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Excerpts from police calls are a weekly feature in all nine Bee Group newspapers. Some of the more unusual reports from 2017 are reprinted here. Each is an actual listing from a local town or village police blotter.

. Police received a call about a woman yelling at a Meadowbrook Parkway location. Responding officers said everything was in order. The daughter at the residence was upset about not being able to find her phone charger.

. A Kenmore resident called the police to say he no longer has cable. He was told that's not a police matter.

. A woman on Barbara Place said a neighbor was banging on her door because she wouldn't give him bullets for his gun.

. A Melody Lane woman said her boyfriend took her TV and wouldn't return it after an argument over a St. Patrick's Day parade.

. When police attempted sobriety testing of a driver on Central Avenue, he said, "I am drunk and cannot do these tests."

. A woman driving the wrong way on Route 400 reportedly admitted to having cocaine in her bra. A search uncovered 2.3 grams of the substance.

. A Walden Avenue driver, admonished for throwing a banana peel out a window, threw a "Big Gulp" on the complainant's car.

. Police received a call about a man with reddish hair driving naked on Haller Avenue. Officers couldn't locate him.

. A Winkler Road man posted a handicapped parking sign outside his house to reserve himself a space. He had to take it down.

. A County Road man said a drone was flying outside his bedroom window. He wanted to know if he could shoot it down.

. A blonde Chihuahua wearing a pink dress was reportedly loose on Emerson Drive. Police couldn't locate it.



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A man in a fedora and leather vest was in a Raymond Avenue yard howling at the dogs.

. A man with a “mean face” was reportedly kicking over garbage cans while walking down Bailey Avenue.

. An unlicensed man speeding on Dick Road said he was driving because he was “the least intoxicated out of everyone.”

. A man complained to Kenmore police that his roommate threw him out because he changed his religion.

. A Fairways Road resident said a neighbor releases 30 to 40 pigeons every night and lets them defecate on nearby houses.

. A man was seen lying on the pavement making snow angels outside a Niagara Falls Boulevard restaurant.

. An Evans Street woman reported that she and her boyfriend had locked themselves in fuzzy handcuffs. Officers assisted them.

. A French Road man complained that a female neighbor came to his apartment and tried to take his dog — to “set it free.”

. A Kenmore man reported that he has insomnia. When asked why he called police, he said he was being bothered by strangers.

. A complainant on Thruway Plaza Drive said a woman threatened to hit her in the head with a lava lamp.

. A muskrat was reportedly circling the parking lot of a Transit Road fitness facility. Animal Control removed it.

. A caller reported a long gun on the side of the Kensington Expressway. It was a broken weed whacker.

. A loud party “with bad singing” on North Seine Drive turned out to be one intoxicated man. Police took him inside.

. Police told two Kaufman Road residents “how to be neighborly” after one reportedly punched the other regarding a parking spot.



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. A photo of boxer Mike Tyson’s head, pasted on the picture of a tuxedo, was left under a windshield wiper on Hillsboro Drive.

. A cashier at an Abbott Road coffee shop said a man harassed her because the store wasn’t serving breakfast sandwiches.

. A man charged with DWI on Seneca Street also had taken the license plates off his mother’s car and placed them on his own.

. A Lloyd Drive caller claimed to have been threatened with a fork and a hot grill after an argument about a hot dog.



A man with green hair and wearing a gas mask was seen near the Interstate 90 underpass on Galleria Drive.

