



**Warwick Police Department
Incident Report**

Incident #: 21-5242-OF
Call #: 21-60987

Date/Time Reported: 09/23/2021 1250
Report Date/Time: 09/23/2021 1301
Status: No Crime Involved

Reporting Officer: Officer Thomas Greene
Approving Officer: Sergeant Aaron Kay

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

#	INVOLVED	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	ALLAIRE, RICHARD G 105 BELLMAN AVE WARWICK RI 02889	M	W	51	*****	*****
	Military Active Duty: N BODY: NOT AVAIL. DOB: 10/22/1969 LICENSE NUMBER: RI 8732560					
					COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL. PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL. ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC	
2	ALLAIRE, SUSAN 105 BELLMAN AVE WARWICK RI 02886	F	W	50	NOT AVAIL	*****
	Military Active Duty: N BODY: NOT AVAIL. DOB: 12/30/1970 LICENSE NUMBER: RI 9633728					
					COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL. PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL. ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC	
3	TORRES, YANYELLE 108 BELLMAN AVE WARWICK RI 02889	F	B	24	NOT AVAIL	*****
	Military Active Duty: N BODY: NOT AVAIL. DOB: 02/23/1997 LICENSE NUMBER: NOT AVAIL.					
					COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL. PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL. ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC	
4	CHAPDELAIN, RONALD G 16 BEACH AVE WARWICK RI 02889	M	W	56	*****	*****
	Military Active Duty: N BODY: NOT AVAIL. DOB: 12/03/1964 LICENSE NUMBER: MA S42523126					
					COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL. PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL. ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC	
[APPEARANCE]						
					GLASSES WORN: NO	
5	TURCOTTE, ALEXANDER 111 BELLMAN AVE WARWICK RI 02889	M	W	31	NOT AVAIL	*****
	Military Active Duty: N BODY: NOT AVAIL. DOB: 09/09/1990 LICENSE NUMBER: NOT AVAIL.					
					COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL. PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL. ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC	

#	EVENTS(S)
	LOCATION TYPE: Highway/Road/Alley/Street Zone: RD 317 (POST 5)

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105 BELLMAN AVE @ 16 BEACH AVE
WARWICK RI 02886

1 Traffic Survey- NO PARKING

#	PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	MCELROY, JAMES W 130 WATERMAN AVE WARWICK RI DOB: 05/31/1946	REPORTING PARTY	M	W	75	*****	*****

EMPLOYER: ***** . *****							

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On 09/23/2021, I, Officer Greene of the Warwick Police Department Traffic Unit, was assigned a traffic study of the area of Beach Avenue at Bellman Avenue. The request was made by City Councilman James McElroy (DOB: 05/31/1946) regarding several no parking signs which have been playing a part in disputes between neighbors in the area. It was relayed from Councilman McElroy that the parking signs of the area were placed by the Board of Public Safety in July of 1967 but were not in the code of ordinances. It was also stated that it was possible that some neighbors have erected their own over time in the vicinity. According to the records provided by the councilman, Beach Avenue was allegedly supposed to have two signs on the southerly side. The sign locations were supposed to be 16' east of Bellman Avenue and 60' east of Bellman Avenue.

Review of the area via google maps showed Beach Avenue to run roughly in the east-west direction and for Bellman Avenue to run roughly in the north-south direction. Bellman Avenue passes through Beach Avenue in an offset manner. Several residence were observed to be in the vicinity of the intersection. Just south of the described intersection on Bellman Avenue, another roadway runs parallel with Beach Avenue which is Charles Street.

On 09/25/2021 I responded to the location to view the area in question to determine if there were any safety concerns regarding the area. Two "No Parking Either Side" signs were observed in the vicinity. These sign locations did differ from the provided information by the councilman as they were on Bellman Avenue and not Beach Avenue. The first sign was located approximately 6' south of the Beach Avenue at Bellman Avenue intersection, on "Pole 1", facing the westbound direction on Bellman Avenue. The second sign was located approximately 84'6" south of the Beach Avenue at Bellman Avenue intersection, on "Pole 5", facing also the westbound direction on Bellman Avenue. A third utility pole on Bellman Avenue is observed to be erected at the Bellman Avenue and Charles Avenue intersection, "Pole 5-50". Stop signs were observed to be posted, both to stop travel on Bellman Avenue. No stop sign was observed to be posted at intersection on Beach Avenue. East of the Beach Avenue at Bellman Avenue was observed to be an inlet to where the entrance to the Walter Santos Scenic Overlook park area is. The area is blocked off by wooden pillars to not allow vehicle access to the park area. Between the Beach Avenue and Bellman Avenue intersection and the Overlook entrance is a small section of road (egress). The egress was observed to be 13'7" in depth and approximately 30' in width.

Additional measurements of the roadway were obtained as well at this time. Bellman Avenue on the north side of the Beach Avenue intersection measured 22'4" in width. Bellman Avenue in the area south of the Beach Avenue intersection varied slightly in width as it proceeded towards Charles Street. The south side of the intersection (Bellman Avenue at Beach Avenue), Bellman Avenue measured 24'11" in width and at Bellman Avenue at Charles Avenue intersection measured 24'2" in width. The southern section of Bellman Avenue between Beach Avenue and Charles Avenue measured 172'10" in length. Beach Avenue as it proceeds from the Overlook, westbound, fluctuates in width starting at approximately 29'4", widens to 31'6" and narrows back down slightly to 28'. The southern section of Bellman Avenue fluctuates as well as it proceeds south from the intersection, starting at 24'11", narrowing slightly 24'2", and widens back up to 24'9" at the Charles Avenue intersection.

