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Kidnapper of an Infant caught by RFPD Officer Joshua Sieman

Around 4 p.m. December 20, Officer Joshua Sieman recovered an infant that was kidnapped from Walmart an hour before and arrested the 33 year-old male kidnapper. Precinct 4 Deputy Constables were attempting to detain several suspects in connection with a felony theft. The suspects, scattered when they saw law enforcement. One of the suspects, while fleeing, took an infant baby that was not his and got into a vehicle with the baby and left the Walmart parking lot. During a multi-agency attempt to locate the baby and kidnapper, Officer Sieman responded to a tip of the location of the infant and suspect at a residence in Patton Village near Roman Forest. Officer Sieman located an uncooperative suspect meeting the suspect's description and questioned him until back-up Patton Village and County Officers arrived to assist in taking the belligerent 33 year-old kidnapper into custody. Officer Sieman questioned others on scene and determined the infant was located at the residence next door. The infant was recovered, apparently unharmed, and Child Protective Services took possession of the child. The suspect was charged with first-degree felony Kidnapping; felony Theft; felony Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity; and Organized Retail Theft.

Officer Joshua Sieman is Roman Forest's newest Full-Time officer. With our new hiring process and stricter standards, I am able to recognize and hire quality officers with good character, like Officer Sieman. I am constantly receiving compliments from citizens of Roman Forest on Officer Joshua Sieman for acts such as, stopping to just say hello and helping citizens with things like taking out their trash, bringing their newspaper to the house, etc. On a regular basis, I get positive feedback from neighboring police agency supervisors regarding Officer Sieman's policing skills. I even get feedback from suspects regarding his no nonsense firmness in dealing with criminals.

Officer Sieman has that all-in never give up drive to catch the bad guy. For example, last November a car thief abandoned a stolen car and ran into the woods and Officer Sieman didn't give-up the man hunt until he located and took the car thief in custody. Having officers like Joshua Sieman allows me to serve the citizens of Roman Forest with my philosophy, 'Protect with Courage, Serve with Compassion'.

Chief Stephen Carlisle

RFPD Participates in the Great Texas Warrant Round Up

Roman Forest Police Department along with hundreds of agencies from across the State of Texas will join together in an event called "Great Texas Warrant Round Up". The round up includes a period of amnesty, a two week grace period wherein no arrest warrants are acted upon. This will allow anyone with warrants time to take care of any and all outstanding warrants. After this time of amnesty, officers across Texas will work together to arrest all people with warrants still outstanding. Warrants will be served, and the arrestee will serve jail time. The amnesty period is from February 15, 2013 to March 2, 2013. To ensure you remain outside of a jail cell, use this time to contact the Roman Forest Municipal Court at 281-399-7227 or come in person to 2430 Roman Forest Blvd, Roman Forest TX 77357.



Roman Forest Police Blotter Nov. 16- Dec. 15



Between December 16 to January 15, RFPD officers, while enforcing Roman Forest Police Department's No Insurance and No Driver License Tow Policy, 9 vehicles were impounded due to the Driver having No Driver License and No Insurance. The vehicles can only be released once insured and a licensed driver unless towed away.

On December 20, Officer Sieman responded an attempt to locate a Kidnapping suspect and victim. Officer Sieman located them in Patton Village near Roman Forest. The infant was recovered, unharmed, and Child Protective Services took possession of the child. The 33 year old suspect was arrested for first-degree felony Kidnapping; felony Theft; felony Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity; and Organized Retail Theft.

On December 21, Officer Morgan made a traffic stop on Roman Forest Blvd. The traffic investigation determined that the driver, a 48 year old male, was driving while intoxicated. The operator of that vehicle was subsequently arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

On December 21, Officer Sieman conducted a traffic stop on Roman Forest Blvd. The traffic investigation determined that the 22 year old female driver was a wanted fugitive out of Montgomery County. The driver was arrested.

