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Covington Fire Department

Report for February 27, 2024

1. Community Events: Tipton Christian Academy career day for upper school students, several interested emergency services careers.
2. Volunteer Hours: 0 hours worked by Volunteers in January.
3. Call volume report for January 23rd – February 22nd ---2024-Total.
4. County coverage area collections 2024: \$ 60,750.00
5. Station Update: Rose Construction completed the repairs needed above the southwest garage door and the interior wall braces. Nearing completion of the washer and dryer install. The next step is replacing the entryway fence, awning, and sheetrock repairs.
6. Applied for a \$66,000.00 Rescue Squad Grant from the State Fire Marshal's Office. If awarded, these funds will be used to purchase rescue equipment to mitigate electric vehicle fires and some Personal protection equipment for our responders. Need organizational charts.
7. Severe Weather Sirens: All are operational at this time.
8. Tipton County E-911 Contract
9. Fire Inspection report- Pre-planning ongoing. Burn Permits required Oct.15th -May 15th -No Burning is allowed in the city. The Fire Inspector position is open and advertised.
10. Training- Our in-service training is ongoing with the completion of a PHTLS course along with Firefighter Mental Health training.
11. Staff Update: One retirement and one resignation. The Fire Inspector's Position is open until March 1st COB.

JANUARY 2024

EMP #	NAME	CALL IN HOURS	SHIFT TRAINING HOURS	TOTAL	TOTAL AFTER -24 HOURS
1349	DUVALE DEAN	0	0	0	0
1012	CODY FAULK	0	0	0	0
623	BAKER MCCOOL	0	0	0	0
			TOTAL	0	0

CERTIFIED PAYROLL SIGNATURE:_____

DATE: _____

Yearly Totals

Year	Total
2008	\$55,600.00
2009	\$53,950.00
2010	\$52,550.00
2011	\$53,900.00
2012	\$54,300.00
2013	\$55,400.00
2014	\$55,550.00
2015	\$57,400.00
2016	\$84,100.00
2017	\$80,295.00
2018	\$79,625.00
2019	\$80,320.00
2020	\$79,870.00
2021	\$82,840.00
2022	\$82,255.00
2023	\$80,925.00
2024	\$60,750.00

Total: \$1,149,630.00

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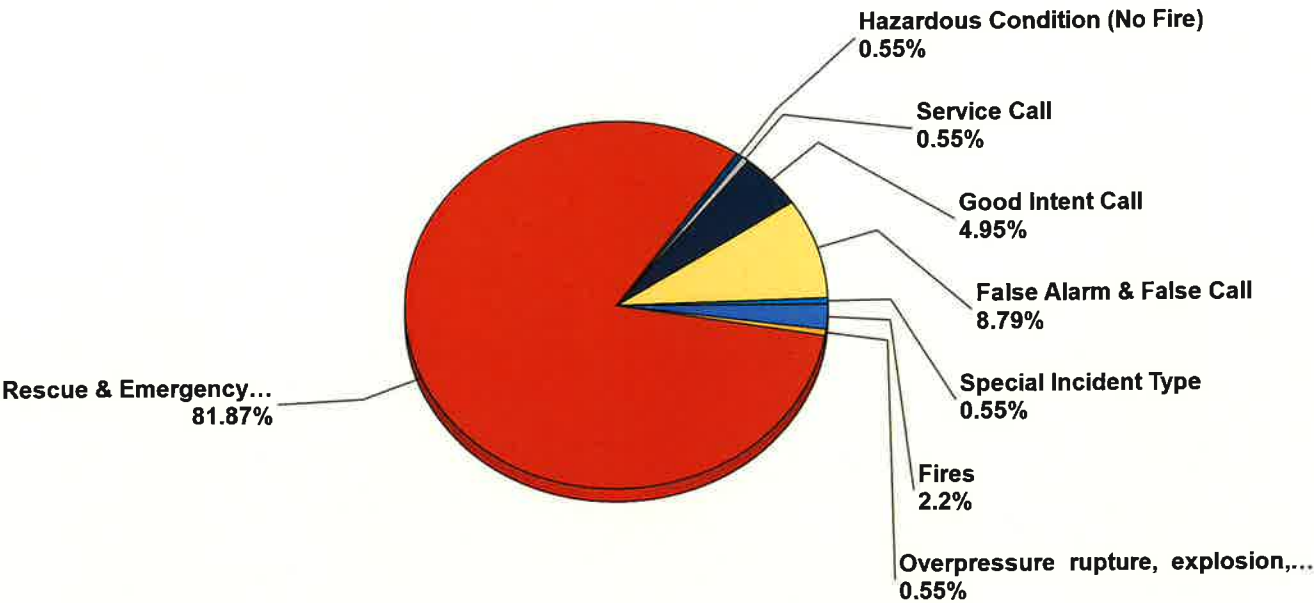
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/23/2024 | End Date: 02/22/2024



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	4	2.2%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	1	0.55%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	149	81.87%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	0.55%
Service Call	1	0.55%
Good Intent Call	9	4.95%
False Alarm & False Call	16	8.79%
Special Incident Type	1	0.55%
TOTAL	182	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	1	0.55%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.55%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.55%
143 - Grass fire	1	0.55%
243 - Fireworks explosion (no fire)	1	0.55%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7	3.85%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	131	71.98%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	10	5.49%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	0.55%
422 - Chemical spill or leak	1	0.55%
561 - Unauthorized burning	1	0.55%
600 - Good intent call, other	2	1.1%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	6	3.3%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	0.55%
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1	0.55%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	15	8.24%
900 - Special type of incident, other	1	0.55%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	182	100%

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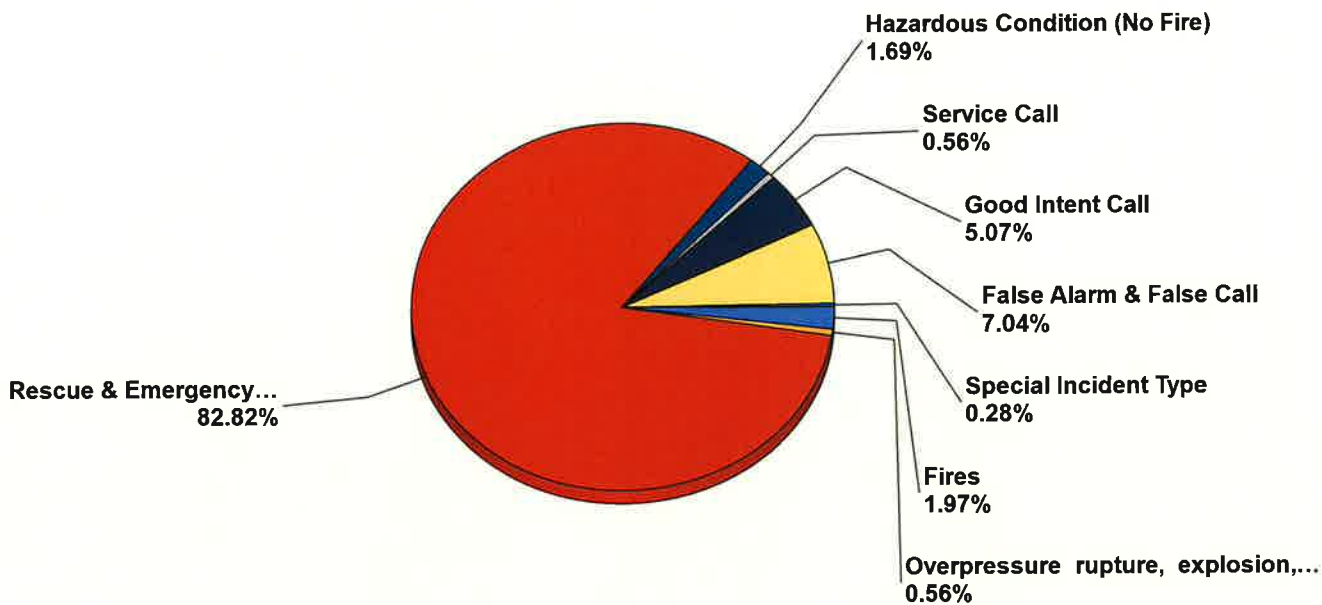
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2024 | End Date: 12/31/2024



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	7	1.97%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	2	0.56%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	294	82.82%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	1.69%
Service Call	2	0.56%
Good Intent Call	18	5.07%
False Alarm & False Call	25	7.04%
Special Incident Type	1	0.28%
TOTAL	355	100%

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111 - Building fire	4	1.13%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.28%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.28%
143 - Grass fire	1	0.28%
243 - Fireworks explosion (no fire)	1	0.28%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	0.28%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	12	3.38%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	265	74.65%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	14	3.94%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	3	0.85%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	0.85%
422 - Chemical spill or leak	1	0.28%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	0.56%
522 - Water or steam leak	1	0.28%
561 - Unauthorized burning	1	0.28%
600 - Good intent call, other	2	0.56%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	15	4.23%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	0.28%
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1	0.28%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	24	6.76%
900 - Special type of incident, other	1	0.28%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	355	100%

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COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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Interlocal Agreement for Dispatching Services

This agreement is by and between the **Tipton County Emergency Communications District** and the **Town of Covington, Tennessee**.

Whereas the district is an Emergency Communications District established pursuant to **Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-86-101 et.seq.** to provide emergency communications and dispatch services within Tipton County, Tennessee; and

Whereas the **Town of Covington** is a municipality in **Tipton County, Tennessee**, which has an operational need for the services the **Tipton County Emergency Communications District** provides.

Now, therefore, in accordance with the provisions of **Tennessee Code Annotated § 12-9-101 et.seq.** and applicable interlocal cooperation and agreements, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Purpose: the purpose of this agreement is to set forth the parties' understanding regarding the provisions by the **Tipton County Emergency Communications District** of certain emergency communications and dispatch services to the **Town of Covington, Tennessee**.

Section 2. No separate entity created; this agreement does not create, nor seek to create, a separate legal entity.

Section 3. No property acquired: No real or personal property will be acquired or held in connection with this agreement and, accordingly, there shall be no such property disposed of upon the termination of this agreement.

Section 4. Provision of communication services: in consideration of the fee for services as set forth in Section 5 of this agreement, the district will:

- a.) Receive from persons within the **Town of Covington, Tennessee**, on a twenty-four (24) hour, 365 days per year basis, telephone calls for law enforcement and/or fire services and will, in return, dispatch as appropriate, personnel from the **Town of Covington, Tennessee** police department, fire department and/or if a response is needed, emergency medical services. If requested, or otherwise appropriate, **Tipton County Emergency Communications District**

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will transfer the information to the **Baptist Ambulance Services** in order that personnel at **Baptist Ambulance Services** may determine and provide the appropriate response.

- b.) Maintain equipment in the call-center and sufficient personnel to operate said equipment as necessary to perform the services set forth in paragraph 1.a.
- c.) Perform the services identified in paragraph 1.a in a timely and professional manner.

Section 5. Payment of fees and manner of financing. In consideration of the undertaking of the Tipton County Emergency Communications District as set forth in section 4 and paragraphs a, b, c., Town of Covington, Tennessee will pay the Tipton County Emergency Communications District the percentage of the municipalities' call volume use of a pro-rata amount based on a total sum of the call volume for the Tipton County Emergency Communications District out of an increasing base price of \$750,000 (year one), \$850,000 (year two), \$950,000 (year three), and \$1,050,000 (year four), respectively. Such amount owed per year on a pro-rate use basis shall be adjusted each year for the next four years based on prior year's use.

Payment shall occur via the customary means utilized by the Town of Covington, Tennessee to raise revenue for services it obtains from vendors. The Town of Covington, Tennessee shall adhere to its customary budgeting and accounting practices regarding the expenditure of such funds.