Overall traffic was monitored in the area which was found to be greater than normal due to a neighborhood yard-sale event. Moderate traffic did travel through the intersection in question but lesser than primary roadways in the area.

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After review of the area and being approached by several residents of the area, it was determined I would follow up with all the neighbors regarding the current "No Parking" signs to view their take on the issue at hand. Based on the area in question it was determined the following households would be contacted as they are directly affected by the issue of the current parking on the street:

- 16 Beach Avenue (the residence at the southwest corner of the Beach Avenue and Bellman Avenue intersection)
- 105 Bellman Avenue (the residence on the western side of Bellman Avenue that abutts 16 Beach Avenue and 111 Bellman Avenue)
- 111 Bellman Avenue (the residence on the western side of Bellman Avenue that abutts 105 Bellman Avenue and is on the northwest corner of Bellman Avenue at Charles Avenue)
- 108 Bellman Avenue (the residence on the eastern side of Bellman Avenue across from the three previously listed addresses above)

On 10/14/2021 I spoke with a few of the neighbors regarding the issue at hand. I spoke with the residents of 105 Bellman Avenue, Richard Allaire (DOB: 10/22/1969) and Susan Kibbe-Allaire (DOB: 12/30/1970). Both parties advised they had resided at the household since 2003. Both Susan and Richard indicated they were not in favor of the current signage as they currently have three to four vehicles out of the household (A family member spends significant time at the household). Due to the current signage they are unable to park remotely close to their household which only fits two vehicles in the driveway. They indicated due to their children becoming old enough to drive this has caused a significant issue. Susan and Richard indicated they were in favor of parking on the road, at least on one side and did not see any specific safety concerns with this.

I also spoke to one of the residents of 108 Bellman Avenue, Yanyelle Torres (DOB: 02/23/1997). Torres indicated she has resided at this location with her family for approximately eight years. Over the years significant parking issues have arose due to more people of the household obtaining vehicles. Torres indicated generally four vehicles are utilized out of the household which has caused issues for parking. Two vehicles are generally stored in the two car garage but additional vehicles did need to be parked elsewhere down the road. Torres indicated in recent years she had been subject to citations issued by the police department over the current parking situation. Torres indicated she felt as she was targeted by another neighbor who generally called in the complaints. This neighbor was pointed out to be from the residence of 16 Beach Avenue. In conversation it was relayed she did believe the individual from this address to be racist as her family's vehicles were specified previously in complaints yet other vehicles parked in the area had not been pointed out. Torres did indicate she was in favor of parking being allowed on the roadway, at least on one side.

I then spoke to the resident of 16 Beach Avenue, Ronald Chapdelaine (DOB: 12/03/1964) regarding the parking issues. Chapdelaine came outside his residence to discuss the issue. Chapdelaine stated he had resided with his wife at the house for approximately 12 years. Chapdelaine indicated that two vehicles were utilized out of the household. His driveway appeared to provide space for additional vehicles to park. Chapdelaine stated he had been accused of putting up the current signage several times by local residents but denied doing so as they pre-dated him moving in. Chapdelaine believed the current signage was appropriate for the roadway as he believed it to be a safety concern as many people did utilize the roadway and go to the overlook. Chapdelaine was informed on the signage not currently being valid. Chapdelaine stated that he believed it did not seem like a good idea to allow pretty much one parking spot on Bellman Avenue with the proposed parking solution.

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Chapdelaine indicated he frequently called on the parking issues as he strictly followed the law and expected others to do so as well. Chapdelaine indicated he was in favor of keeping the current signage and additional enforcement should be looked at for the area regarding the overlook and stop sign issues. Chapdelaine was also concerned about people parking on the current sidewalk on the eastern side of the roadway if parking were to be allowed, creating a safety issue.

On this date I was unable to speak with the resident of 111 Bellman Avenue. Additional efforts will be made to make contact with the individual that resides here in the coming days.

On 10/15/2021 I was able to speak with the resident of 111 Bellman Avenue, Alexander Turcotte (DOB: 09/09/1990). Turcotte stated he was a newer resident of the area as he had only moved into the neighborhood in September of 2021. Turcotte stated his vehicle and maybe one additional were the only vehicles generally at his house, which did fit in the driveway. Additional vehicles would park on Charles Street. Upon speaking to Turcotte regarding his take on the parking situation he indicated he wished for the "No Parking" signs on Bellman Avenue to be removed completely as he did not see any issue with parking in the area.

After speaking with all the neighbors and review of the area it is my recommendation that the currently erected "No Parking" signs be removed due to the minimal traffic through the area. Due to the placement of the driveways, minimal parking would be available on the western side of Bellman Avenue. It is also recommended that a "No Parking" sign be erected in front of the Walter Santos Scenic Overlook area on the eastern portion of Beach Avenue. The reason for this sign would be to alleviate issues in the intersection as there is not ample room for parking of a vehicle. Cars parked in front of the Overlook would stick out into the intersection which would potential become a safety hazard. Parking allowed on Bellman would provide a safer parking situation for people of the community to visit the Overlook. According to R.I.G.L. 31-21-4, Places where parking or stopping prohibited, would not allow parking 30' from the intersection which would address safety concerns regarding visibility near the corner. The previously passed Board of Public Safety signage location generally are already covered by R.I.G.L. and because of this are not necessary. It is also recommended to monitor the area via the Neighborhood Intensive Traffic Enforcement details due to the complaints for several residence running the stop sign.

Councilman McElory will be contacted with the findings on 10/15/2021.