



New Berlin Police Department

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NBPD Monthly Update – June 2020

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS: Studies show that people over 70 are deliberately targeted by scammers more so than other demographics. This group tends to be more susceptible to falling victim to phone & mail scams. The current COVID-19 pandemic has brought on a greater barrier, social isolation. Those who are socially isolated can be the hardest to reach and often aren't able to access the same support and advice that others can.

June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Please help us bring awareness to our elderly relatives and neighbors.

Common Scams related to the COVID-19 pandemic:

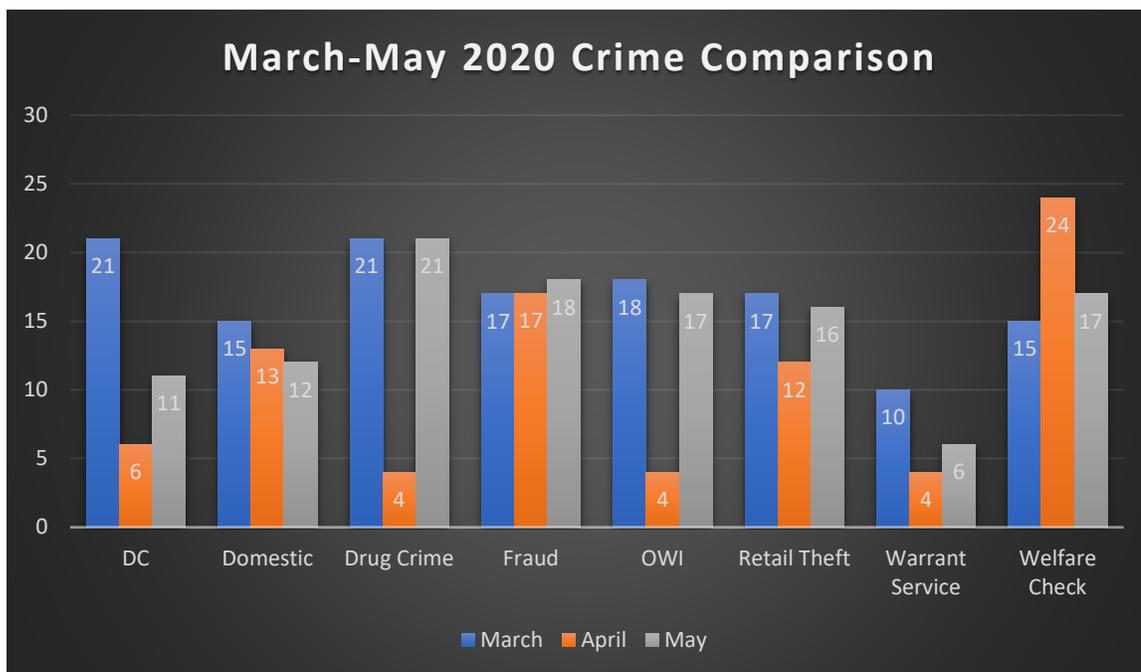
- Attempts to sell you counterfeit respiratory masks, testing or vaccine kits or COVID-19 cures
- Fraudulent charitable donation solicitations
- Attempt to obtain your account information in order to direct deposit a stimulus check
- Attempts to obtain personal identifying/account information by advising that your Social Security check has been canceled or by offering "relief money" to those affected by COVID-19
- Advises that a loved one has contracted COVID-19 and needs money wired for treatment
- Solicits personal identifying information purporting to be a representative of WHO, CDC or another volunteer organization
- Asks you to download a COVID-19 related mobile app that compromises your device

Red Flags:

- Scammers create a sense of urgency and pressure you to act quickly
- Request for payment via wire transfer or gift cards
- Requests for your Social Security number, Medicare number, credit card or bank account information
- Links from unknown or unverified sources
- Purported government agencies contacting you by phone, email or social media
- Purported "official" emails from personal accounts such as AOL, Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.
- Counterfeit websites that appear to be official that are set up for the purpose of compromising your computer
- Unverified apps that are created to compromise your device. Only download apps from verified publishers such as Google Play or Apple Store

