Kennebec County. In 1827 the people of Burnham petitioned the state to place the town in Waldo County. The town has been in Waldo County since the 1830's. The town of Burnham once had a pants factory, a creamery, a cheese factory, a barrel hoop factory and a patent medicine factory. After the rail service was established in the 1800's, freight and passenger trains passed through Burnham. The passenger train service from Belfast to Burnham came to an end in 1959. The town of Burnham has a total area of 41.2 square miles

The Town of **Freedom** was part of the Plymouth Patent. Stephen Smith, a soldier of the Revolution made the first opening in the forest in 1794. With the help of his brothers, he built the first house in the town late that year. The plantation was named Smithtown, derived from the



Smith brothers, who settled in late 1794. The plantation was later called Beaver Hill Plantation. The Congregationalists have only one church in town.



Freedom Falls

Freedom Academy was incorporated in 1836 which furnished a part of their education to many who became prominent. The Town of Freedom was incorporated June 11, 1813, after the last war with Great Britain, under its present name, Maine's 197th town.

The Town of **Islesboro** was first settled in 1769 by William Pendleton and Benjamin Thomas. Titles to the lands were secured in 1801 from General Henry Knox. Islesboro consists of one lone island and several small ones in Penobscot Bay. The largest of these, formerly known as "Long Island", is 11 miles in length and three miles in width at the widest part. The other islands are Seven hundred-acre Island, Warren's, Spruce, Ensign, Job's Line, Lasell's Mark, Saddle, Mouse and several others smaller. The entire land area is about 6,000 acres. In 1855, 153 vessels sailed from Islesboro, many of which were owned in the town where most of the masters resided. The Town of Islesboro was incorporated January 28, 1789.

Alice Pendleton Library

The town of **Jackson** was first settled in 1800 by Benjamin Cates. The town was a part of the Waldo Patent. Gen. Henry Knox, who soon after the Revolution became proprietor of the patent, sold a few lots to settlers, then disposed of all that was left to Israel Thorndike, David Sears and William Prescott. Thorndike cleared up and cultivated a large farm near the center of the township which he stocked with horses, cows, sheep and poultry, and set out an orchard of 500 apple trees. The farm was known as the "Great Farm" long after Thorndike's death.



The Plantation was organized in 1812, and incorporated as a town June 12, 1818, the 229th town, and was named after General Henry Jackson, a soldier of the Revolution.

See future editions of our newsletters for more of Waldo County's Town's history.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence and abuse can happen to anyone. It is a continuance of aggressive and controlling behaviors, including physical, sexual and psychological attacks. Domestic violence is purposeful and instrumental behavior used for one purpose: to gain and maintain total control over the victim. Abusers use fear, guilt, shame, and intimidation to wear their victim down and kept them under their thumb. Abusers may also threaten or hurt a victim, or hurt those around the victim. Domestic abuse often escalates from threats and verbal abuse to violence.

A legal tool in instances of domestic violence is the protection order. A protection order is a civil court order intended to provide protection from domestic abuse. In Maine there are two types of Protection from Abuse Orders, one being the Temporary Protection Order which may be issued if a victim is in immediate danger of abuse, which, if granted, the Temporary Order, would stay in effect until a full order is issued or the temporary order is terminated. A temporary order may be granted without a court hearing and without an abuser's knowledge. If the judge agrees that there is present and immediate danger, the order will be granted right away and will take effect as soon as it is served on the abuser. If the case is not dismissed, it will be scheduled for a final hearing within 21 days of when the complaint was filed with the court.

A victim must attend the hearing for the final Protection from Abuse Order on the date that appears on the Temporary Protection Order. A final order can be issued only after a court hearing at which both the victim and abuser have a chance to tell their story, or an order by agreement is accepted by the Judge. Protection from Abuse Orders usually last up to two years; however, you may be able to have it extended.