In addition to the foregoing, in the event the Tipton County Emergency Communications District, utilizes legal services in connection with the non-payment or non-timely payment of the amount set forth herein, the Town of Covington, Tennessee, here-with agrees to pay any and all cost, including attorney fees, expert fees and expenses, incurred by the Tipton County Emergency Communications District in obtaining payments.

Section 6. Term of Agreement: Subject to the appropriate prior governing body approval as by the Town of Covington, Tennessee and the Board of Directors for the Tipton County Emergency Communications District, this agreement shall become effective _____, 2024 and shall expire December 31st, 2028. The parties agree on or before the August 1st 2028, they will enter into negotiations for an extension of, or a successor to, this agreement. The Town of Covington, Tennessee agrees any extension of this agreement or a successor agreement, as the case may be, for

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the payment for services to be rendered by the Tipton County Emergency Communications District shall be based on the increase in call volume received by the Tipton County Emergency Communications District from the Town of Covington, Tennessee during the terms of this agreement; except that, in any event, the Town of Covington, Tennessee agrees that the total payment for twelve (12) months of service, or for any agreed period of extension of less than twelve (12) months of service, to be paid to the Tipton County Emergency Communications District in any extension of, or successor to this agreement will not be an amount less than the amount set forth in **Section 5** above, or as said amount may be prorated to apply to a period of extension of less than twelve (12) months.

Section 7. No Waiver: No officer, employee, or agent or otherwise of the Town of Covington, Tennessee or the Tipton County Emergency Communications District has the power, right, or authority to waive any of the conditions or provisions of this agreement. No waiver of any breach of the agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. All remedies afforded in this agreement at law shall be taken and construed as cumulative; that is, in addition to every other remedy provided herein or by law. Failure of any party to enforce, at any time, any of the provisions of this agreement or to require, at any time, performance by any other party of any provision shall not, in any way, effect the validity of this agreement or any part hereof, or the right of any party to thereafter enforce each and every provision.

Section 8. Entire Agreement: This agreement contains all of the agreements of the parties with the respect to any matters covered or mentioned in this agreement and no prior agreements or understandings pertaining to any such matters shall be effective for any purpose.

Section 9. Severability of Terms: Any provisions of this agreement, which is declared invalid, void, or illegal, shall in no way affect, impair, or invalidate any other provision hereof; and such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Amendments: This agreement may be amended only in writing and upon satisfaction of all requirements for the amendment of Interlocal Agreements as set forth in **Tennessee Code Annotated § 12-9-101 et seq.** or any other applicable statute.

Section 11. Jurisdiction: This agreement is made and entered into in **Tipton County, Tennessee**. The internal laws of the **State of Tennessee** shall be applicable governing any dispute arising hereunder. In the event of a dispute which leads to litigation, the non-

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prevailing party agrees to pay the attorney fees, expert fees, Court costs and expenses of the prevailing party in such litigation.

Agreed to this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Town of Covington, Tennessee

*Tipton County Emergency
Communications District*

By: _____
(Mayor)

By: _____
(Chairperson)

By: _____
(Budget & Accounts Manager)

By: _____
(Director)

By: _____
(Attorney for District)

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**Covington Fire Department
Fire Inspector -1/OSHA Safety Compliance Officer
12/19/2023**

Purpose of Job:

The purpose of this job is to perform existing building inspections to ensure fire code compliance. Duties and responsibilities include inspections of commercial and requested residential buildings, complaint investigations, and other related duties. The primary responsibility of the Fire Inspector I is fire prevention through inspections.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

The following duties are normal for this job. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.

Inspects all existing commercial and required residential structures for fire code compliance. Follows up to ensure that all noted deficiencies have been corrected in a timely manner. Any major deficiencies are to be forwarded to the Fire Chief, Asst. Chief, Chief, and Shift Supervisors. This information will then be passed on to all Fire Operations personnel.

Inspects new and newly remodeled commercial and required residential construction for fire code compliance.

Responds to complaints regarding fire code violations and fire hazards.

Works in cooperation with the State Fire Marshal to conduct fire exit drills to monitor and evaluate evacuation procedures.

Enforcement of Municipal and Zoning fire regulations.

Maintain and update all inspection records. Inform Fire Operations of any changes to a structure that may affect responding personnel to that particular occupancy.

Inspect jointly and cooperate with local and state agencies.

City of Covington, Tennessee Job Description – Fire Inspector I

Work with the State Fire Marshal's Office on the smoke detector program, and schedule installations when detectors are available and needed.

Present fire and safety education programs for the community, instruct groups on fire safety and prevention methods and participate in other educational programs for various groups and general public.

May perform any other duties within the Codes Department, therefore must maintain the necessary skills and knowledge to do so.

Education Requirements:

- * Must hold Hazardous Material Awareness from the (TFC) or obtain within 6 months.
- * Must hold ICC Fire Inspector I certification or obtain within 1 year of employment.
- * Must obtain Public Fire & Life Safety Educator I certification within 2 years of employment.
- * Must obtain Plans Examiner certification within 3 years of employment.

Note: Must obtain required CEU's to keep all certifications current.

Desirable Education and Experience:

Completion of courses and or seminars in the fire service; and considerable experience in the fire service; or an equivalent combination of experience or education in a related field.

Additional Job Functions:

Performs other duties as required.

Minimum Training and Experience Required to Perform Essential Job Functions:

High School diploma (or GED) required. Must possess a valid Tennessee Driver's License. (See Education Requirements).

(ADA) Minimum Qualifications or Standards Required to Perform Essential Job Functions

Physical Requirements:

Must be physically able to operate a variety of office machines such as computer, printer, calculator, etc. Must be able to use body members to work, move or carry objects or materials. Must be able to exert up to one hundred pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to twenty pounds of force frequently. Physical demand requirements are at levels of those for active work. Must be able to lift and/or carry weight of twenty to fifty pounds. Must have the ability to climb a ladder, balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl.

DATA CONCEPTION:

Requires the ability to compare and or judge the readily observable functional, technical, structural, or compositional characteristics (whether similar to or divergent from obvious standards) of data, people, or things.

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION:

Requires the ability of speaking and/or signaling people to convey or exchange technical information. Includes giving assignments and/or directions to co-workers or assistants.

LANGUAGE ABILITY:

Requires the ability to read a variety of informational documentation, directions, instructions, and methods and procedures relating to fire and building code compliance. Requires the ability to write reports with proper format, punctuation, spelling, and grammar using all parts of speech. Requires the ability to speak with and before others with poise, voice control, and confidence using correct English and a well-modulated voice.

INTELLIGENCE:

Requires the ability to learn and understand basic principles and techniques; to make independent judgments in absence of supervision; to acquire knowledge of topics related to the job of Fire Code Inspector.

VERBAL APTITUDE:

Requires the ability to record and deliver information to supervisors and elected officials; to explain procedures and policies; and to follow verbal and written instructions, guidelines and objectives.

NUMERICAL APTITUDE:

Requires the ability to utilize mathematical formulas; add and subtract totals; multiply and divide; determine percentages; determine time and weight; and utilize statistical inference.

FORM/SPATIAL APTITUDE:

Requires the ability to inspect items for proper length, width, and shape, visually with office equipment.

MOTOR COORDINATION:

Requires the ability to coordinate hands and eyes in using automated office.

MANUAL DEXTERITY:

Requires the ability to handle a variety of items, office equipment, control knobs, switches, etc. Must have the ability to use one hand for twisting or turning motion while coordinating other hand with different activities. Must have minimal levels of eye/hand/foot coordination.

COLOR DISCRIMINATION:

Requires the ability to differentiate colors and shades of color.

INTERPERSONAL TEMPERAMENT:

Requires the ability to deal with people (i.e. staff, supervisors, general public and elected officials) beyond giving and receiving instructions such as in interpreting departmental policies and procedures. Must be adaptable to performing under moderate stress when confronted with an emergency.

PHYSICAL COMMUNICATION:

Requires the ability to talk and/or hear: (Talking - expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words). (Hearing - perceiving nature of sounds by ear).

City of Covington, Tennessee Job Description – Fire Inspector I**Knowledge of Job**

Has considerable knowledge of the policies, procedures and activities of the City and fire code practices as they pertain to the performance of duties relating to the job of Fire Inspector I. Has considerable knowledge of fire code enforcement practices as necessary in the completion of daily responsibilities. Knows how to develop and administer operations and staff plans and objectives for the expedience and effectiveness of specific duties of the department. Knows how to keep abreast of any changes in policy, methods, computer operations, equipment needs, etc. as they pertain to departmental operations and activities. Is able to effectively communicate and interact with supervisors, members of the general public and all other groups involved in the activities of the department. Is able to assemble information and make written reports and documents in a concise, clear and effective manner. Have good organizational, human relations, and technical skills. Is able to use independent judgment and work with little direct supervision when necessary. Has the ability to comprehend, interpret, and apply regulations, procedures, and related information. Comprehends the terminology, principles, and methods utilized within the department. Has the mathematical ability to handle required calculations. Is knowledgeable and proficient with computers.

The City of Covington, Tennessee is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act, the city may provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer. Signatures below indicate the receipt and review of this job description by the employee assigned to the job and the immediate supervisor.



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Public Safety Committee Meeting Law Enforcement Agenda

January 2024

- **Personnel**
- **Training**
- **Monthly Activity**
- **January Press Releases**
- **January Major Expenses**
- **Total Calls for Service**
- **Traffic Stops Totals**
- **K9 Statistics**
- **January 2023 Statistics**

Personnel

The CPD currently has six (6) vacant positions, February 2024 staffing changes:

Uniform Patrol Division – Officer Freddie Braddic (certified)

Three (3) non-certified candidates have conditional offers of employment pending final testing and examinations.

Training

Jan 8 – Jan 12: Chris Taylor and Apollo Muex attended a 40-hour **Ground Control Instructor** Training. This training is to have certified self-defense tactics instructors.

“Serving – Protecting- Caring”

Jan 11: Donna Turner attended County wide **LEIC Leadership Training** at Atoka City Hall. County wide administrators and Department Heads attended the training.

Jan 23: Jami Hunt and Brooke Moore attended **Advanced Search and Seizure** in Clarksville, TN. The training was an update on laws and processes related to vehicle and asset forfeitures and seizures.

Jan 25: James Robertson and Rushell Guarian attended **Report Writing** training in Clarksville, TN.

Jan 26: Lt Dillingham, Lt Avery, Sgt Templeton, Lt McCurry, and CID attended **Asset Forfeiture and Seizure Training** for the paperwork requirements for vehicle seizures for the State of Tennessee.

Jan 31- Feb 1: Tony Doss, Gary Gill, and Cory Norwood attended a **Unmanned Aircraft virtual drone pilot** course. This course is for staff to be trained and certified with a pilot license for unmanned aircraft use in law enforcement.

Monthly Activity

01/02 – Chief Turner attended the investiture for Judge M.O Eckel, III.

01/03 – Covington Police Department held the Patrol Sergeant/Corporal assessment.

01/04 – Chief Turner and the school resource officers attended a brief incident command meeting at Covington High School.

01/04 – Chief Turner attended TACP Training Committee meeting virtually.

01/04 – Mayor Jan Hensley swore in and Chief Turner pinned **Lt. DeMario Avery, Det. Cory Norwood, and Officer Gary Gill** at City Hall.

01/05 – Covington Police Department conducted a patrol officer interview panel at City Hall.

01/08 – Chief Turner spoke on Fraud and Scams to the United Methodist Church Women's Ministry Group.

01/09 – Chief Turner held a VCIF Grant meeting with Analyst Hayes and Tina Dunn.

01/10 – Chief Turner, Lt McCurry and Cpl Robertson attended an Active Shooter Round Table discussion at the Tipton County Sheriff's Office.

01/11 – Chief Turner attended Leadership Training with other City of Covington Department Heads at Atoka City Hall.