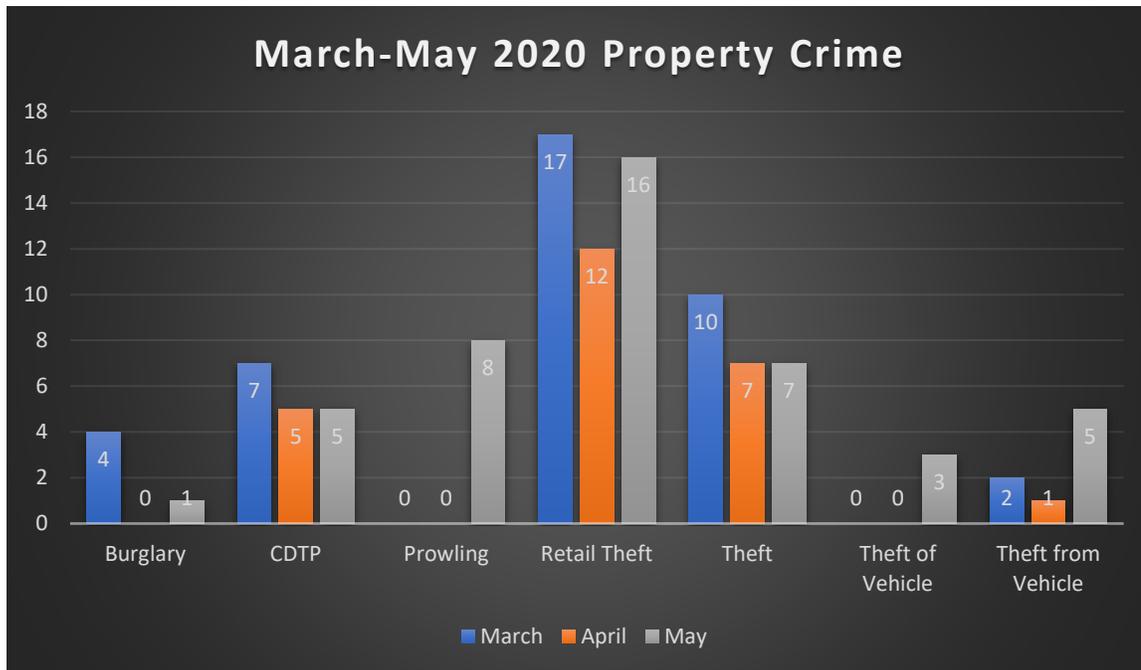
For more information on how to protect yourself from being scammed or ripped off, please follow this link to the Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.ftc.gov/faq/consumer-protection/avoiding-scams-rip-offs>

NEW BERLIN POLICE CRIME STATISTICS: March – May 2020: The below graph represents primary categories during this time period in which our patrol division allocated resources. The majority of drug crimes, and OWI's are a result of proactive officer activity, usually stemming from a traffic stop. The remainder of the graphed categories in which we become involved, is a result of a victim, witness or a concerned citizen requesting our assistance with that respective incident. As you can see, Drug Crimes and OWI arrests noticeably increased in the month of May, which correlates with the Governor's "Safer at Home" restrictions being lifted. The other graphed categories remain comparable to the previous month. We encourage you to please continue to check on your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, employees and anyone else whom you care for that are still practicing social isolation and report any instances in which you have concerns so the appropriate type of assistance may be provided.



FRAUDS: Reported Frauds and Scams remain prevalent through May of 2020. We'd like to bring your awareness to a recent report from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) warning of a large-scale scam erupting in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic involving unemployment benefits. The FTC reported that imposters are filing claims for unemployment benefits using the names and personal information of people who have not filed claims. Those unsuspecting people learn of the fraud when they receive notice from their state employment benefits office or their employer about their supposed application for benefits. If this happens to you, it means you are a victim of Identity Theft and you need to take action. The FTC has published their guidelines on what to do should you learn that you have become a victim of this type of fraud. Please follow this link for further instruction: https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/06/scammer-getting-unemployment-benefits-your-name?utm_source=govdelivery If you are a resident of New Berlin you may file an identity theft report by calling the us at 262-782-6640.