A Protection from Abuse Order may require the abuser to refrain from threatening, assaulting, molesting, harassing, attacking or abusing a victim and any minor children in the household. Additionally, the judge may order the abuser to leave the victim alone and have no contact; order the abuser to stay away from the victim's home, school, business or place of employment; order the abuser not to possess a gun or any other dangerous weapon; grant possession of the home to either the victim or the abuser; grant temporary custody and visitation rights of any minor children to the victim; or order anything else the victim may need to remain safe.

Studies have shown that issuing a protective order or arresting a person who commits domestic violence reduces future incidents. When abusers see that law enforcement and the court system treats domestic violence seriously, they may be deterred from future violence. However,

**orders of protection are not guarantees of protection or safety.**

Some abusers while experiencing anger or rage will not change their behavior regardless of whether a court order has been issued. In fact, a court order might even add to the rage. While the legal system cannot offer perfect protection, it can reduce violence overall.

Below are some general warning signs of domestic abuse:

People who are abused may: seem afraid or anxious to please their partner; go along with everything their partner says and does; check in often with their partner to report where they are and what they're doing; receive frequent, harassing phone calls from their partner; talk about their partner's temper, jealousy, or possessiveness.

People who are being physically abused may: have frequent injuries, with the excuse of "accidents"; frequently miss work, school, or social occasions, without explanation; or dress in clothing designed to hide bruises or scars, such as wearing long sleeves in the summer or sunglasses indoors.

If you suspect that someone you know is being abused, speak up ! **Domestic violence is a crime!!!** If you are hesitating and think that it's none of your business or the person might not want to talk about it, keep in mind that expressing your concern will let the person know that you care and may even save his or her life.

The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence provides a 24-hour hotline. Their address is: 104 Sewall St., Augusta, ME 04330; and **telephone number is 207-430-8334**. The statewide Domestic Violence Helpline is **1-866-834-4357**. They provide temporary emergency shelter and transitional housing, referrals and information about community resources, help with Protection from Abuse Orders and Parental Rights; support groups and much more.

*There's NO excuse for domestic violence !!!*

DETECTIVE DIVISION  
Detective Matt Curtis  
Detective Jason Bosco  
Detective Merl Reed  
K-9 Neva

## MEET OUR PATROL DIVISION



Chief Deputy Robert Keating  
12/1/2002



Lt. Jason Trundy  
5/15/1995



Sgt. Dale Brown  
7/15/2001



Sgt. James Greeley  
3/15/2005



Deputy James Porter  
1/1/1990



Deputy Benjamin Seekins  
12/13/1992



Deputy Dan Thompson  
8/13/2007



Deputy David Mushrall  
1/20/2008



Deputy Gerald Lincoln  
7/8/2008



Deputy Kevin Littlefield  
7/19/2009



Deputy Darrin Moody  
12/13/2009



Deputy Arthur Smith  
6/26/2010



Deputy Nicholas Oettinger  
7/14/2010



*Deputy David Caswell*  
6/24/2004



*Deputy Chris Dyer*  
8/9/2007



*Deputy Damien Stone*  
6/10/2008



*Deputy Ben Wheeler*  
10/14/2009



*Deputy Jordan Tozier*  
8/3/2010

## MEET OUR DETECTIVE DIVISION



*Detective Matt Curtis*  
12/5/1999



*Detective Jason Bosco*  
11/18/2001



*Detective Merl Reed*  
12/5/1999



*K-9 Neva*

## MEET OUR CORRECTIONS DIVISION



*Capt. Robert Walker*  
11/19/2000



*Corp. Christopher Louriero*  
3/20/1993



*Corp. Stephen Cole*  
1/1/1999



*Corp. Christopher Albert*  
2/13/2000



*Corp. Joshua Bowles*  
1/30/2005



*C/O Richard Roberts*  
5/19/1993



*C/O Laurel Kragh*  
2/13/2000



*C/O Randy Fox*  
7/1/2002



*C/O Carlene Thornton*  
8/22/2004



*C/O Michael Hopkins*  
3/08/2005

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C/O. Seth Curra  
4/3/2006



C/O Gregory Mackay  
6/11/2006



C/O Dennis Reimillard  
2/11/2008



C/O Amy Bither  
4/3/2007



Nancy Carroll, Cook  
8/3/1984



CO Stephanie Gracie  
8/3/2004

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5/3/2006  
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C/O Matthew Hall  
11/10/2008  
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C/O David Lindahl  
9/12/2006  
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C/O Stephen Montague  
7/11/1994