01/11 – Analyst Ferrell and Analyst Hayes attended a meeting for the Tipton County GIS programming.

01/12 – Chief Turner, Lt. Dillingham and Lt. Avery attended West TN Chief's Meeting in Jackson, TN.

01/14 – Chief Turner conducted the media coverage began for the Winter Storms hitting Covington.

01/17 – Chief Turner held a meeting with CID on the new duties of the Violent Crimes Unit.

01/17 – Chief Turner and Lt Avery attended the E911 Board Meeting at the EMA Building.

01/18 – Lt. Dillingham attended the CPIT meeting virtually.

01/18 – Chief Turner, Lt McCurry and Cpl Robertson held an Active Shooter Organizational meeting with Covington Fire Department.

01/19 – Chief Turner, Lt Avery, Lt McCurry, Lt Dillingham, and Detective Doss attended the retirement ceremony for Captain Elwood's at Atoka Police Department.

01/22 – Chief Turner named Corporals and Sergeant in the Patrol Division.

01-23 – Officer Brett Taylor obtained his unmanned aircraft pilot's license.

01/24 – Chief Turner and Lt. Dillingham met with K-9 Officer Alex VanVleet on the K-9 database.

01/25 – Chief Turner, Lt McCurry, Lt Dillingham, Lt Avery, Covington Fire Department attended an Active Shooter Tabletop Discussion at TCSO.

01/25 – Analyst Ferrell and Analyst Hayes attended a virtual Flock webinar on new functions of the system.

01/26 – SRO Robertson and Officer Preyer attended a job fair at Tipton Christian Academy.

01/26 – Chief Turner attended TBI/TDDTF Statewide Executive Board meeting in Nashville, TN.

01/26 – Chief Turner, and several CPD officers attended the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for Mr. Abbott at the Tipton County Museum.

Monthly Press Releases:

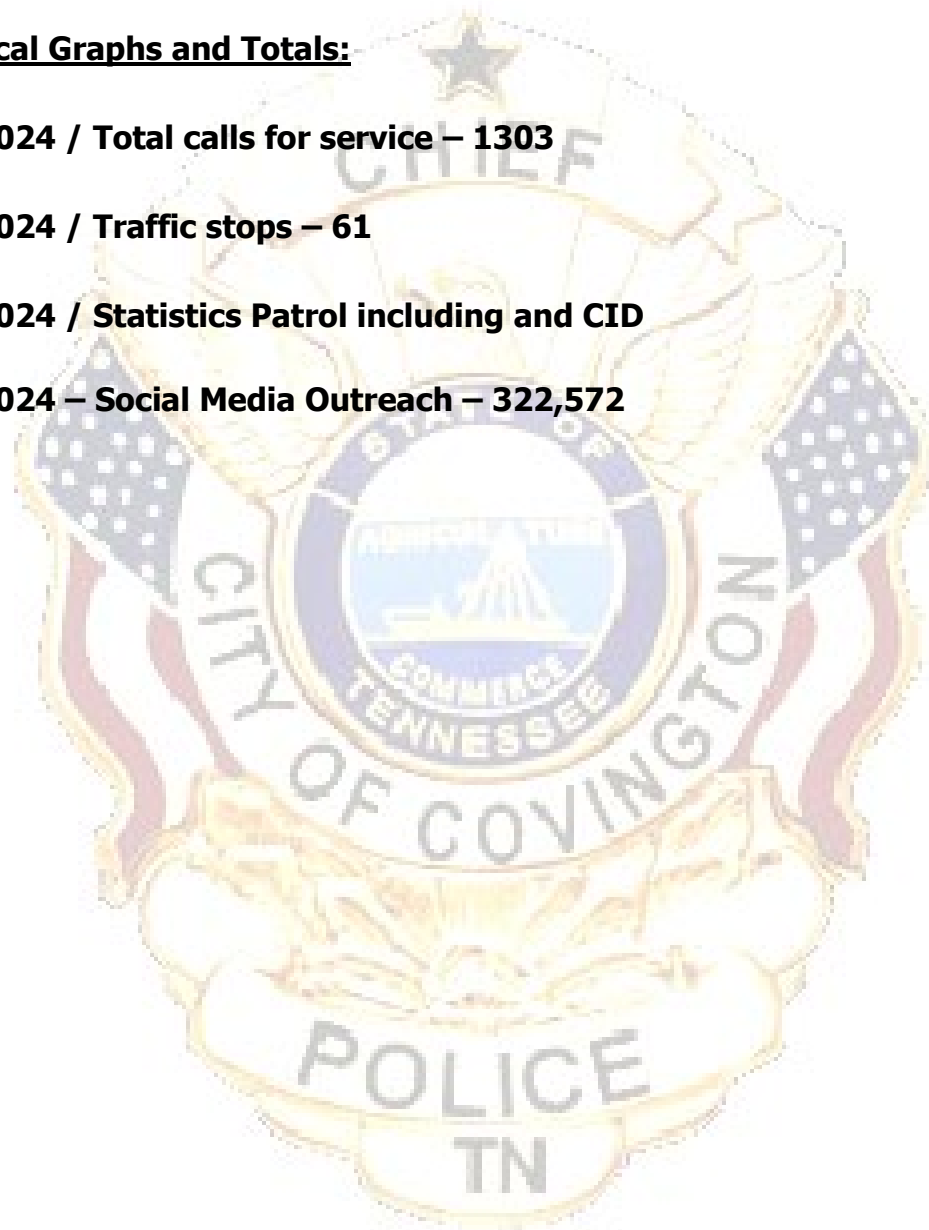
- 01/13 - **CPD makes an arrest after a routine traffic stop.**
- 01/25 – **CPD investigates a felony shoplifting case that occurred at Walmart in Covington, TN.**
- 01/26 – **CPD was involved in a traffic pursuit that ventured into Lauderdale County.**
- 01/30 – **CPD makes an arrest in a theft of property and vandalism incident that occurred at Walmart in Covington, TN.**

January 2024 Major Expenses:

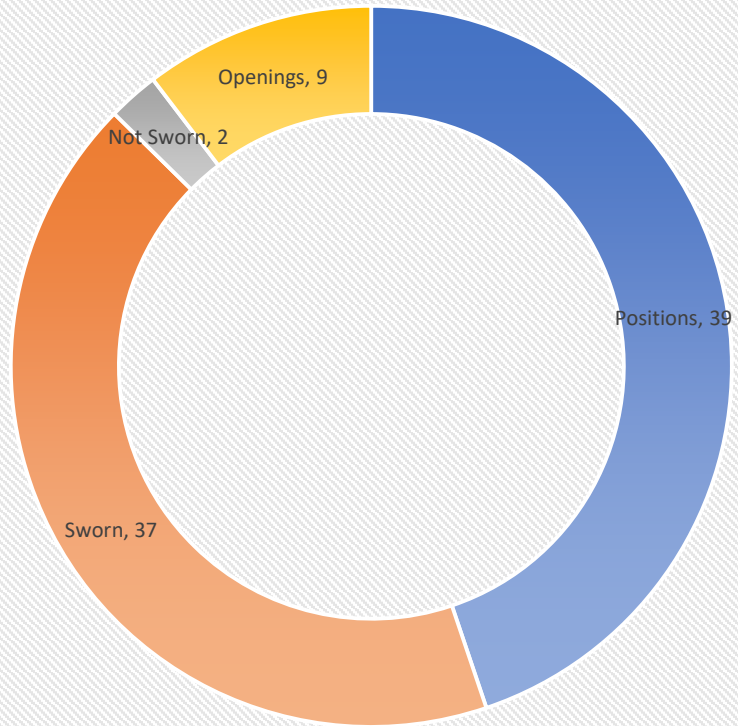
110-42100-946 | Flock Safety: renewing the annual contract for the flock cameras.
\$12,500.00

January Statistical Graphs and Totals:

- **January 2024 / Total calls for service – 1303**
- **January 2024 / Traffic stops – 61**
- **January 2024 / Statistics Patrol including and CID**
- **January 2024 – Social Media Outreach – 322,572**



