



Warwick Police Department
Incident Report

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Incident #: 21-2763-OF
Call #: 21-31910

Date/Time Reported: 05/26/2021 0804
Report Date/Time: 05/26/2021 0813
Status: No Crime Involved

Reporting Officer: Officer Jacob Elderkin
Approving Officer: Sergeant Aaron Kay

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

#	INVOLVED	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	MCALLISTER, STEPHEN P 33 POTTERS AVE WARWICK RI 02889	M	W	41	NOT AVAIL	*****

Military Active Duty: N
BODY: NOT AVAIL. COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.
DOB: 07/07/1979 PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL.
LICENSE NUMBER: NOT AVAIL. ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC
EMPLOYER/SCHOOL: COUNCIL WARD 7

#	EVENTS(S)
	LOCATION TYPE: Highway/Road/Alley/Street Zone: RD 266 (POST 15) 420 CHAPMANS AVE WARWICK RI

1 Traffic Survey

2021-08

On May 26, 2021, Officer Elderkin received a traffic survey from Councilman McAllister regarding parking on Chapmans Avenue. A resident requested parking restrictions in the area of Greenwich Avenue, where there are frequent reports of commercial / truck traffic parking on the street while patronizing the 24 hour Seasons Market and Dunkin located at 708 Greenwich Ave. In subsequent emails, the complainant cited noise, nuisance complaints as well as trucks blocking driveways, right wheels to curb, and occasionally parking on both sides of the road obstructing traffic.

On 06/02/2021 At 0800 a.m., the officer responded to that area and did not observe any commercial vehicles parked at this location. There was one car parked across from chapmans with a public plate attached to it. This vehicle was parked legally and was not obstructing traffic.

The road surface is 29 feet wide, with an additional 9 foot shoulder adjacent to the Season's property. It is sufficiently wide enough to accommodate parking on the north side of the roadway. A driveway which exited from the store onto Chapmans Ave., was removed when the business was remodeled years prior. In addition, they installed a privacy fence and shrubbery along the south side of the property which borders Chapmans Ave. The parking lot itself is often too congested for commercial vehicles to park off the roadway in the lot.

Officer Elderkin spoke to the resident at 420 Chapmans Avenue who complained about vehicles left running, noise and double parking in the early morning hours. He was told that many of his complaints, some of which he had photographed, were already violations. Vehicles left running unattended; vehicles double parked; parked left wheels to curb; or blocking driveways are already prohibited and worthy of a complaint to the police. He requested that the street be posted no parking and no thru trucking.

No thru trucking signs are difficult to enforce since many trucks frequent the neighborhood for legitimate purposes. In addition, the roadway, and shoulder area are of sufficient width to support some parking. The resident's complaints certainly have merit even though they abut a busy interchange and a 24 hour Seasons Market / Dunkin.

I then spoke to the resident at 406 Chapmans Ave and inquired how he would feel about a no parking sign to be erected at the edge of his front lawn. The resident here stated that he would not mind and that his wife also is unhappy about the trucks that are parking on Chapmans Ave to get their morning coffee. I also spoke to a Kristen Viveiros at 412 Chapmans Ave and she also stated to me that a large moving truck had blocked her driveway last week. All of the residents that I spoke to were advised that they needed to call and report these violations when they occurred so that the police could properly address it with the violators.

It is Officer Elderkin's recommendation that the south side of the street from the large pine tree at the residence of #406 Chapmans Avenue to Greenwich Avenue be posted: "No Parking here to corner." A post and sign would have to be erected at 406 Chapmans Ave. (near the tree) while another "No Parking" sign could be posted on the pole near 420 Chapmans Ave (pole #30-84). This should alleviate some of the congestion and parking issues, so long as the residents report violations when they arise. Also there is a sign hung on pole #30 on the North side of Chapmans across from house #420 that reads "resident parking only". This is not an approved sign and will need to be taken down. The North side of the roadway the abut's the parking lot to the

Shell gas station has a widened shoulder to accommodate parking for the business.

It should be noted that on 05/26/2021, I pulled calls for service at 420 Chapmans Ave and surrounding areas to see if the residents from 420 Chapmans are calling in to report the violations that are occurring when they arise. Upon doing so there was zero calls for service since the last traffic survey done in 2019, however the reporting party on this survey Mitchell Fienstien stated that he has called the police to report these violations. The reason for the lack of documented calls may be because when the calls come in they are being logged under the seasons corner market address.

On 06/02/2021, I was able to make contact with two of the business owners that have vehicles that are causing some of the parking concerns. I spoke to Bob at Coutu Movers and explained the parking issues that have been occurring to him. Bob seemed very understanding and we spoke about other parking arrangements that would alleviate this issue from routinely occurring. I then spoke to a worker at Shalvey Landscaping and had the same conversation with her. She stated that she would pass the information along to the owner who would then address it with his crew.