

January Kudos:

All too often good police work may seem to go unnoticed. I assure you it does not.

On December 29th 2007, Deputy Bryan Huddleston was conducting business checks at 3:26 am. While approaching the Wilson Tire Service on Sr. 56 he noticed a suspicious vehicle driving around the closed business. While approaching, the vehicle fled the business and a short pursuit ensued until the driver stopped and fled on foot through the fields. Deputy Huddleston gave chase and was able to catch the suspect. The individual became combative and was secured in the cruiser. Deputy Huddleston discovered shards of glass in the suspects jacket pocket while checking him for weapons. The vehicle was discovered to be stolen from Fayette County. It was further discovered that this subject was involved in a string of stolen vehicles and breaking & entering offenses in Washington Court House and Fayette County earlier in the night. It is likely that Deputy Huddleston stopped additional offenses in Madison County and cleared several for our neighboring county.

On January 17th 2008, at 12:53 pm, Deputy John Bachman was on patrol in Madison County, when he observed a suspicious vehicle, with the passenger door open, in a residential driveway on Sr. 665. As he passed the residence he noticed an individual running from the house in his rearview mirror. Deputy Bachman turned around and began following the vehicle, occupied by three subjects, which was registered in Pickaway County. The vehicle proceeded on rural roads where Deputy Bachman initiated a traffic stop. The driver provided false information and further investigation found that the passenger had just committed a burglary at the residence where he was observed by Deputy Bachman. Over \$2,500.00 worth of electronics and jewelry was recovered in the vehicle, which had been stolen from the residence. All three subjects in the vehicle have recently been indicted by the Madison County Grand Jury for their roles in the burglary. It is unknown how may additional offenses may have been prevented by this alert action.

These are just two recent examples of observation and quick action by Deputies on patrol, protecting Madison County. My sincere thanks and praise to Deputy Huddleston and Deputy Bachman. Keep up the good work.

Sheriff Jim Sabin