

**Isle of Palms Police Department**  
**Weekly Crime Report for April 5 - 11, 2010**

Case Synopsis

**SUBJECT WITH GUN/SHOTS FIRED IN AREA.** Area of the Sea Cabins. 04/06/10.

Officers were dispatched to the area of the Sea Cabins, on the beach, in reference to a subject with a gun. Complaint advised that the suspect, described as a black male subject wearing red shorts, was part of a large group of people. Upon arrival, officers patrolled the area on foot and mingled through the "large group" of approximately 200 people. No one in the group reported seeing anyone with a firearm. Officers made contact with the complainant who stated that the subject in question left the area just prior to officers' arrival. Officers remained on scene for approximately 45 minutes to monitor the crowd. At approximately 7:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the front beach area in reference to a complaint of two suspicious vehicles" circling the area". The complainant advised that the vehicles were part of the large group from the beach. As officers were en route, dispatch advised responding officers that several complaints were received regarding gun shots heard in the area of the Sea Cabins and municipal parking lot. An investigator conducted a traffic stop on one of the vehicles she recalled as leaving the area shortly after the first incident and occupied by subjects she had made contact with on the beach, while looking for the suspicious subject with a gun. While speaking with the subjects, the investigator requested consent to search the vehicle, which was granted. After a search of the vehicle, as well as the occupants for officer safety, the investigator questioned the subjects regarding both of the aforementioned incidents. At first, all four of the subjects denied knowing anything but changed their account of the incidents and provided information that there were two black male subjects in a physical altercation in the municipal parking lot when one of the two involved in the fight pulled out a handgun and fired the same. According to the occupants of the vehicle, everyone scattered from the scene at that time. The investigator inquired as to if the subject shot at someone or in the air, and precisely where the subjects were fighting in the municipal lot. After receiving conflicting locations, the investigator drew a sketch of the municipal lot and requested that one of the subjects mark exactly where the fight had occurred and where the black male subject was when he fired the handgun. The investigator advised the subjects to describe what the armed subject was wearing, to which she was advised a black t-shirt, long black pants and white tennis shoes. The suspect and location information obtained was provided to on-scene officers. A search of the municipal parking lot produced a spent 9mm (Luger) shell casing in the area described by the aforementioned subjects. The shell casing was collected and entered into evidence. A telecommunications officer called all local hospitals to inquire as to whether or not any individuals had responded to the emergency rooms with either a gunshot wound or injuries possibly sustained from a physical altercation. Negative results.

A significant number of thefts, especially bicycles, have been reported. Of additional concern is the number of thefts of items left unattended on the beach and increased incidents of graffiti. Increased patrols, including the use of undercover officers in target areas, have been implemented.

Service Calls

Day of Week with the most activity: Friday

Patrol Zone with the most activity: 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue (North) to 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Time of Day with most activity: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Number of Incident Reports: 53

Number of Calls for Service: 801

Number of Arrests: 8