## SURVIVAL

At approximately 5:00 p.m. on November 24, 2009, Stanley Ward knocked on the door of Patricia Moss. A life-changing event was about to occur. When Mrs. Moss went to the door, Stanley told her that his father had had a massive stroke and was in the hospital and that he, himself had lost a couple of jobs and was in need of money. Mrs. Moss was concerned for Stanley and his family, so she let him into her home to see if she could help him. Once inside the house, Stanley threw her to the floor, held a knife to her throat, demanded money and told her he'd kill her right now if she screamed or made any noise. Mrs. Moss gave him cash and he tied her up with duct tape and forced her into her own car and drove to a location unknown to her. He then demanded more money and she offered to write him a check, however, her checkbook was at her home. He then drove her vehicle back to her residence where she wrote him a check for \$300.00. He again forced her into her car and drove to a camper near Dutton Pond in Knox. He forced her inside and attacked her, hitting her on top of the head, stabbing her and slicing her throat. Mrs. Moss was convinced that Stanley was going to kill her. After attacking her and leaving her to die in the camper, Ward returned to Mrs. Moss' home and switched back to his own vehicle. He deposited the \$300.00 check in the bank, bought a six pack of Twisted Tea, gassed up his vehicle and drove back to the camper to check on his victim.

Mrs. Moss lost consciousness for some period of time, but eventually was able to force her way out of the camper trailer and crawl on her hands and knees down the road towards Route 137. As she made her way down the dirt road she heard a vehicle coming and was terrified that it was Stanley Ward returning. To avoid being seen by him she rolled into a ditch filled with icy water. She observed Ward come out of the trailer and leave. Mrs. Moss crawled out of the ditch, continued to crawl and eventually reached Route 137, where motorists stopped for what they thought was a bloody deer in the road.

A call for service (CFS) came into the Waldo County Regional Communication Center's 911 line at 8:49 p.m. The Dispatcher immediately sent out a page for the ambulance service. The ambulance service was enroute to the scene, arriving at 9:06. While the complainant was on the telephone, a couple who had stopped to lend assistance tended the cold, wet and injured Mrs. Moss until the ambulance arrived. The Sheriff's Deputy arrived on scene minutes before the ambulance's arrival and additional Sheriff's Deputies as well as member of the State Police and Belfast Police Department arrived shortly thereafter to assist at the scene.

Due to the fact that the victim was able to identify her attacker, at 4:59 a.m., Belfast Police Officers had the suspect in custody and placed him under arrest. He was charged with robbery, kidnapping and attempted murder. The suspect appeared in court on November 25 where his bail was set at \$500,000 cash or \$1 million real estate.

After the initial call for service, response and questioning, there began a thorough investigation of the facts. Witnesses were questioned, statements written and reviewed, evidence gathered and bagged, pictures taken, swabs for DNA gathered and reports written by Law Enforcement Officers and submitted to the District Attorneys' Office for prosecution. An arraignment is held where the suspect answers the charges, bail, if any, is set, and a case status conference is scheduled. In many cases, it can take up to a year or more before trial is had in a matter such as this and is finally put to rest by the State. However, in this instance, Stanley Ward, pled guilty in April of all charges. On July 14, eight months after the attack on Mrs. Moss, Stanley Ward was sentenced to 50 years with all but 45 years suspended.