On December 29, Sgt. Jasonis conducted a traffic stop on Galaxy Blvd. The traffic investigation yielded the Felony Warrant Arrest of one of Top Most Wanted Criminals. The suspect was a 35 year-old female that was responsible for arranging an organized theft of mail, which included money orders, prescription forms and other identifying information from the United States Postal Office located on US HWY 59 and F.M. 1485 in New Caney, Texas. The preliminary investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service as well as the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Jasonis took the suspect into custody and transported her to The Montgomery County Jail where she was booked in on the Felony Charge.

On January 1, Cpl. Ed Summer and Officer Verdinez stopped to assist a vehicle parked on the side of the road on Roman Forest Blvd. which had hazard lights flashing and a female standing outside the vehicle. The officers made contact with the 17 year-old female and the occupants of the vehicle. The subject displayed several signs of intoxication and had vomit all over her clothing. The subject admitted to drinking alcohol at a party. The 17 year-old was charged with Public Intoxication and Open Container and released to her Mother.

On January 1, Officer Sieman responded to a call in reference to Criminal Mischief. After an initial investigation, the call was changed to Deadly Conduct. A rifle bullet struck a vehicle midnight. At the stroke of midnight a RFPD unit near Kings Colony was on a traffic stop and heard what he knows to be numerous AK assault rifles being fired. The preliminary investigation revealed that a 7.62 123gr bullet hit a vehicle windshield at a 60 to 70 degree angle. It appears to have come from the direction of the Kings Colony subdivision a mile and a half away.

On January 01, Officer Gustafson and Cpl. Jimenez responded to a motor vehicle accident that occurred on the 2600 block of Appian Way in the City of Roman Forest. Upon completion of the investigation, the driver, a 22 year old female was not injured but found to be in possession of methamphetamine. She was subsequently arrested for Possession of a Control Substance (Methamphetamine). The vehicle was towed due to damages it sustained.

On January 01, Officer Sieman located a fleeing vehicle from a pursuit by County deputies that was lost in Roman Forest and reinitiated the chase. The suspect reached speeds over 100 miles per hour on Galaxy Blvd. which was far too dangerous on wet roads. Officer Sieman ended the pursuit after considering the dangers. With the description of the vehicle, Sgt. Jasonis provided a suspect which led to an investigation identifying the actor, pending issuance of Arrest Warrant.

On January 3, Officer Sieman responded to a Theft of a Firearm. The pistol was stolen from the reportee's vehicle while at an underage drinking party. A report was generated and referred for investigation.

On January 10, Sgt. Jasonis, along with Officer Carswell conducted a traffic stop on Galaxy Blvd. The traffic investigation later determined that the front passenger of the vehicle, a 22 year-old male, was a wanted fugitive having an Active Warrant for his arrest out of The Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. The 22 year old was arrested.

On January 11, Officer Morgan conducted a traffic stop in The City of Roman Forest. The traffic investigation determined that the driver was Driving While License Invalid. The driver was subsequently arrested for DWI and the vehicle was towed.



POLICE BEAT



RFPD to Seek "Recognition" from the Texas Law Enforcement Recognition Program

When I came to work for the Roman Forest Police Department nine years ago, I developed a long term vision to professionalize Law Enforcement in the area, more especially Roman Forest. Since then I have taken many small steps toward that goal. Since becoming involved in the administration of this Police Department, we started taking larger steps toward my goals, such as starting a Police Training School that all East Montgomery County agencies participate in; formalized our Field Training Program; instituting a uniform hiring process with strict standards; etc. I have been able to achieve this by leading by example, influential leadership, and simply sharing my philosophy and ideas and helping others. I found that by helping people, other agencies, groups, officers and just average people, without asking anything in return, that the rewards are endless.

Years ago, my college criminal justice instructors told me that you have to have tough skin to be a police officer because police get complained on for even doing their job or doing the right thing. They told me to be a fireman if I wanted complements and commendations. I didn't believe them and over the years I witness what they meant. But, I still say they were wrong, over the past year or two, I have been receiving far more complements than complaints on Roman Forest Police Officers. I'm on cloud nine every-time someone contacts me with a complement on one of our officers. I am very proud of them and want their commitment to be rewarded.