- . A woman walking near Raymond Park reported “a pile of intestines and such” in the grass. Police didn’t find anything.
- . A Lackawanna Avenue man, reported for sitting in his car for four hours, told police he can sit in his car if he wants to.
- . A bandanna hanging from a rearview mirror led to a traffic stop on Route 219 and a marijuana charge for the passenger.
- . A person reportedly trying to kick a door in on Gardenvillage Drive was just a visitor knocking on the wrong door.
- . Officers assisted in sorting out a fight — if not the bottles themselves — inside a Main Street bottle redemption center.
- . A “long day” became longer when a woman got her car stuck on a West Seneca fence. She was charged with DWI.
- . A man who admitted taking two beers from a West Seneca Tops drank them in a nearby Petco restroom.
- . An American Campus Drive woman said an ex-roommate put onions on the couch and chicken under the cushions.
- . Depew police answering an 11 p.m. noise complaint found a man using power tools to build a backyard chicken coop.
- . A driver stopped for traveling 120 mph in a 40-mph zone on Orchard Park Road “wanted to see what the car had in it.”
- . The Orchard Park Road Wegmans reported that a man stole steak and milk and consumed them in the store.
- . A rock, four nails, a towel hook and a wooden rod were found in the underwear of a woman arrested on Clinton Street.
- . West Seneca police didn’t accept the excuse of a man accused of stealing a bike from Kmart. He said someone had stolen his.
- . An Orchard Park resident set off a potato launcher but didn’t secure the bottom plate, which struck him in the face.
- . A Cheektowaga man said his neighbor repeatedly challenges him to fight because he supports Donald Trump.
- . A man in a fedora and leather vest was in a Raymond Avenue yard howling at the dogs.
- . A vehicle parked at the Clarence Soccer Complex was covered in plastic wrap.
- . A Borden Road caller complained to Cheektowaga police about a “middle of-the-night cheer practice” at a neighbor’s house.
- . A resident of Nantucket Drive West came home to find a vehicle in her driveway and a woman sleeping in it.
- . A mysterious man was reportedly selling meat door to door on Pound Road in Elma.
- . The assistant dog warden had to corral a resident’s pig, which was wandering around the Wabash Avenue neighborhood.

- . A group of suspicious people was reported at the Clarence Soccer Center. They were just watching a meteor shower.
- . A Harlem Road caller said two women were attempting to hitchhike and doing calisthenics in the street.
- . Police stopped a man driving without headlights on Transit Road and found that his license was revoked 12 years ago.
- . A man reported that there was a woman on the roof of a residence on Somerton Avenue who was trying to gain entry while five others were waiting on the ground below. An officer spoke to the woman, who had locked herself out of the house.
- . A Hamilton Boulevard resident called to report that some hair products were taken from her home.
- . Cheektowaga police received a 911 hang-up call from a 4-year-old. He had learned in school how to dial 911, so he did.
- . On Halloween, a man in his 50s in a blond wig and cowboy hat was going to homes on North Cayuga Road asking for candy.
- . Employees of a Kensington Avenue pharmacy reported “weird vibes” from a man who kept asking if it had an 18-pack of Pepsi.
- . Police received a call about two women yelling at the street sweeper trying to clean lot Walden Avenue. The women were trying to catch feral cats and were upset that the sweeper was scaring the cats.
- . A man tried to sell a ring to a Niagara Falls Boulevard jeweler after remarking that he had stolen it from Macy’s.
- . At about 4:30 p.m. each Monday, a man rides near a Sheridan Drive business and throws milk at the windows and doors.
- . An Arthur Street caller said a woman at a nearby business sets off her car alarm to wake a tenant who is often late for work.
- . A man dressed all in white stole bath soap from a store on Genesee Street.
- . On French Road, a woman said a neighbor was prank calling her because of a dispute over neighborhood cats. She thinks the caller is jealous because the cats like her better.
- . An ax-wielding man was seen chasing another man on Halstead Avenue. He told police someone had broken into his car.
- . A Rogers Drive woman said her landlord “turned the water off for no reason.” Police said there was a water main break nearby.
- . A Hartford Road resident reported that an unknown man was at his front door holding wasp spray.
- . A resident of Shepard Avenue told police she believes someone poisoned her milk.
- . A driver on Transit Road struck the pole of a sign advertising a car repair business.
- . On Route 400, the driver of an unregistered vehicle contacted deputies for help with a flat tire. He was cited.