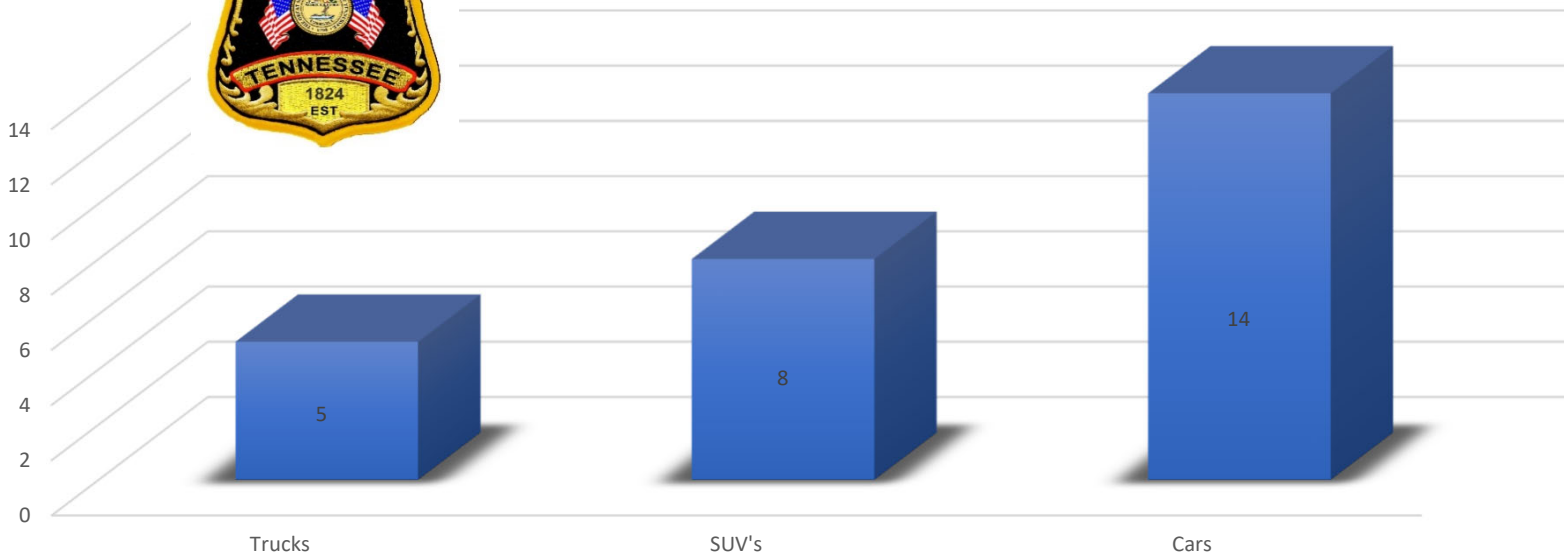
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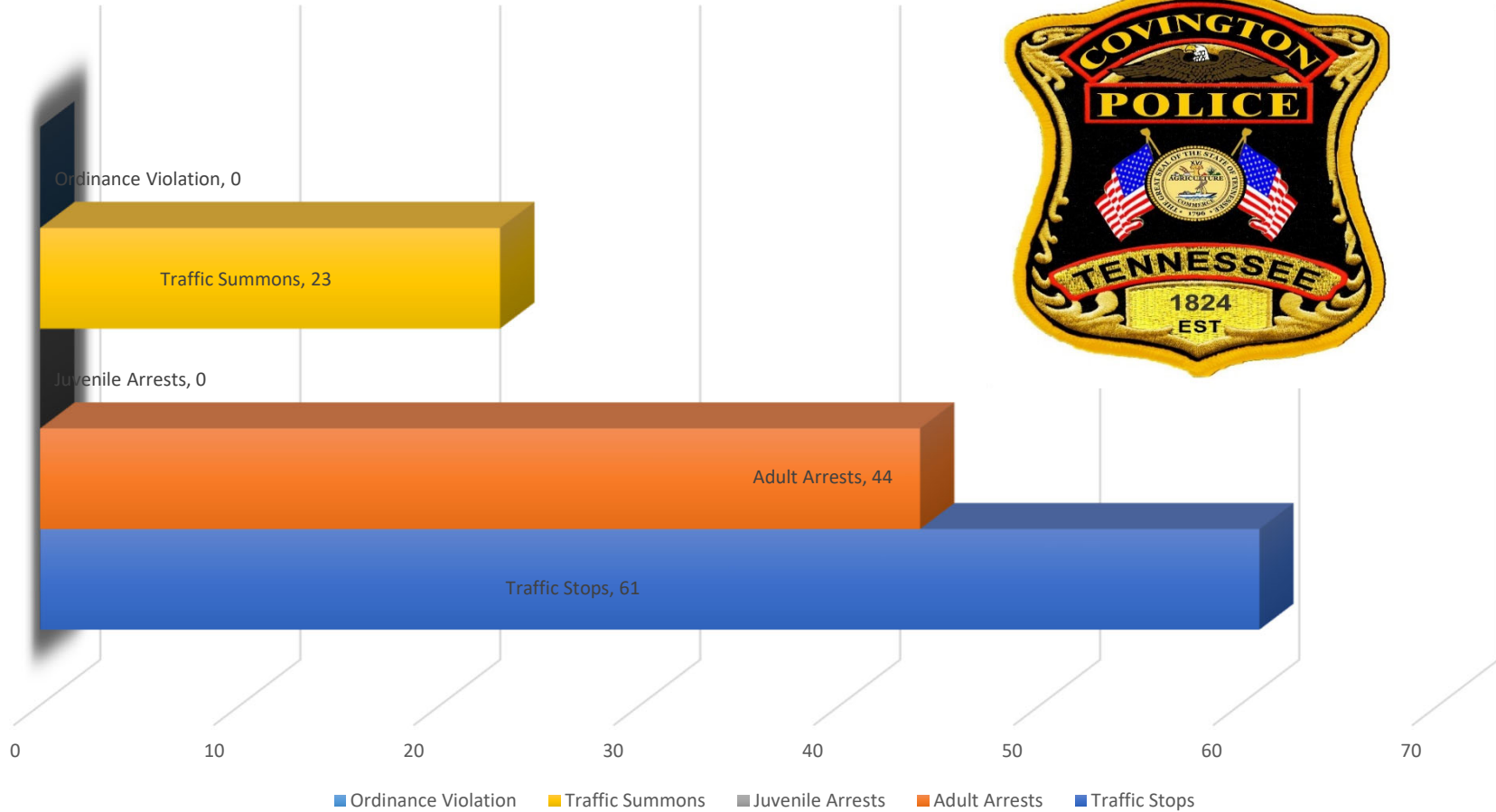
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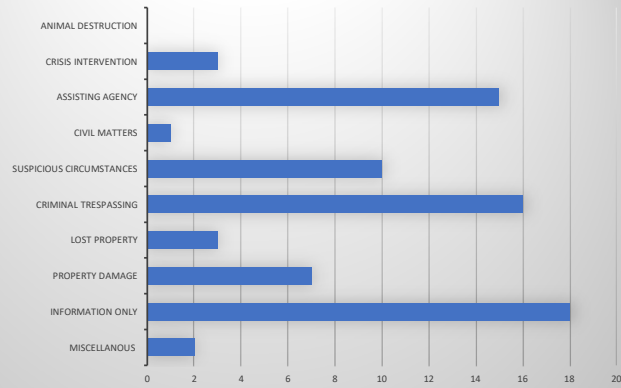
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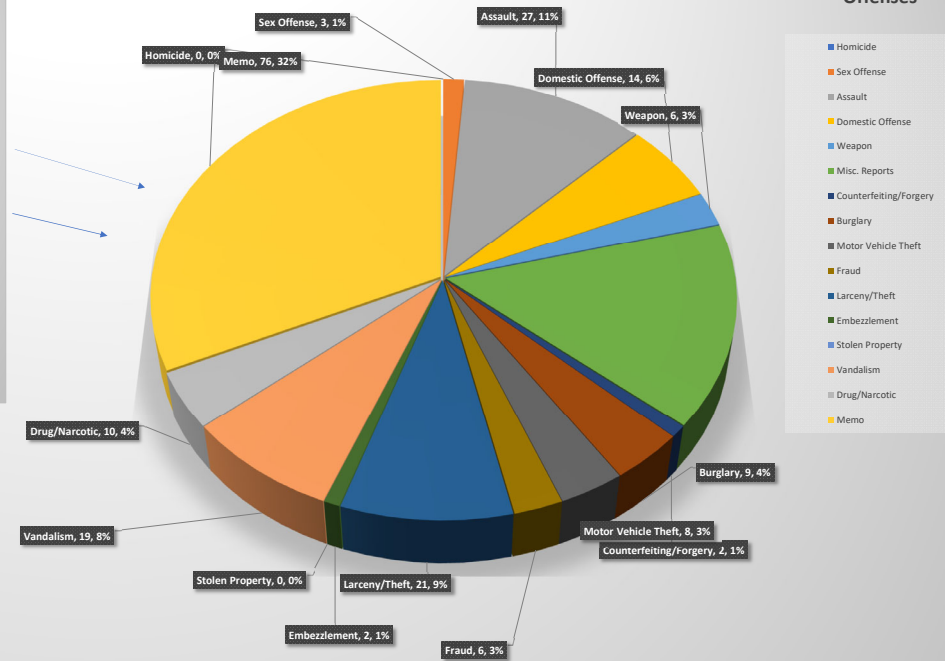
Statistics



Memos



Offenses



Covington Police Department

Criminal Investigations Division

Monthly Statistics		Jan-24																				Total	Total						
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Assigned								1					1						4				4						
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Evidence Processed																							5						
Lab Trips																							4						

Covington Police Department School Resource Officer - Monthly Statistics



Community Events

Programs Assisted

Incident Reports

Juvenile Arrests

Adult Arrests

Searches Conducted

Weapons Recovered

Drug/ Alcohol/ Tobacco Viol.

Bus Drop-off/ pick up

Safety Drills

Student Transports

Traffic Duties

Presentations

After School Events

K-9 Searches/ Assists

Fighting/ Bullying Incidents

Theft Incidents

Administrative Meetings

Threats of Mass Violence

Medical Emergency

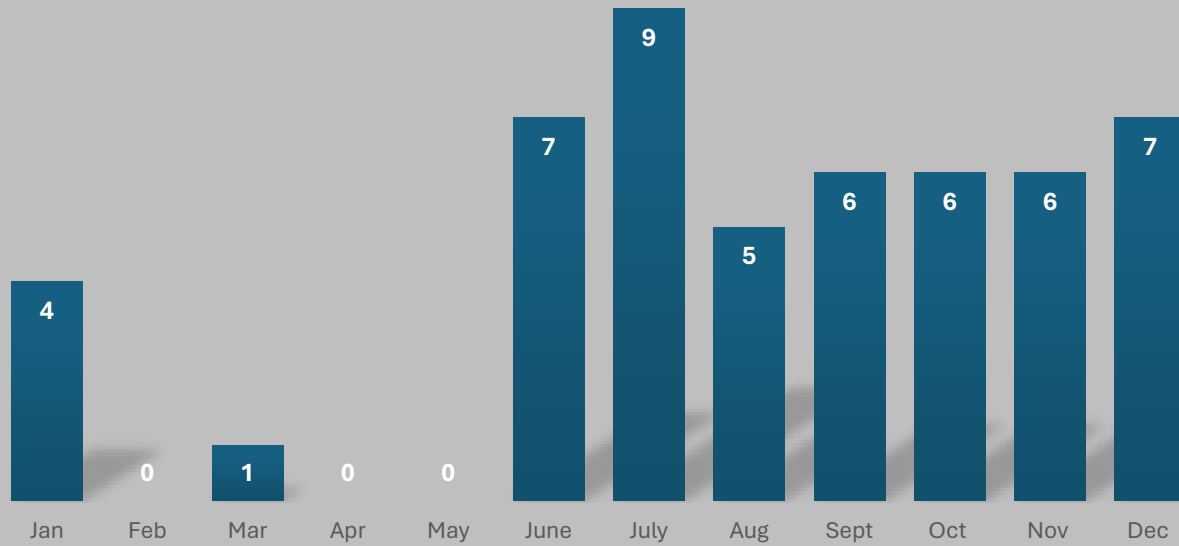
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Fraud