The Roman Forest Police Department has taken steps to prepare and seek entry into the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program. Once accepted, RFPD will begin a lengthy process to become a "Recognized" Law Enforcement Agency by the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program. The Recognition Program evaluates a Police Department's compliance with over 175 Best Business Practices for Texas Law Enforcement. These Best Practices were carefully developed over a two year period by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service and the protection of individual's rights. These Best Practices cover all aspects of law enforcement operations including: use of force, protection of citizen rights, hiring & training, property & evidence management, and patrol & investigative operations.

This process requires a critical review of our policies, procedures, facilities and operations. The department will prepare proofs of compliance for each of the Texas Best Business Practices for Law Enforcement and when complete, will request outside audit and review. The result of this review is sent to the Texas Police Recognition Committee for final analysis and decision to award "Recognized" status.

Over the past several years, I believe the Roman Forest Police Department has risen to be one of the best in the area. During our preparation to seek entrance into the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program, we will be implementing best practices policies, procedures, training, and standards. RFPD has come a long way to be within reach of this award and by just preparing for entry, alone, will make Roman Forest Police Department an even more outstanding agency. This award is not just given away. In Texas, only 52 agencies are Recognized, 40 are in the program and 100 are applying for admittance to be considered. This process allows an independent review of the department's operations and will assure the citizens of Roman Forest that its Police Department is conforming to the current state of the art in law enforcement.

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Summer is coming, is your RV ready?

By Jerry Reasner

Summer is almost upon us, in a couple of months anyway. For many of us who own a Recreational Vehicle (RV) it is time to think about getting your RV ready to take out and find a place to go camping. One may see a number of different types of RVs – there are pop up tent trailers, “tow behind” trailers, “5th wheel” trailers, and a variety of motor homes.

After a number of years, many of us who own a RV tend to not take it out as often as we did when it was new. Most RVs represent a substantial investment, from a couple of thousand dollars to several hundred thousand dollars. Using your RV is a great way to get away and enjoy your time off, while protecting your investment. This is especially true now that our economy demands that we watch our money a little closer. Letting a RV set is a way to sentence it to a slow, silent, rotting death as it will deteriorate if not used. The refrigerator and the air conditioner will be the first to go, and they are the most expensive to repair or replace.

RV parks typically cost less on a nightly basis than a hotel. Most of the time when we are camping we will prepare our meals in our RV and that can provide substantial savings when compared to many restaurants. Another important aspect of RV camping is the other campers we meet when camping in our RV. Lifelong friends have been made through camping.

RV parks provide a variety of services such as water, power, and sewer. Some RV parks provide Wi-Fi, recreational rooms, and playgrounds. Occasionally one will find a RV park with a swimming pool; RV store, restaurant and some have a fishing pond or lake available for the campers to use.

One may also find that the national organizations have state organizations like the Texas State Association of the FCRV. There are also local chapters affiliated with both the national and state FCRV organization. Some clubs have a web site that gives information about the club, their camping schedule, and how to contact them. One can search the Internet for other RV clubs, or contact one of the national RV camping organizations“ for their local affiliated clubs. The Good Sam RV Club (www.goodsam.com) is probably the best known RV club. Being a Good Sam member gets one a discount at many of the RV parks, and there are Good Sam RV Clubs that have monthly campouts.

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There are other national RV clubs such as Passport America (<http://www.passport-america.com/>) that gives its members a 50% discount at participating RV parks. It is common to caravan to a RV Park so if one RV has a problem, there is another RV rig close to provide assistance.

RV club members play games of various kinds such as 42“ or card games. Club members go out to eat together or have pot luck dinners. Some clubs bring in guest speakers for club meetings. Many local RV clubs do community service when needed. If you are a new RV owner, a camping club is a great way to get help with general maintenance and operational aspects of your RV. There are also group specific RV clubs such as those who have the same RV manufacture, the same RV dealer, or other commonalties.

We enjoy our RV. We say to everyone who has a RV - enjoy it – take it and your family and go RV“ing!

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