Mrs. Moss suffered permanent injury in the form of the loss of her front teeth, loss of all hearing in one ear, scarring on her throat and nerve damage in her shoulder. Additionally, she suffers psychological and emotional pain as a result of this incident. While this incident has been put to rest by the court and Stanley Ward has begun serving his sentence, Mrs. Moss relives the events of that night and the words of Stanley Ward; "Are you bleeding yet? Are you dead yet? Yeah, you're dead now." The unspeakable fear and terror this woman felt at the knowledge that her life may be taken from her is beyond comprehension. It is only because of this victim's quick thinking, her resolve, determination and courage during this brutal attack that she is alive today. She is a true hero.

*EMERGENCY - 911*

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## CARLENE "JANIS" THORNTON

Our very own Corrections Officer Carlene Thornton appeared on June 18 at the Legion Hall in Belfast where she performed a one-night/one-woman show called "Piece of My Heart" singing hits by Janis Joplin. Accompanying Carlene were drummer, Jason Dean, key board player Tom Luther, guitarist Ian Maddox and bassist Phil Kaiser. Carlene appeared in full Janice Joplin costume, right down to her long red hair, bell-bottom jeans, jewelry, feathers, ribbons, round glasses and toting a Southern Comfort Bottle (filled with ice tea) out of which she would occasionally take a swig. Carlene's reputation as a singer has grown as a result of local karaoke appearances. She jokingly calls herself "a karaoke queen". Carlene sang with bands back in the 70's and has always loved singing. Aynne Ames of the Belfast Maskers

Theater Company put on her own show, singling out Carlene to sing Janice Joplin's songs. Carlene said: "She always gave it her all . . . she had such passion . . . I'm trying to do that . . ." From the standing ovation from the audience at the sold out show, Carlene succeeded in "giving it her all". Because of the success of Carlene's first performance, she performed an encore show on August 8, 2010, at the Steamboat Landing Park accompanied by Jason Dean, Phil Clement, Tom Luther and Mike Knowles. Stephan Allen. A retired journalist living in Belfast wrote: "As a feature writer for the Gannett chain back in the 1960's, I interviewed Janis at the Benjamin Franklin hotel in Philadelphia prior to her performance in Philly at a place called The Arena. Your performer was as close as I've ever seen anyone get to her—including the bottle of either Southern Comfort or Jack Daniels in her hand." Way to go Carlene!

## CORRECTIONS DIVISION

The 72 hour hold and Re-entry programs continue to run well. As of the date of this writing our Re-entry program is housing 20 residents. Up to 32 residents will be housed in the Re-entry Center when it is in full operation. Since the inception of the Re-entry Center there have been a few issues with five of our residents where, due to drug issues and "being out of place" or not being where they were scheduled to be at a given time. These violations were discovered by corrections staff in checking itineraries and discovering discrepancies in their documentation. Those 5 offenders were sent back to the correctional facilities from which they came. These particular actions are a breach of the agreement residents are required to sign and for which there is zero tolerance. There have been 8 residents who have graduated successfully from the Re-entry Program and have stayed "clean" to date.

As of this writing no resident has tested positive when random drug testing was performed. Also added to random testing is the "Alcoholawks PT 500" which tests the presence of alcohol, and has resulted in no positive test results. Detective Reed and Neva searched the facility and Neva "hit" on a boot that had drug residue, but no drugs were found.

From January through October, 2010 we have booked 685 inmates. The transportation division has transported inmates a total of 17,362 miles since the date of publication of our May, 2010 newsletter, driven 799.5 hrs, and transported 424 inmates during regular working hours at a cost of approximately \$19,300.00. The foregoing were scheduled transports. Transport Officers have transported unscheduled trips and drove 3,592 miles, 120 hours, transporting 97 inmates at a cost of approximately \$2,913.00. These unscheduled trips were due to overcrowding in our facilities and were required to be housed elsewhere.

