

# From the Bangor Police: Got Warrants? for another winter week

**Duck of Justice**  
From the Bangor Police Department Facebook page



"Got Warrants?" is a regular feature of the Bangor Police Department Facebook page.

The stories are real. The names are withheld to help others avoid embarrassing moments at family functions or when they have to give their name when ordering a pizza.

On Court Street, a lone motorist who was struck from behind by another motor vehicle found out suddenly that he actually had a passenger. While the accident was not his fault and he had done nothing to cause the crash, he had been in the wrong place at the right time. The man was also found to be inebriated and taken to jail for OUI. The passenger was not listed on the form but it is clearly apparent that Karma was along for that ride. She is a coy minx.

A patient who was waiting for service in a local emergency department placed his pocket Nintendo game down on the seat next to him. A short time later, two individuals came in to wait and one

of them secreted the Nintendo game into a bag and slipped away to a bathroom. This was caught on video and when Officer Donnell arrived, she reviewed the tape and confronted the suspect who did not have the electronic game on his person. Oddly, Karma was working on her nursing skills that day and Donnell found the suspect had an active arrest warrant. Security personnel located the Nintendo game inside the bathroom's baby changing station and returned it to the victim. Donnell then charged the suspect with theft of the device. Nurse Karma, Nurse Karma, to the ER, Stat.

An elderly man was shoveling his driveway out when he was struck in the head by the mirror of a passing vehicle. This knocked the man into a snowbank. The man called for help from his snowy and cold landing spot, complaining of head and shoulder pain. Bangor Fire Rescue attended to the gentleman's needs while Officer Bragan did his best Leroy Jethro Gibbs impression. There, under the smooth and white tundra-like blanket of frozen precipitation was a small piece of a GMC pickup mirror. Believing fully that Karma was busy, Bragan checked the area and found a pickup nearby

that was missing a piece of mirror, shaped just like the one he held in his cold and damp hands. Using the plastic and glass as a conversational icebreaker, he spoke to the owner of the pickup who had several stories of how the broken mirror came to be. In the end, the man was charged with leaving the scene of a personal injury accident. The elderly gentleman will be fine and we are happy to report that.

A man who was not "leaving on a jet plane" did not sing any Peter, Paul and Mary tunes when he was asked to leave the Bangor International Airport. His stories changed for the officer sent to deal with him. From leaving for DC in the morning to the unverified fact that his brother would be there soon, he finally said he would be leaving for Miami in the morning. I know there is a song there, but he did not sing it as he was taken to the Penobscot County Jail for failing to leave when ordered to do so. The true answer of why he was there, my friend, was probably Blowin in the Wind.

A man who had just been criminally trespassed from a Main Street donut emporium began to walk back to that same, "outlet of good-



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Officer Russ Twaddell, a decades-long member of the Bangor Police force, will retire in February. Twaddell's father was a police officer who walked the downtown beat, and for the past few years, Twaddell has done the same.

ness" in defiance of all that he had been told by Officer Paradis. Paradis followed him from a distance in his cruiser only to observe a large and angry man approach the suspect from the north. The large and unknown individual punched the suspect in the face. Paradis investigated only to be told by the large man that he would have done it regardless if he had known he was being watched by the alert officer. The new suspect told Paradis that the

man who had been banned from the high density energy cake retail outlet, had earlier made derogatory comments about the large and angry man's mother. The large suspect was charged with assault and took his summons with a courteous smile knowing that he had defended his mother's honor. The other man left in pain from the assault but satisfied that the large and angry man had been charged with a crime. He was inwardly

feeling sad because he could not have a donut. At least, not there.

The men and women of the Bangor Police Department do not recommend that you take matters into your own hands. Mothers are important to all of us and we understand defending them when necessary. We just think there are better things to do in a donut shop parking lot.

The men and women of the Bangor Police Department will be here.

## Unused household goods can help needy animals



### Critters

Debra Bell

towels and dish cloths. Some shelters, like Bangor Humane Society, accept donations of spices like cinnamon, which is used as aromatherapy for the shelter pets. Check with the shelter before setting it aside.

Bathroom: Have too many towels or washcloths (or need an excuse to update your towel set)? Set aside the ones that don't meet your needs for the shelter.

Bedroom: Old pillows that have lost their softness or shape, blankets, comforters and even mattress pads are all items that a shelter can use to help shelter pets feel more comfortable during their stay. In addition, shelters can also use old bed sheets and pillowcases.

Office: We all accumulate oodles and oodles of supplies, many of which get relegated to a drawer or shelf in the closet. Clear out your office of things that you absolutely don't use anymore and set them aside for the shelter.

Pet stuff: Have old leashes and collars that are no longer used? Rumble them up and donate them. Old pet beds and blankets can also make a difference in a shelter pet's stay. If you'd rather target your donation, consider contacting your local shelter of choice and find out what they need most. You can also make a cash donation or purchase dog and cat food and toys for the shelter of your choice.

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A shelter kitten in need of help or adoption at the Bangor Humane Society.

### Brewer boy donates over \$14k to EMHS

Noah Tibbets, 11, of Brewer presented a check for \$14,634 on Monday, Jan. 18 to Eastern Maine Health Care Foundation's Children's Miracle Network during a ceremony at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Tibbets led the fundraising effort "Nickels with Noah" in 2015, during which he rallied students at Brewer Community School to collect spare change to benefit children in local hospitals.

Community partners Bangor Federal Credit Union and Emera Maine also supported the fundraiser.

Rep. Karl Ward, R-Dedham, offered a sentiment of state to honor the young philanthropic leader and his incredible work over the past two years to benefit the Children's Miracle Network, according to a press release.

All of the money raised by Tibbets, his classmates, and community supporters will stay in central, eastern, and northern Maine to

ensure that doctors and nurses have the resources they need to care for children right here at home, according to a press release issued by Children's Miracle Network.

### YMCA Camp Jordan plans "adult prom"

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the Bangor YMCA will be bringing Vegas to camp for their very first Adult Prom, at the newly winterized Bangor YMCA Wilderness

Center at Camp Jordan on 101 Camp Jordan Way in Ellsworth.

Set along the shores of Branch Lake, the Y's Adult Prom is the perfect date night to add to anyone's Valentine's Day weekend. For ages 21 years and older, doors will open at 8 p.m. when DJ Disco will fill the Wilderness Center's King Dining Hall with music for guests to dance the night away and an hors d'oeuvres buffet will be included. A cash bar will be available, and to ensure that all guests get home safely, the Y will

be providing a door-to-door shuttle service that will pick guests up from home, bring them to The Wilderness Center, and drop them back off at home at the end of their evening.

Adult Prom Tickets are \$35 per person, \$50 per couple, and \$250 for a table of 10. The optional

Door-to-Door Shuttle Service is an additional \$15 per person and must be reserved by Friday, Feb. 5, to arrange pick up and drop off schedule. Adult Prom tickets can be purchased at The Bangor YMCA, 17 Sec-

ond Street in Bangor, or online at BangorYMCA.org. Advanced ticket purchase is required.

100% of the proceeds from The Bangor YMCA's Adult Prom go to support Y programs and services. For more information on The Bangor YMCA's Adult Prom or renting the Y's newly winterized Wilderness Center at Camp Jordan for your own special event, contact Jodie Burckhard, Director of Camp Programs & Services, at jburckhard@bangorY.org or 941-2808.

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