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Man with expired inspection runs from police

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Saturday, Aug. 3

   Patrols were dispatched to the parking lot of a Walden Avenue convenience store for a report of a female slumped over the wheel of a gray minivan. On location, the reporting officer observed the vehicle parked at an angle in a parking space, resting against a bollard. The offender was the sole occupant seated in the driver's seat with the engine running, radio on and asleep sitting up. The officer made numerous attempts to wake the offender with no luck. The officer had to unlock the driver's side door and shake the offender awake. The officer noted obvious signs of intoxication. The offender performed several standardized field sobriety tests and submitted to a roadside breath screen with a result of a .14% blood alcohol content. The offender was placed under arrest.

Monday, Aug. 5

   The owner of a Genesee Street convenience store reported a man acting suspiciously and told police the suspect may have stolen merchandise. Officers located the suspect behind the store, who admitted to stealing a $1.99 can of Pringles. Police advised the complainant of his options. After speaking to his manager, the owner decided not to prosecute and take the merchandise back. Police reported that the suspect is homeless and had been traveling from Arkansas to New York City. He also had two out-of-state, non-extraditable warrants. The merchandise was returned and the suspect was advised to leave and that he was not welcome back to the store. No further action was taken by patrols.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

Patrol was dispatched to Lancaster Town Court for a female possibly in possession of marijuana. Upon arrival, the complainant advised police that he found a bag of suspected marijuana in the outside pouch of the offender's purse. The offender was alone and admitted that the marijuana was in her purse because she took it off of her daughter the other day and forgot it was there. A green, leafy substance in a small plastic bag was handed to police. The offender was placed under arrest and later brought back to court for arraignment.

Depew

Saturday, Aug. 3

Police responded to Main and Penora streets to meet with a complainant who stated that a black dump trailer that had been in the grass lot next to 23 Main St. for approximately a week matched the description of a trailer reported stolen in a Facebook post. The trailer was stolen out of Buffalo on July 22. The plate was missing, but the vehicle identification number matched the missing trailer. Police contacted the owner who responded to the scene and picked up the trailer. Police contacted the Buffalo Police Department to report that the trailer was recovered.

Sunday, Aug. 4

Officers and Depew firefighters responded to the area of 556 Rowley Road for a report of smoke coming from the tree line. Upon arrival, police and fire officials observed a large pile of brush on fire with heavy smoke. People who were in the area of the fire stated they were cleaning up debris around the property and started an open burn. Firefighters extinguished the fire. The property owner was advised of the Village Open Burn Law.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

Upon a Department of Motor Vehicles check of a vehicle traveling west on Broadway, police observed a vehicle with an expired inspection certificate. Police initiated a traffic stop on Broadway near Dick Road. As the operator was stopping the vehicle, the operator exited the vehicle and ran south across Broadway. The reporting officer chased the operator a short distance, located him in some high brush nearby and took the operator into custody. After the operator exited the vehicle, the vehicle continued rolling west on Broadway and eventually came to a

stop after striking a fire hydrant and mile marker sign on the north side of Broadway. Cheektowaga Police completed an accident report.

(Editor's note: The Bee's police blotter is a sampling of unusual, sometimes humorous calls received by the police department. It is not intended to be a complete record of all incidents reported.)