With the resignation of Corporal Carter mentioned earlier in this newsletter, Corporal Albert moved from night shift to day shift, filling Corporal Cartier's position. Matthew Hopkins has been re-hired (he was laid off due last year as a result of the mission change) to fill a full time position. Gregory Morse has been hired as a part-time transportation officer to assist Corporal Bowles and transport officer Dave Lindahl.

The Re-entry Center assisted in building a new intoxilyzier room in the large bay of the facilities garage. This makes it more efficient for corrections officers, our deputies and other law enforcement agencies to bring in their arrestees and administer the test and interviews without interruption and alleviates the congestion in the Re-entry Center.

All in all the Re-entry Center is working well and becoming more efficient as we go along. Both Corrections and VOA staff work well together under the direction of Captain Robert Walker and Program Director Michael Tausek.



## MAINE COASTAL REGIONAL REENTRY CENTER GARDEN

During the month of September the Reentry Center experienced several positives related to client programming. Community service was a major highlight for the program as evidenced by the amount of fresh produce grown in the Swanville garden which was distributed, as shown below, to local food pantries and schools. Community Resource Specialist William Browning reported over 350 boxes or crates of produce were shared with those in need. This project was the program's biggest endeavor to date and many thanks go out to various Sheriff's personnel, Commissioner Shorey, Randy Doak and local partners for sharing in the project.

As for client updates, Case Managers, Jerome Weiner and Seth Curra report three clients enrolled in adult education or college course. Thanks go out to College Connection for the assistance and motivation to help our residents. Over 10 clients were gainfully employed in the local area which translated into several hundred dollars in fines, restitution, child support and room and board being paid to the appropriate government entity.

Residents continue to participate in cognitive based and substance abuse programming, seek employment upon advancement to the appropriate phase level, assist in community projects together than the Swanville garden (e.g. the painting of the Lincolnville Beach Fire Department) and stay sober as evidenced by the more than 50 negative drug tests administered during September.

The 5-acre parcel of farmland located in Swanville leased by the County for a community garden and worked by residents of the re-entry center throughout the summer as part of their pre-release curriculum, netted, as stated above, over 350 boxes or crates of produce to include cucumbers, green and yellow beans, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, etc. from that garden. The produce was distributed as follows:

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| St. Francis Soup Kitchen – 438 gals.           | Northport Food Pantry – 222 gals.              | Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center – 342 gals               |
| Searsport Food Pantry–153 gals                 | United Methodist Church food pantry–102 gals   | Church of the Nazarine food pantry–42 gals                     |
| Little River Baptist Church–30 gals            | Jackson Town pantry; Unity food pantry–39 gals | AMVETS Memorial food Pantry–Liberty–114 gals                   |
| Winterport food pantry–24 gals                 | BCR Youth program (Belfast) -18 gals           | Troy Howard Middle School (Belfast–for harvest meal) - 75 gals |
| Joshua Reynolds Senior Housing–Belfast–30 gals |                                                |                                                                |

A total of 1,683 gallons of produce was delivered as a result of the labors of the residents of the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center and Commissioner Bill Shorey. We are proud of this undertaking and are happy to share the “fruits of our labor” to those worthy recipients.



**MAINE COASTAL REGIONAL REENTRY CENTER**  
*“THE MAN WHO REMOVES A MOUNTAIN BEGINS BY CARRYING AWAY SMALL STONES”*

## RESIGNATIONS/NEW HIRES

Scott Jones tendered his resignation with this agency effective June 15, 2010. Scott joined the patrol division in March, 2003, graduating from the Maine Municipal Criminal Justice later that year. We wish Scott well in his future endeavors.

In late September Corporal Robert Cartier resigned his position with the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center effective October 5. Corporal Cartier began his career as a full time corrections officer with the Waldo County Correctional Center in August of 2000. Bob graduated from the 185th Basic Corrections—Level C Corrections School of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in May of 2001. In February 2002 Bob received a Certificate of Specialized Training after having satisfactorily completed the requirements of Field Training Officer for Corrections and in March, 2002 completed training as a certified instructor. Bob attained the rank of Corporal in 2002. Corporal Cartier will assume the duties as a Probation Officer for the Department of Corrections of the State of Maine beginning October 4, 2010. Corporal Cartier has been a valued employee and friend. We wish him well in his new career.

