

Police Reports

Dec. 5

David Halverson, 28, Platteville. A traffic stop was conducted. The driver was cited for operating without a driver's license.

Mitchell Mcauliffe, 34, Linden. Officers responded attempting to locate an individual who had valid warrants through the Grant County Sheriff's Office. The individual was located and taken into custody. He was transported to the Grant County Jail.

Samantha Seward, 25, Livingston. The complainant reported a two-vehicle accident at this location with no lane closure and no injuries. An officer responded, and a local towing service removed one vehicle from the scene. One driver was issued a citation for no proof of insurance.

Dec. 6

Richard Plourde, 58, Platteville. Thomas Hauri, 21, Lancaster. An officer responded to a two-vehicle accident without injury or blockage. Both drivers were cited for no insurance. One driver was also cited for failure to yield from a stop sign. Both drivers had private parties on the way to assist with the removal of the vehicles from the roadway.

Jacob Cammack, 28, Platteville. A traffic stop was made at this location for operating without a seatbelt. The driver was verbally warned for a seatbelt violation and operating after suspension. Valid driver was arranged. The passenger was arrested on a bench warrant through Grant County.

Hailey Saladino, 20, Platteville. Mackenzie Umnus, 20, Platteville. The complainant reported underage drinking. Two Underage Alcohol citations were issued. One person was issued an ID Card Violation citation.

Dec. 7

Alyssa Baumhover, 21, Platteville. An officer received a walk-up complaint. One subject had thrown a drink on the complainant during a verbal argument. The manager/owner asked that the person be removed from the bar for the night. The subject will be receiving a citation for Disorderly Conduct.

Cristian Flores, 24, Platteville. One subject will be cited for Open Intoxicants. He had an open Corona in his possession on Main Street in front of a business.

Kaley Sutter, 18, Potosi. An officer responded to a traffic complaint of a suspended driver inbound to the City of Platteville. Contact was made with the driver who was cited for operating after suspension.

John Butler, 39, Richland Center. The complainant reported the theft of a trailer. An officer spoke with the complainant and then with an individual who was in contact with the suspect. The trailer was returned, and the suspect will be issued a citation for theft.

Hassan Almutairi, 23, Platteville. An officer observed a silver Charger with two black stripes driving recklessly and at a high rate of speed. Campus and other officers were advised. A second driving complaint came in from a citizen who observed the vehicle on Business 151. Officers searched the area for the vehicle and driver. At 23:02, a possible plate was obtained when the plate was observed parked. The subject was cited for Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed.

Dec. 8

Cassandra Theisen, 20, Platteville. An officer observed a female yanking on a stop sign and then taking off with her friends. Contact was made, and they were ID'd. The subject who had been pulling on the sign advised she was

just messing around. She will be mailed a citation for Underage Consumption.

Kendall Wadle, 25, Lombard, IL. A caller reported that someone was ringing his doorbell for about five minutes. He advised a male who appeared intoxicated was there and refused to leave. Officer located the male, and he was given a ride to a responsible subject's residence. The male was issued a citation for Public Intoxication.

Wyatt Gilson, 22, Platteville. An officer made contact with a subject at this location. He will be cited for public urination.

Dec. 9

Alec Kessel, 20, Platteville. A complainant reported waking to a loud sound and seeing a subject walk from a neighbor's driveway. Officers made contact with the subject and the complainant. No damage was noted when the officers went back to the residence. The subject will be cited for Underage Consumption.

Zachary Hoppenjan, 21, Platteville. The subject advised an officer that he had found an intoxicated subject passed out on the sidewalk. An officer gave him a ride home. The subject was cited for Public Intoxication.

Brian Yager, 33, Mineral Point. A complainant called on behalf of the business for assistance with an "unruly person" at the front of the store. The subject was taken into custody on a warrant.

Dec. 10

Mark Elder, 22, Platteville. An officer performed a traffic stop on a vehicle with unclean windows. The drive was cited for the offense.

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Philosophy professors present on animal ethics

Speciesism and ethical impacts examined during recent faculty forum

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The College of Liberal Arts and Education held a faculty forum series on animal ethics. Philosophy professors Dr. Yi Tong and Dr. Shane Drefcinski discussed and responded to the theories of animal ethics from a utilitarian prospective.

The discussion started off with utilitarianism as an ethical theory, then proceeded into a discussion of Peter Singer's theories on animal ethics.

Singer is an Australian moral philosopher, and he is a professor of bioethics at Princeton University and a Laureate Professor at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics at the University of Melbourne. Singer is famous for publishing a book called *Animal Liberation*. In this book, Singer blames the cause of animal abuse on "Speciesism." Speciesism is the idea of only concerning the welfare and rights of one own's species above all others. Singer goes into depth on how many animals can feel pain and suffering and suggests veganism as an alternative because all suffering is equal.

"If a being suffers, there can be no justification for refusing to take that suffering into consideration," Singer said.

An issue with this argument, since all animals feel pain when used for food, is that humans should not only find an alternative for food sources but should also solve the issue of pain inflicted by other animals. The issue is if humans help protect animals from other animals it can throw off the natural food chain, which could cause a drastic change in our ecosystem. Also, if we protect one species from another, it could harm the hunter because they will not have a food source.

Singer's book has sparked awareness for animal rights and has influenced individuals to convert to veganism. *Animal Liberation* has been widely read by moral philosophers. People now view speciesism on the same level as racism because it is considered a prejudice to other animals.

Questions were taken at the end of the discussion Several individuals discussed moral dilemmas of the cruel, yet efficient, slaughter houses. An audience member mentioned that it is humane because they kill animals in a "quick" and non-cruel manner. Tong countered

that argument by saying what one being thinks is the best way to kill an animal can be seen as awful by another because the animal is still being killed.



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