- . Police told a Marne Road complainant that they can't keep wildlife out of her yard. They suggested a fence.
- . On Ravenswood Terrace, a resident who waited an hour for his pizza told the driver he therefore could wait 20 minutes for the payment.
- . A man who stole a bike on Main Street in Depew told police he took it because he "needed to get home faster."
- . A caller on Transit Road claimed a neighbor tried to run her over with a motorized wheelchair.
- . Whoever damaged a car on Oakwood Avenue also spit on the window, which was then swabbed for DNA.
- . A Lancaster driver and passenger had full bras: two syringes and a mixing cup in one, a crack pipe and cocaine in the other.
- . As a Cheektowaga caller complained about a neighbor's barking dog, the owner was said to be sitting outside wearing earplugs.
- . A man broke beer bottles and squirted ketchup in an Amherst hotel when told he couldn't make a reservation with cash.
- . A man left an ID, phone and child with someone at Harlem Road Park and said he'd return in three hours. He claimed it was a joke.
- . An Elma resident claimed to be unaware that a sign in the home's window said, "Call police." It was being used to block the sun.
- . A Depew DMV clerk said she suspended the test of a disruptive woman who then threw objects at her before fleeing.
- . Someone put stickers all over the drive-thru window of a Niagara Falls Boulevard pharmacy, making it hard to see customers.
- . A Lexington Avenue resident said a caller tried to sell him 100 Viagra tablets for \$120, with payment in iTunes gift cards.
- . A man driving 65 mph in a 40-mph zone on Walden Avenue told police his right leg "locked up," causing him to speed.
- . A driver in a Westwood Road crash had a can of dusting cleaner in his car. He said he'd had "a bad day and was huffing the spray."
- . A Carefree Lane man said someone tried to steal his cat, "Sugarbear," and a search also was on for "Krickles" the cat. Both were found.
- . Erie County sheriff's deputies removed several large rolls of carpeting blocking Route 400 in Elma.
- . A motorist who was stopped on Ridge Road told police she was "way too fat" to take a walk-and-turn sobriety test.
- . A woman became angry with Orchard Park police when they didn't want an uninjured raccoon she had found in the road.

- . An employee of a Southwestern Boulevard car dealership said a man came in to ask about a job and then exposed himself.
- . A driver got out of his van on John James Audubon Parkway near the police station and left a suspicious box. It contained doughnuts.
- . A man with green hair and wearing a gas mask was seen near the Interstate 90 underpass on Galleria Drive.
- . A Shepard Avenue resident said her phone won't make outgoing calls, but she had called police from her own home phone.
- . A man wearing a black bikini top was carrying a bag and asking stopped drivers for tips on Niagara Falls Boulevard.
- . A Robin Road apartment resident believed another tenant may be cooking rats, dogs and cats.
- . A woman with a cane came into Cheektowaga Town Hall on a spring day, upset about sidewalks not being shoveled during the winter.
- . A Linda Drive woman said the resident of a neighboring apartment bit her on the arm because she didn't have any cigarettes.
- . A Peppertree Drive man said a neighbor woman intentionally ran over his toes with a walker.
- . A child on a Quaker Road roof was angry and didn't want to stay in the home due to the lack of internet.
- . A Colvin Boulevard caller reported that a man has been sitting on a box in front of a building for eight hours.
- . A Kenmore caller wanted to know if he could trap and "dispatch" squirrels that eat his garden.
- . A man irate over a credit card change allegedly threatened to shove the paperwork down the throat of a Union Road teller.
- . A puppy jumping around in a car on Bory Drive locked out the caller. A few minutes later, the puppy unlocked the vehicle.
- . A man at a Transit Road church event became upset about a remark made about Puerto Rico and threw a microphone.
- . An alarm went off at the closed Evans Bank in Clarence. It was caused by a balloon floating around in the teller area.
- . A Wabash Avenue resident reported that someone poured cooking oil all over his back steps.
- . Stopped for speeding on Walden Avenue, a helpful driver volunteered that he had a crack pipe near the parking brake.
- . Two people in East Aurora complained of receiving emails from someone about a firing that occurred 27 years ago.

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