Arthur Smith joined our patrol division June 9, 2010. Deputy Smith was formerly a member of the Camden Police Department, and prior to his tenure with Camden, he worked for the Rockport Police Department. He graduated from the Maine Municipal Criminal Justice Academy December 15, 2006 and brings with him 5 years of experience. We welcome Deputy Smith to our patrol division.

Nicholas Oettinger also joined our patrol division, beginning his duties July 14, 2010. He started his career at Southwest Harbor Police Department in 2005 as a part-time officer, becoming a full time officer with Kennebec County Sheriff's Office. In July, 2008 Nick took a full time position as a Deputy Sheriff with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in Florida. In 2009 he returned to Maine where he took a full time patrol position with the Wilton Police Department. Deputy Oettinger is a graduate of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. We welcome Deputy Oettinger to our patrol division.

We are confident that Deputy Arthur (Art) Smith and Nicholas (Nick) Oettinger will do well in their positions with this agency. That we were able to add such well trained and experienced individuals to our ranks is a testament to our agencies' good reputation as a law enforcement agency. We hope they enjoy their positions with us.

In addition to the two full time positions mentioned above, Jordan Tozier joined us as a part-time patrol deputy in August. Jordan is presently in the final 100 hrs of field training.

Also joining our ranks as a part-time deputy is Christopher Ross. Chris is currently employed with the Somerset County Communications as a full time emergency dispatcher and since 2005 works as a part-time officer with the Pittsfield Police Department. Chris will begin his field training this month with Detective Merl Reed.

We wish Jordan and Chris luck in their new positions and welcome them to our agency.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Corporal Joshua Bowles and his wife, April on the birth of their daughter, Alayna Marie born May 24, weighing in at 7 lbs 15 oz, 22 inches long.

Congratulations are also in order for Deputy David Caswell and his wife, Tammy on the birth of their baby girl Kinsley, born June 21, 2010, weighing in at 7 lbs 13 oz.

Born August 31, 2010 to Corporal Robert Cartier and his wife, Stephanie, is baby girl Jordyn Elizabeth, weighing in at 7 lbs 1 oz.



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## EDUCATION

Kevin Littlefield is one of 44 cadets who graduated from the 18th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy on May 21, 2010. During a demanding, comprehensive 18 weeks of training, he, along with fellow law enforcement officers underwent a combination of physical fitness training and study of the various laws including criminal and traffic laws and other aspects of law enforcement such as crime scene processing, firearms and emergency vehicle operation. Kevin is a 1997 graduate of Belfast Area High School. He joined this agency as a full-time deputy in July, 2009. We are pleased to have Deputy Kevin Littlefield as part of our team.

Deputy Darrin Moody joined this agency as a part time deputy in October of 2009, becoming a full time deputy in December of 2009. Darrin formerly worked for the Town of Searsport as an equipment operator for the Highway Department while working as a part-time police officer for the Towns of Searsport and Stockton Springs. Darrin is currently attending the 19th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy which began August 16. Darrin is scheduled to graduate December 17, 2010. We are anxious for Darrin to complete his training and resume his duties with this agency.

Deputy Gerard Lincoln began a 10 week training program at the American International Institute of Polygraph in Atlanta, GA, from which he will graduate on November 5. He will then have an interim license and will be required to intern with a local examiner assigned by the State of Maine until he receives his permanent license. He will be required to take a written and practical exam before a permanent license is issued to him. Once completed, Deputy Lincoln will be licensed by the State of Maine as a polygrapher which will enable him to do polygraphs anywhere in the State. We look forward to his completion of this training and his return to his regular patrol duties.



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