PROPERTY CRIMES: As you can see from the below property crime related statistics, trending upward are prowling incidents and incidents involving thefts from vehicles. (Most of these incidents occurred in the northeast part of our City. For exact locations, please refer to the Public Dashboard.) Most, if not all prowling incidents involved citizens reporting that they found their unlocked vehicles rummaged through but nothing was stolen. These incidents of targeting property left in vehicles serve as a reminder to ensure that you lock your vehicles and remove valuables from your vehicles or at the minimum, keep your valuables out of sight. Remember, one of the best practices in combating property crime is reducing the offender’s OPPORTUNITY to victimize you.



CANCELATIONS, SUSPENSIONS OR POSTPONEMENTS OF EVENTS, PROGRAMS & SERVICES AFFILIATED WITH THE NEW BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT: The City of New Berlin has been diligently following guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control, the Wisconsin Department of Health and the Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services. In response to those recommendations, the City is taking precautionary measures to protect the safety and health of our residents and staff. Therefore the City of New Berlin announces the following cancelations, suspensions or postponements of programs and events in which the City of New Berlin Police Department has an active role:

SUSPENDED: Applicant/Citizen Fingerprinting Services

SUSPENDED: Preliminary Breath Testing Services

SUSPENDED: Rx/OTC Drug Collection in the Safety Building Lobby

SUSPENDED: Station Tours/Citizen Ride-Alongs

CANCELED: New Berlin PD’s 2020 Midnight Volleyball Program (June – August)

We encourage residents to sign up for “COVID-19 Alerts” thru [Notify Me](#) on the City’s [homepage](#) to stay abreast of any future changes to City Operations. The City will make adjustments to programming and activities as necessary. We will continue to communicate with you as our response to this situation evolves and we ask

for everyone's patience throughout this emergency. To stay informed regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the City of New Berlin, please visit our website: <https://www.newberlin.org/>

NEW BERLIN POLICE CRIME STATISTICS PUBLIC DASHBOARD: Please remember to access the New Berlin Police Crime Statistics Public Dashboard to stay informed. The NBPD public dashboard is an interactive map which captures both incidents and arrests occurring within the City of New Berlin. Although we attempt to publish the data on the dashboard on a **DAILY BASIS** (Monday – Friday), there may be occasions when this process may be delayed. Access to the dashboard is available at www.nbpolicy.org. Once on the police department's home page, click on the "Crime Statistics" tile for the self-titled link to access the Crime Statistics Public Dashboard.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: If you own, operate or manage any type of commercial property in the City of New Berlin, please keeps us informed as those whom you have designated as your emergency contact(s) change. This can be accomplished by completing our Emergency Contact Form and returning it to us. You can obtain the form via our Department's homepage or by following this link: <https://www.newberlin.org/DocumentCenter/View/13805/NBPD-Emergency-Contact-Form?bidId=>

COMMUNITY CAMERA PROGRAM: If you have cameras on your residence or business, please consider completing the online Community Camera Program survey on our website. The ability to access video information is an extremely useful investigatory tool for our department. Information provided to our department from your camera system will be for official use only. Your information will remain confidential and will not be distributed except as required by law or court order. Please visit: [New Berlin Police Website](#)

NEW BERLIN MUNICIPAL COURT WANTED LIST: Please follow the below link to view the list of individuals who have writs of commitment or warrants with the City of New Berlin. This list is updated the first week of each month. New Berlin residents are highlighted in **yellow**: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW WANTED LIST](#)

NB POLICE FACEBOOK & TWITTER – We send out updated information regarding events, incidents & activity through our Facebook page and Twitter account – follow our department on Facebook & Twitter: [NBPD ON FACEBOOK](#)

ADIMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE: Starting in January of 2020, we began posting our monthly updates on the police department's homepage under the "Crime Statistics" tile. This was done to allow access to the update for those that do not receive the monthly email alert because they have not signed up to do so, or due to some email service provider settings which block emails originating from distribution lists such as our monthly update distribution list.

If you no longer wish to receive this monthly update, please notify me and I'll remove you from the distribution list: fus@nbpolicy.org