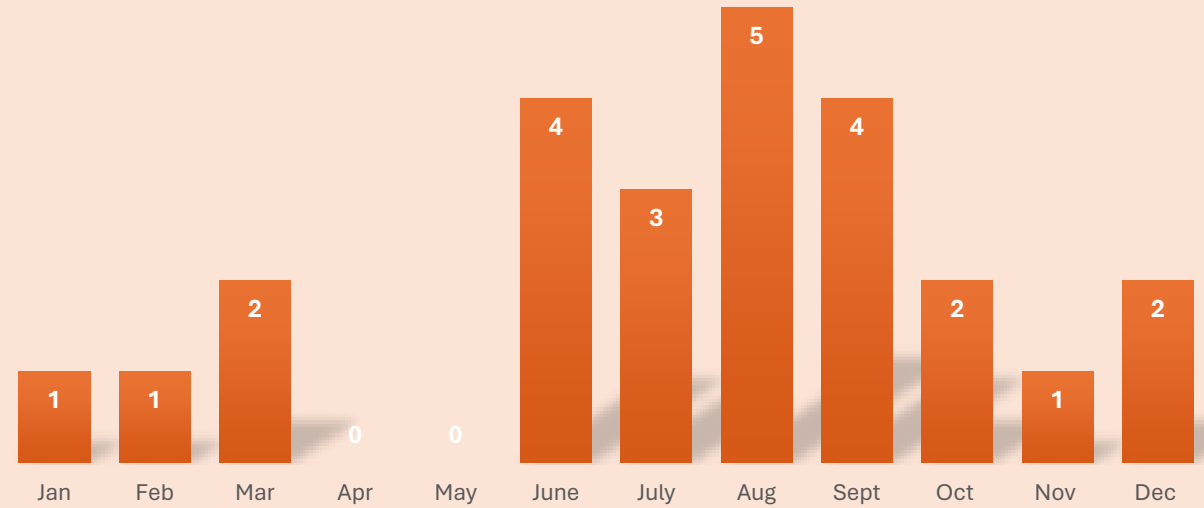
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SRO																														
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Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	22	2	0	20	0	4	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	1			11	0		1	0
C Taylor	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	24	2	0	24	0	0	1	2	0	0		0	0	0	0			12	0		44	0
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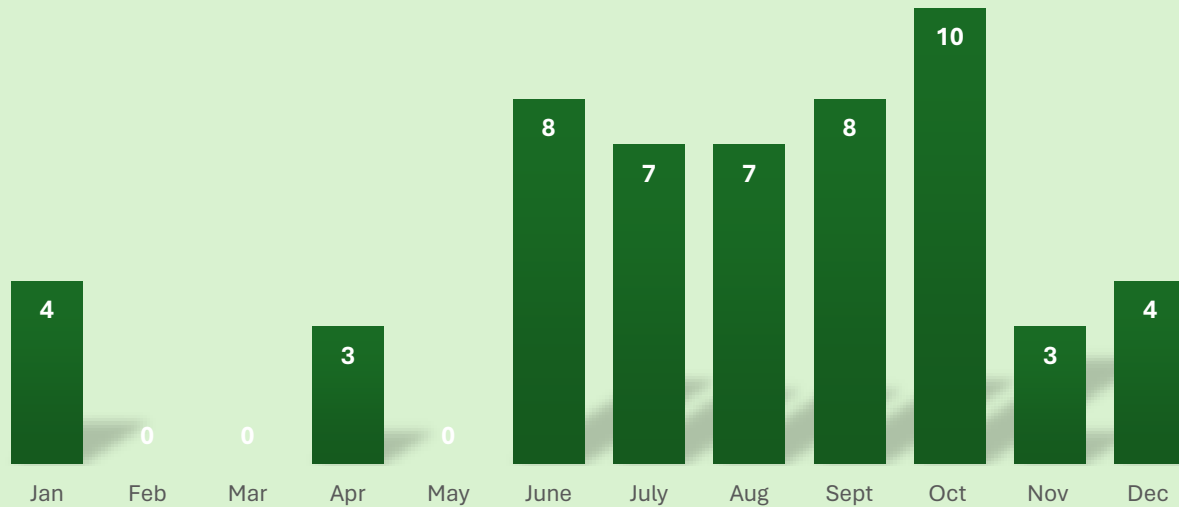
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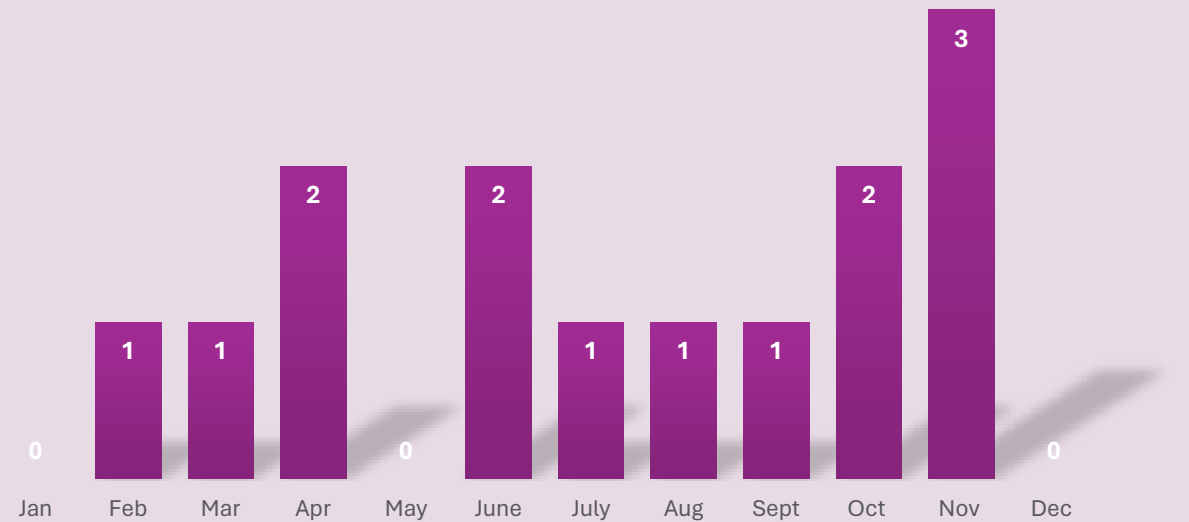
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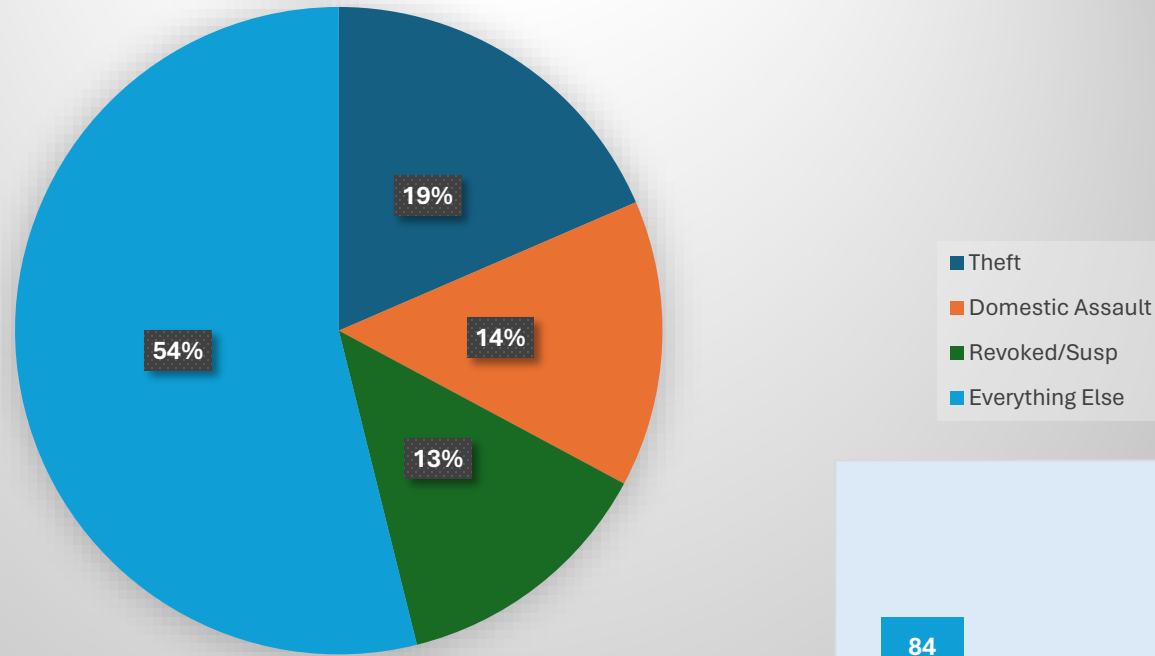
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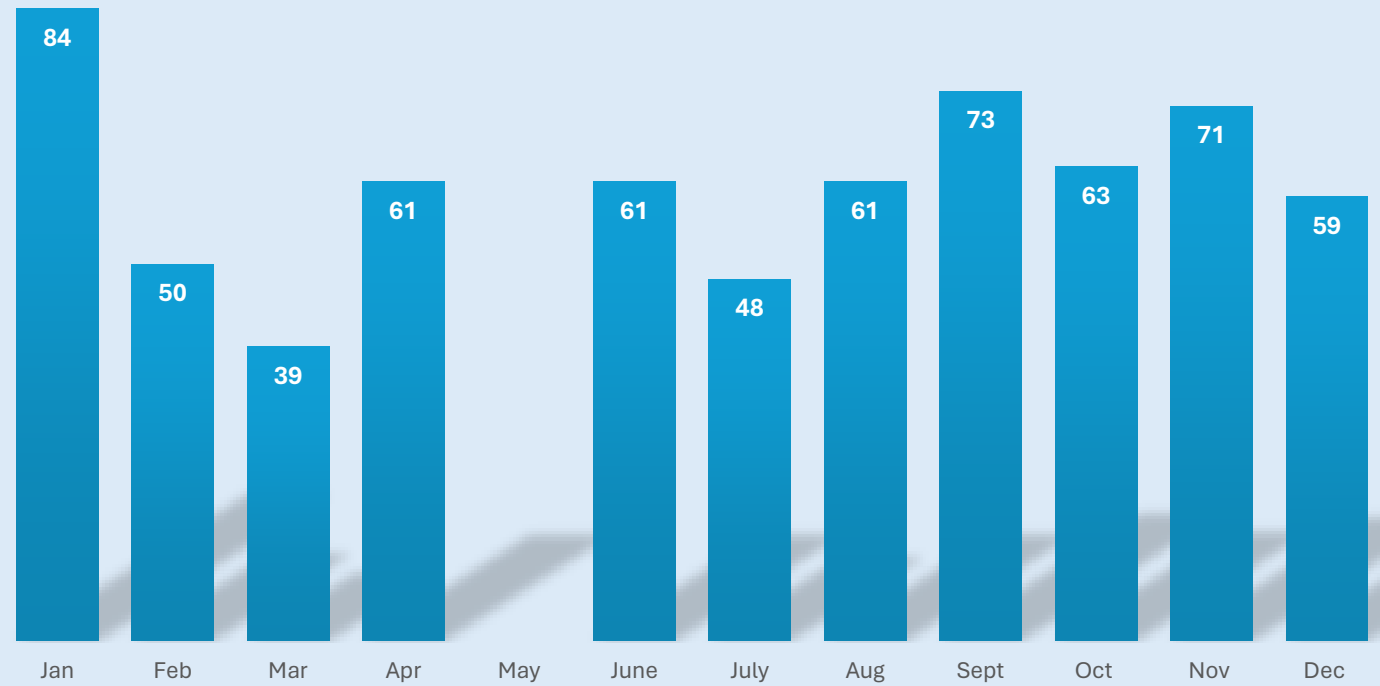
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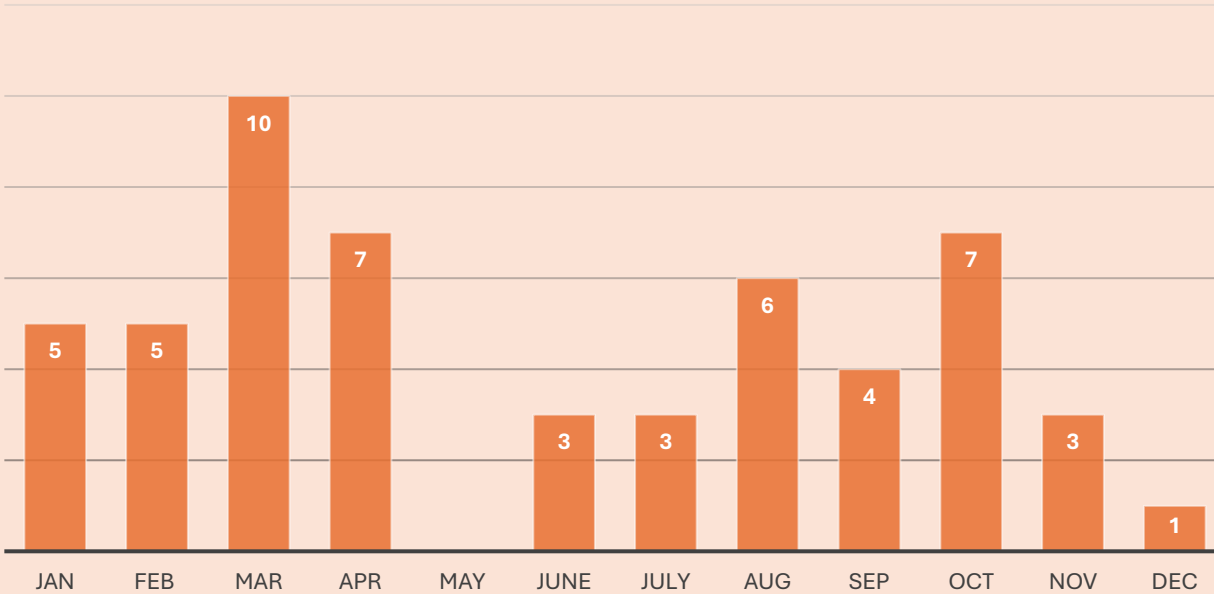
Top 3 Charges



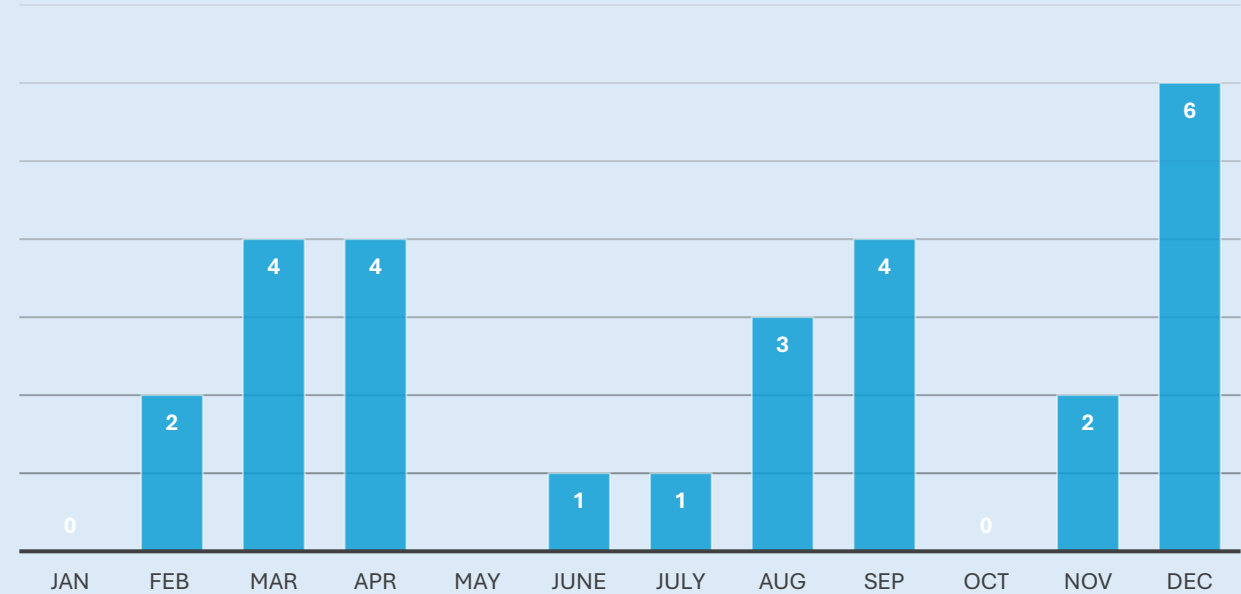
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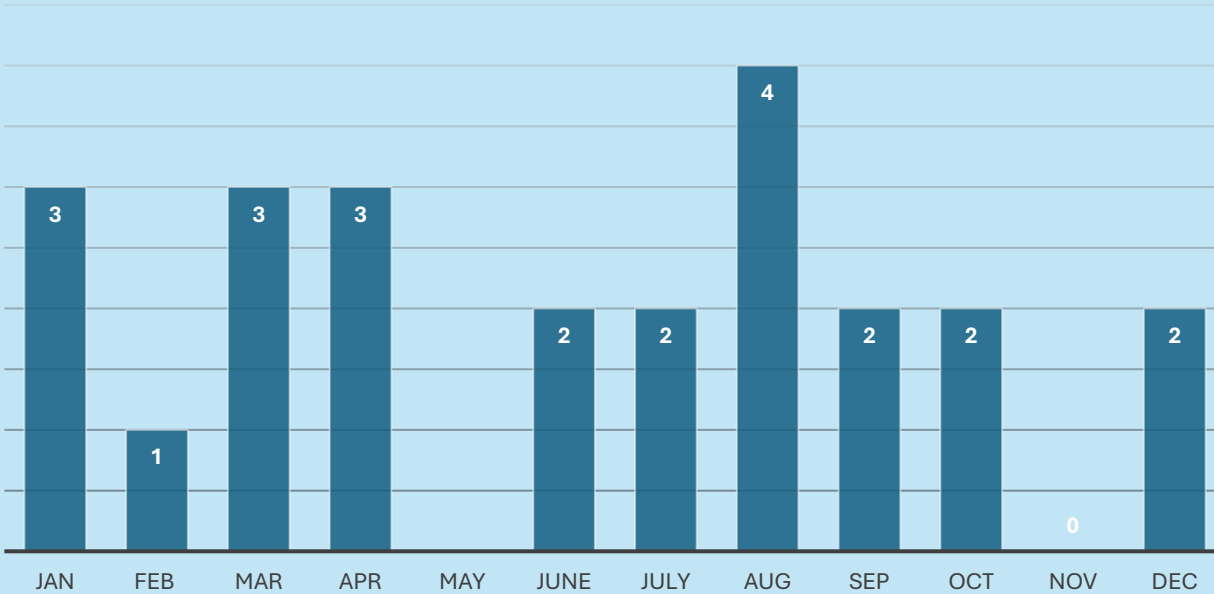
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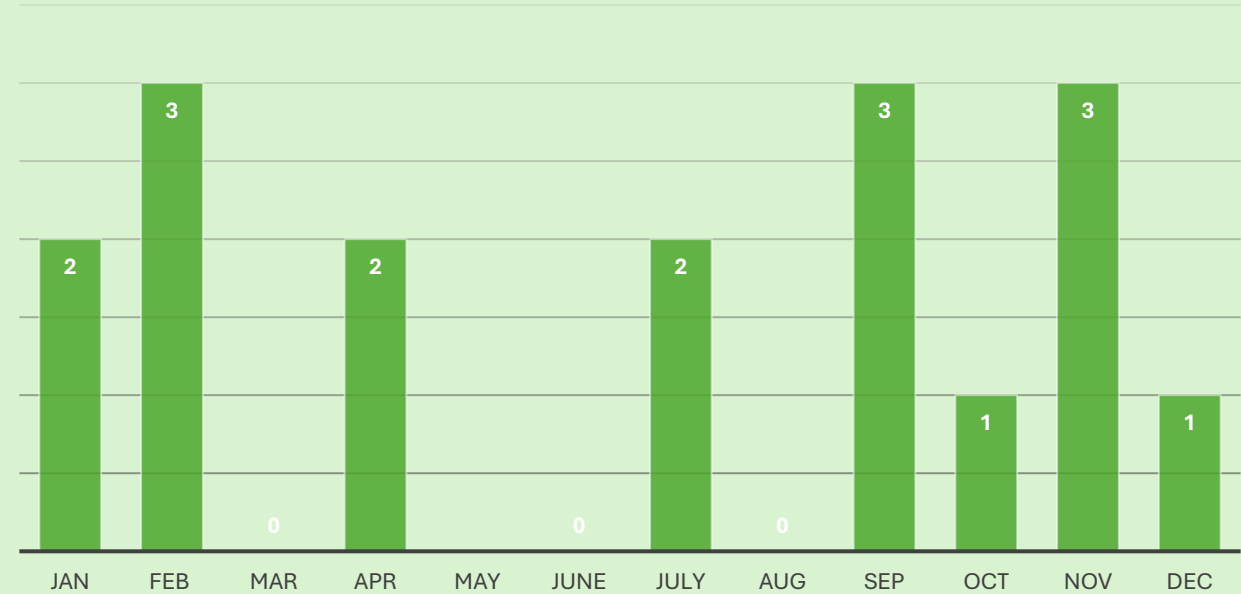
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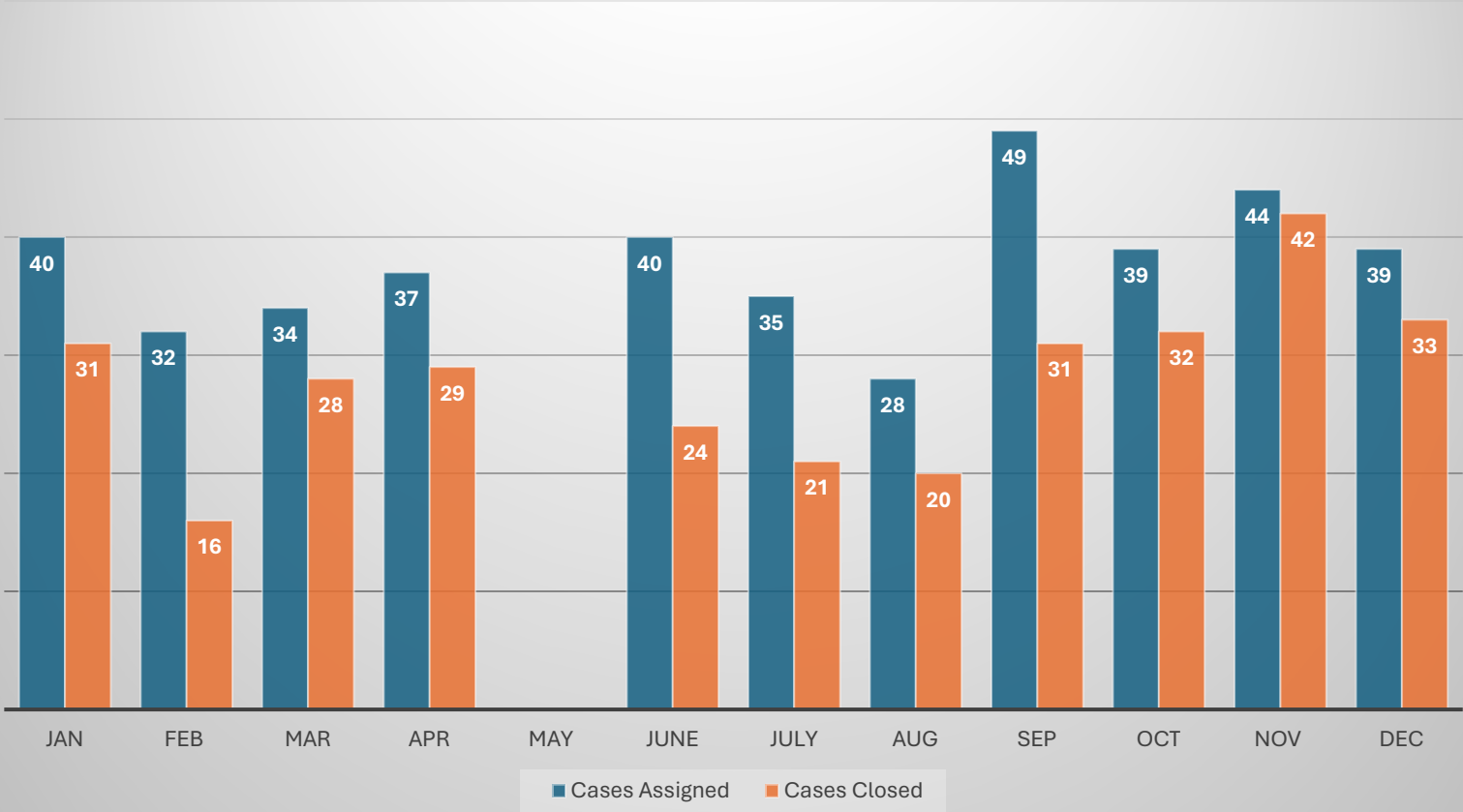
Assigned Agg Assault Cases



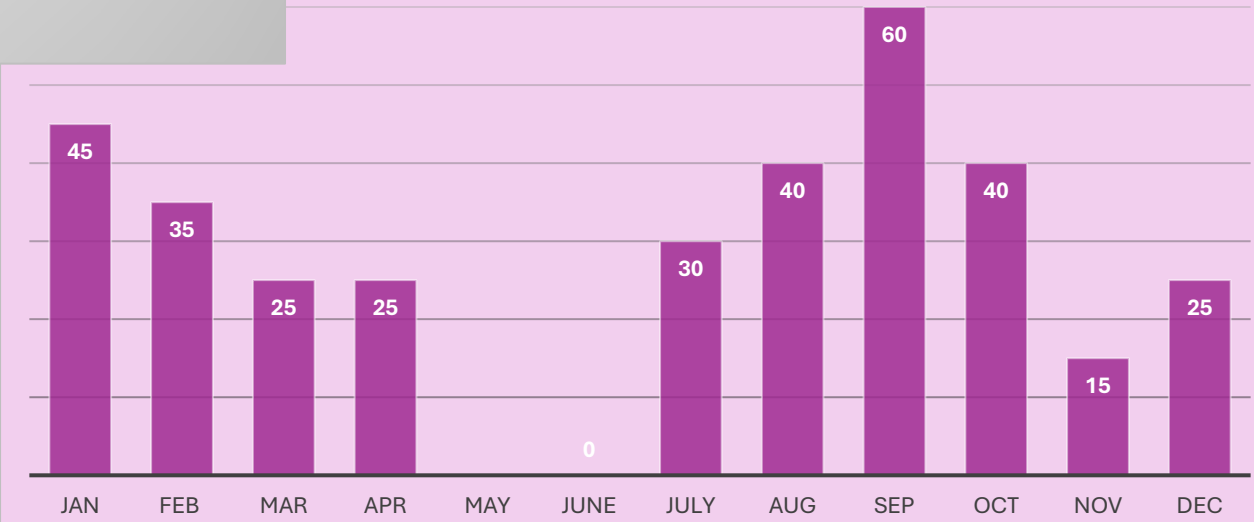
Assigned Shoplifting cases



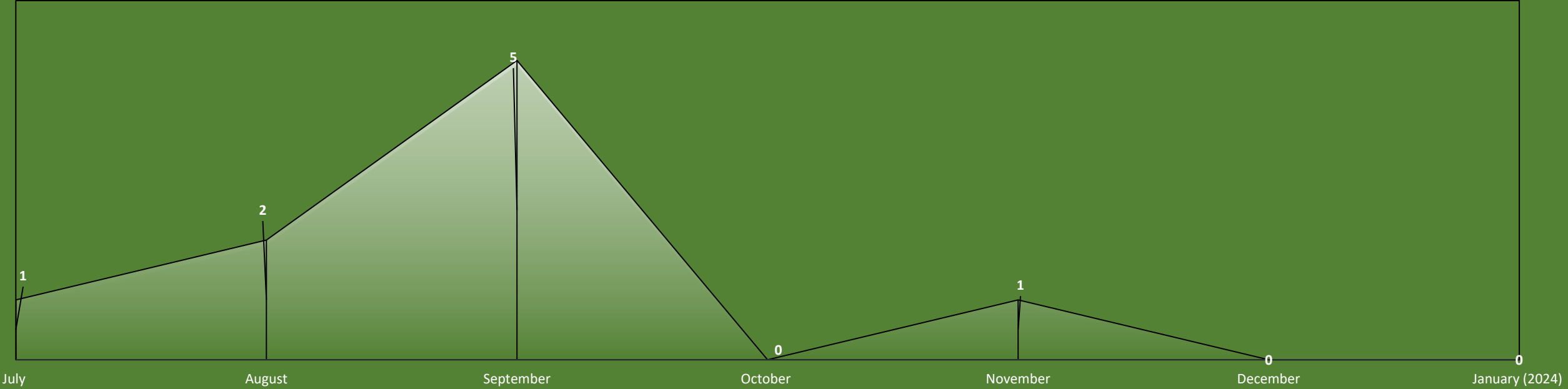
Cases per month



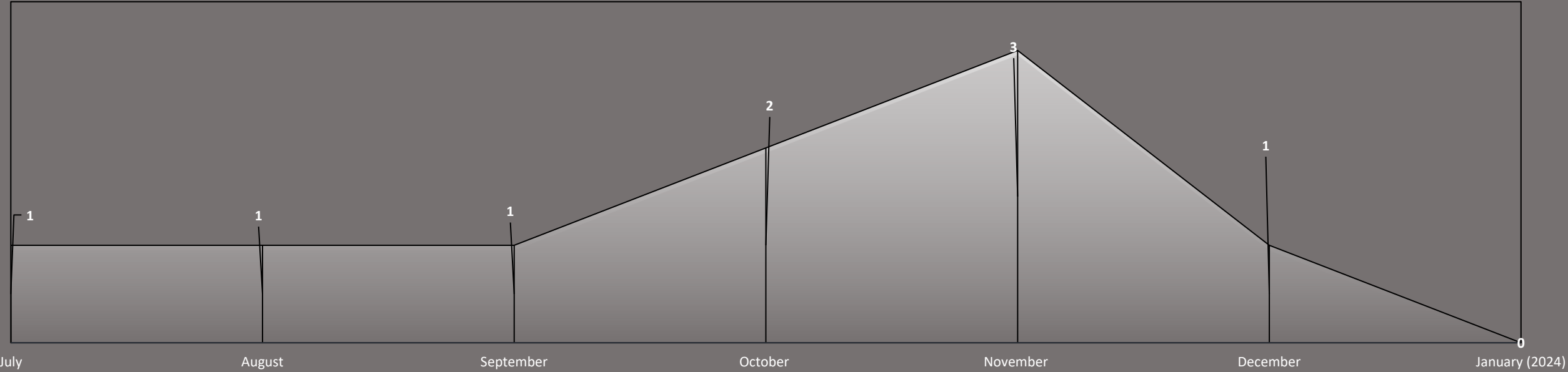
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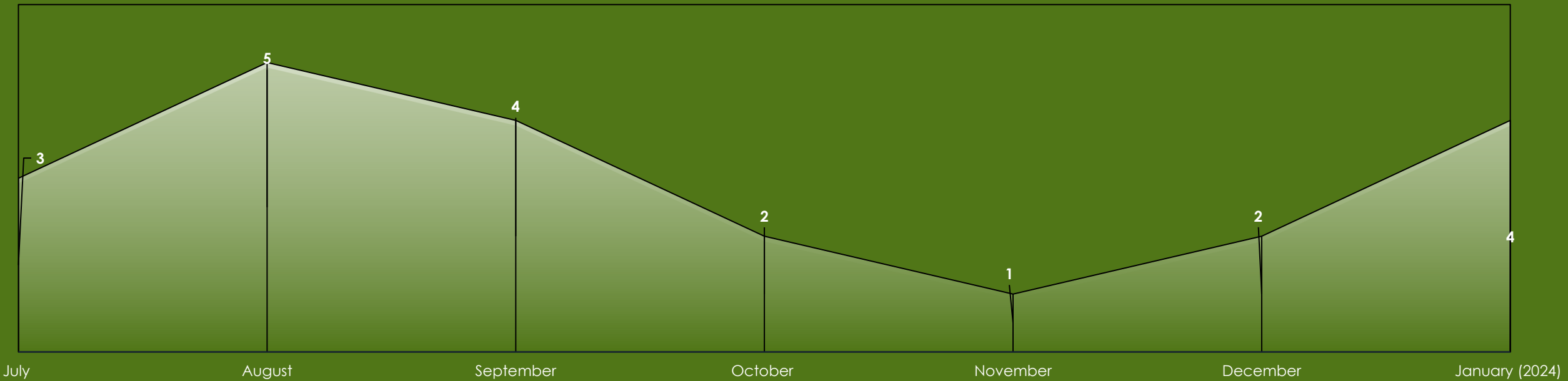
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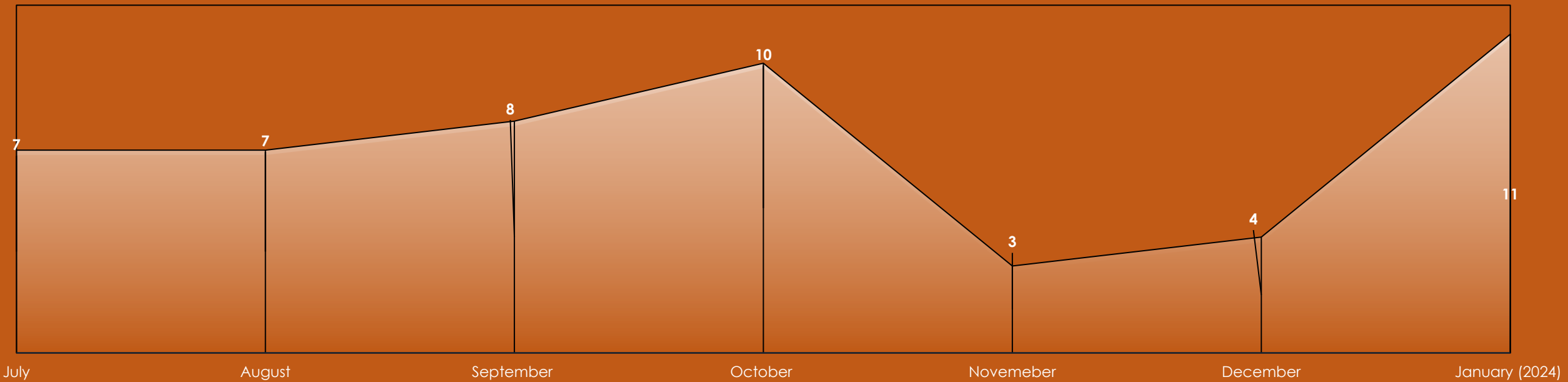
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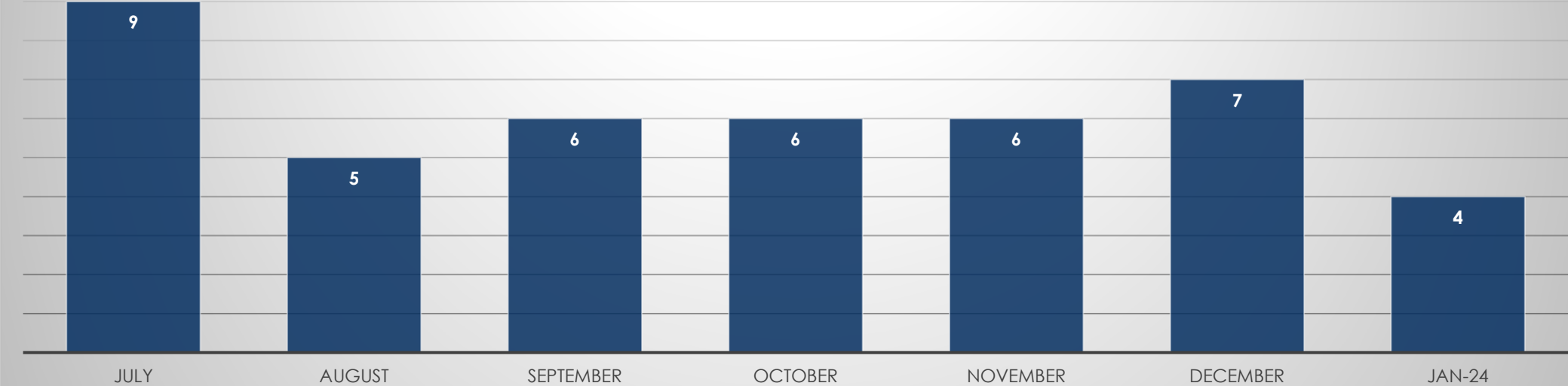
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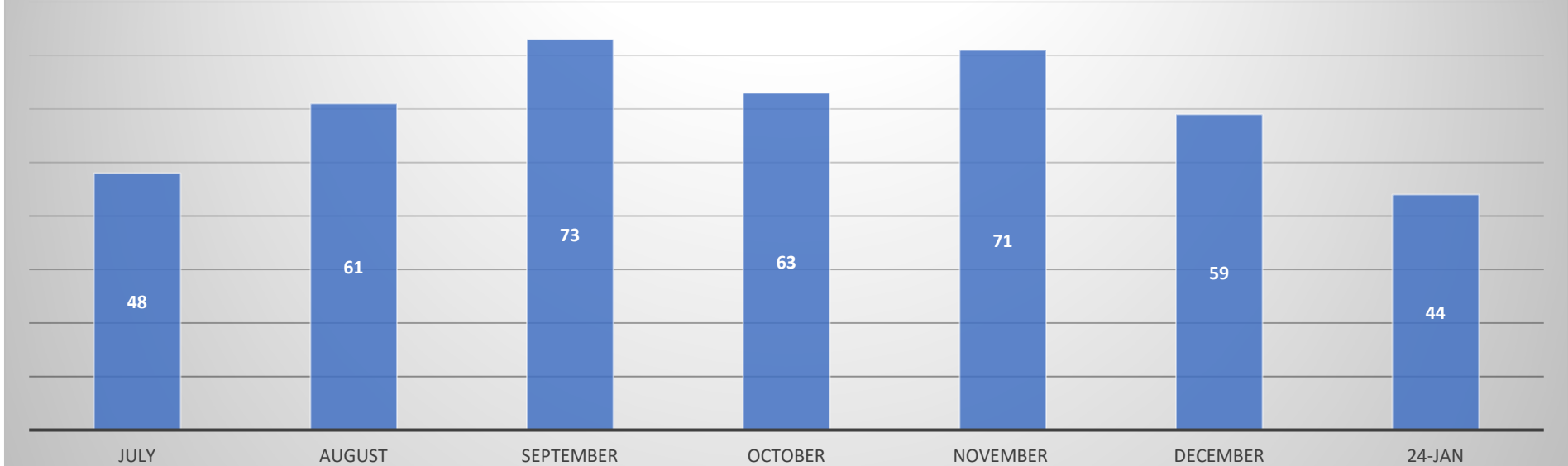
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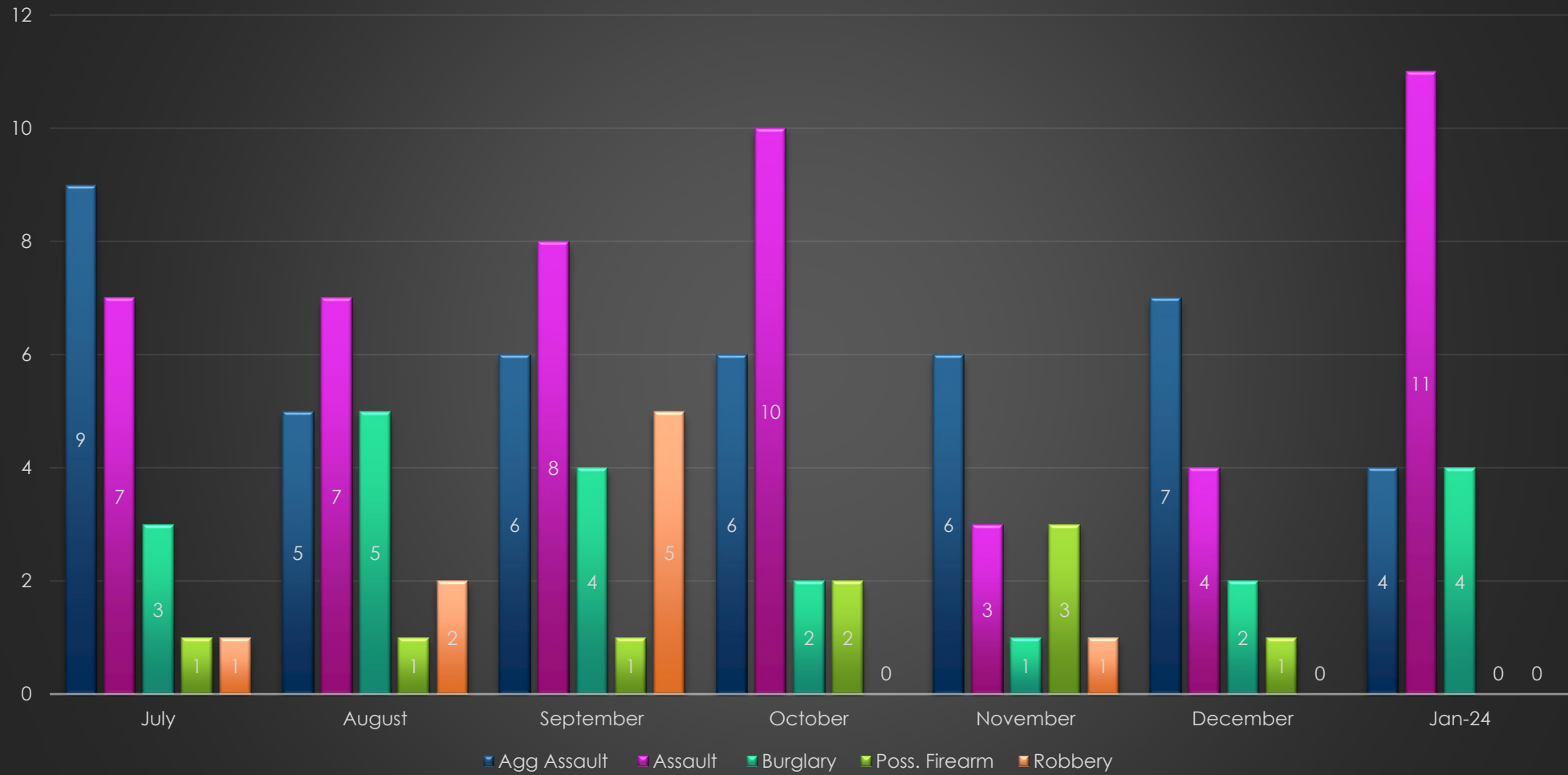
Agg Assault



Total Arrests Made



Trend By Type





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PRESS RELEASE

26 January 2024

For Immediate Release

Traffic pursuit earlier tonight

Earlier tonight, [Covington Police Department](#) was involved in a traffic pursuit that began at Bert Johnston and Highway 51, ventured into Lauderdale County, back into Covington and officers pursued the suspect into Shelby County, where the officers terminated the pursuit for safety. The vehicle at issue was a black Chevrolet Cobalt with Arkansas temporary tags, and the tags did not match the vehicle.

Covington Police Department appreciates the cooperation of the community in the traffic pursuit. There were several vehicles that were required to move out of the way in order to effectuate the chase, and all citizens quickly moved which permitted the Department to maintain pursuit of the suspect until the Shelby County line.

The suspect was not apprehended. Please be aware of the vehicle description above, and do not engage the vehicle. Please contact the Covington Police Department with any tips at (901) 475-4300 or (901) 475-1261.

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PRESS RELEASE

13 January 2024

For Immediate Release

Covington Police Department makes an arrest after a routine traffic stop.

On 25 December 2023 at approximately 11:30pm, Covington Police Department officers patrolling conducted a routine traffic stop in the area of North College Street. A CPD Officer observed a Ford Escape which displayed the driver and passenger side taillights broken out. This prompted the officer to make contact with the driver. During the stop, the driver could not provide the officer with any identification. The driver was instructed to exit the vehicle. Upon exiting the vehicle, the driver attempted to flee on foot and pushed one of the officers into a Chevrolet Equinox that was parked in front of the Ford Escape. The driver was quickly apprehended by the assisting officers. The driver was identified as Darrius White, 25, of Covington, TN. Officers confirmed White's license was suspended.

CPD Officers observed a fully loaded firearm in White's waistband and another fully loaded firearm on the ground in between the Ford Escape and the Chevrolet Equinox. The firearm that was located on White was confirmed to have been reported stolen. Officers located open bottles of alcohol and multiple burglary tools which included a master lock kit set, screwdriver, cordless drill, and a Jimmie lock inside of the Ford Escape.

White was arrested and transported to the Tipton County Jail and formally charged with a Light Law violation, Evading Arrest, Resisting Arrest, Vandalism, Possession of Burglary Tools, Possession of Stolen Property, Violation of Open Container Law, Violation of Financial Responsibility and Driving while License Suspended. White appeared for his arraignment and Tipton County General Sessions Court records confirmed White was on Tipton County probation. Judge M.O. Eckel III revoked White's probation and he was taken into custody during his arraignment. White remains in custody and a court date on the new charges has been slated for the end of January.

"This is an example of there being no routine traffic stops for law enforcement anymore. The current trend is for criminals to disengage the taillights of vehicles to prevent being easily detected by license plate readers (LPRs) when committing crimes. The investigation surrounding the stolen firearm and additional charges may be filed in the investigation" said Chief Donna Turner "Due to the recent increase in crime in the area, it appears that Judge

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Eckel has determined the need to take an aggressive approach to thwart further increases in crime.”

If anyone has any information on similar incidents, please contact the Criminal Investigation Division at 901-475-1261. Tips can also be sent to the Covington Police Department Facebook Messenger.



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PRESS RELEASE

25 January 2024

For Immediate Release

The Covington Police Department investigates a felony shoplifting case that occurred at Walmart in Covington, TN.

On 01 January 2024 at approximately 3:00 pm, officers responded to Walmart located at 201 Lanny Bridges Avenue in Covington, TN regarding a shoplifting incident. Walmart Asset Protection Team advised of video footage showcasing a female shoplifting multiple dates between 12/19/23 and 12/28/23. Officers reviewed the video footage that showed the female passed all points of sale without purchasing a variety of items. After viewing the videos, the Officers were able to identify the female as Samantha Nix, 33, of Covington, Tn. Officers cited Nix for shoplifting previously on 28 December 2023. Nix cited for Theft of Property Under \$1,000.00 for the total value of the items indicated to be \$454.00.

The initial case surrounded Nix allegedly using the Walmart Scan and Go application to purchase items on her cellphone. After gathering and scanning the items to purchase, the customer is to scan the barcode at the self-checkout registers for a door pass to be issued to verify payment and acceptance of the credit card which is attached to the customer's account. The video footage for the three (3) separate incidents confirmed no payment was received on the account.

CPD detectives began working to investigate the incidents and gathered the evidence. Walmart Asset Protection Team provided detectives with receipts and information regarding the property that was taken. The total amount of stolen merchandise that could be verified, according to Walmart records and video footage, is \$2,196.88. The investigation is ongoing.

On 11 January 2024 CPD detectives interviewed Nix. Nix denied shoplifting and advised that the scan and go method was utilized during the incidents. The detectives continued their investigation and were unable to verify any receipts or documentation of any payment in the cases.

On 17 January 2024, detectives issued a warrant for Nix's arrest. On 22 January 2024, Nix turned herself in at the Tipton County Sheriff's Office where she was formally charged with Theft of property over \$1,000 in Tipton County General Sessions Court. Nix was released on a \$5,000 bond and is slated to appear at the Tipton County General Sessions Court on 05 March 2024.

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"We will continue to support our businesses who work diligently to reduce theft which only raises prices for customers who do not steal." said Chief Donna Turner "The detectives and crime intel analysis have received training in investigating these types of cases where suspects utilize electronic devices to cover up their crimes."



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PRESS RELEASE

30 January 2024

For Immediate Release

The Covington Police Department investigates a Theft of property and vandalism that occurred at Walmart in Covington, TN.

On 03 January 2024 at approximately 12:00 PM, Covington Police Department (CPD) officers responded to Walmart located at 201 Lanny Bridges Avenue in Covington, TN regarding a theft. The victim reported she had been to the bank inside Walmart and exited the store with her purse in her shopping cart. The victim advised officers her wallet, \$900.00 cash, and a cellphone were stolen from the purse inside the shopping cart. The victim began tracking the cellphone and it was later located damaged on Hwy 59 W, Covington, TN. The suspect and his vehicle were visible in the Walmart security footage. The footage showed the male suspect driving a tan town car, exited his vehicle, took the purse from the cart, and stashed it in his vehicle. He then went into Walmart, shopped, and left the store. The Walmart Asset Protection Team provided video footage of the incident to CPD detectives. CPD detectives and analysts were able to review the video footage and purchasing records to identify the suspect as Michael Knight, 65, of 5327 Hwy 59 W Covington.

On 26 January 2024 CPD detectives attempted to interview Knight, who declined to provide a statement. Knight was charged with Theft of Property Over \$1000 and Vandalism. Knight was then transported to the Tipton County Jail and a \$5000 bond was set in the Tipton County General Session Court. Knight was released on bond and is slated to appear in the Tipton County General Sessions Court on 20 February 2024.

"I commend the Criminal Investigations Division team for quickly identifying the thief in this cowardly theft," said Chief Donna Turner "A reminder to all citizens to please secure your personal items in your shopping cart or keep it on your person at all times to reduce these type of 5 finger discounts!

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