

February, 2011

# Waldo County Sheriff's Office

## SHERIFF'S STATEMENT

Scott L. Story

I take great pride in, once again, providing to you the annual report of the Waldo County Office of the Sheriff. In addition to the annual statistics I always provide, this year I am providing you with a quick description of the agency and its missions. Waldo County Office of the Sheriff consists of several different divisions, all overseen by the Chief Deputy. First is the corrections division managed by the Jail Administrator and staffed by 12 officers. One part of this division is a 72 hour hold or "book and bail". This unit takes in new arrests and then arranges for bail, if appropriate, court appearance or transport to a longer term holding facility. It is all that is left of our once traditional county jail. The transport team works for this division and consists of one full time and several part time officers that provide transport of prisoners to court appearances, medical appointments, civil hearings and transfers to other facilities. These officers work 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assure the smooth movement of inmates through the system.

The Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center is the largest part of the corrections division, consisting of 5 contract employees and a contract director who work with the corrections officers to provide reentry programming and services to up to 32 residents of the center. The residents at this facility are men coming back to the coastal area from both state and county facilities throughout the state. This program provides them with tools to address their behaviors, skills, and basic needs to assist them in reintegration back to the communities and reduce the risk of their reoffending.

As most are aware, the Office of the Sheriff provides civil services to include court subpoenas, divorce papers, civil litigation notice, foreclosure documentation, protection orders, civil orders of arrest, etc. This division conducts thousands of services every year with an administrative assistant and three part time deputies who travel thousands of miles a year to accomplish that task.

The patrol division is the most visible part of county government and the most familiar to most citizens. We conduct patrol services to include traffic enforcement and criminal investigations as well as responding to numerous complaints that don't always fit into these categories. This division consists of 2 sergeants, 9 patrol officers, 3 detectives and a lieutenant. Officers of this division have a number of specialties to include crash reconstruction, drug recognition expert, polygraph examiner, firearms instructors, self defense instructors, and a number of other academy certified instructors. These officers are either working or on call 24/7 and are out when others are advised to stay home, due to weather or road conditions. They respond to thousands of calls every year and traditionally have a very impressive clearance rate in regard to the crimes they are called to investigate.

Please take a moment and look at the statistics provided here for your review. In addition, you may also visit <http://www.waldocountyme.gov/wso/user/sonewsletters.html> to see our newsletters which offer much more about what's going on with YOUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE. Thank you and may 2011 be a prosperous and safe year for you.

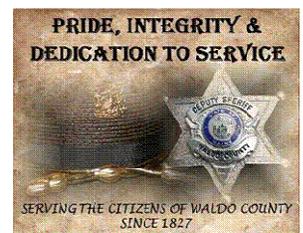
## STATISTICS

911 Disconnect	301
911 Misdialed	48
Abandoned vehicle	47
Agency assist	164
Aircraft problem	1
Alarm	333
Alcohol offense	7
ALS/Paramedic Assist	13
Animal Problem—ACO assigned	1
Animal Problem—Law assigned	19
Assault	72
Attempt to Locate	1
Off road motorized vehicle	49



## OUR MISSION:

*To provide the best possible service in Corrections, Law Enforcement, and Civil Service in a professional, courteous and fair manner to improve the quality of life in Waldo County while maintaining public trust and support.*

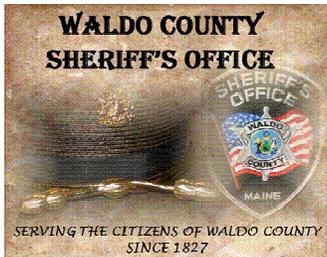


## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Scott L. Story, Sheriff  
 Robert B. Keating, Chief Deputy  
 Robert Walker, Captain  
 Jason W. Trundy, Lt.  
 Kathy Cunningham, Admin. Assist  
 Brenda Dakin, Admin. Assist.

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*Serving the Citizens  
of Waldo County  
Since 1827*

**TO SERVE AND  
PROTECT**



*"And peace was restored"  
By: Nichols Oettinger*

Statistics continues . . .

Insufficient funds check	22	Med. Emer. EMD	63
Be On Lookout	44	Mental Medical	92
Bomb Threat not PBN	1	Message Delivery	12
Burglary	168	Missing Person	53
Child abuse or neglect	11	Motor Vehicle Theft	17
Child custody	34	Motorist Assist	79
Civil complaint	259	Motor Vehicle Cmpl	475
Computer crimes	3	OUI Alcohol	8
Criminal Mischief	154	Paperwork service	8
Criminal Trespass	76	Parking problem	6
Cruiser accident	5	Traffic Acc.w/Damage	478
Detail Acc. Reconstruction	4	Penobs. Narrows Bridge	2
Detail bail check	77	Traffic Acc.w/Injuries	161
Detail DRE	21	Probation violation	4
Detail Eradication	17	Prowler	3
K-9 Detail	30	Public Assist	144
Detail MCJA	12	Rape	3
Miscellaneous Detail	18	Recovered stolen prop	5
Detail Parade	1	Recovered stolen vehicle	2
Detail Prob Chk	12	Reported death	5
Detail Radar	97	Robbery	1
Detail school	3	Runaway juvenile	9
Detail traffic	9	Search warrant	12
Disorderly conduct	3	Sex offense	28
Disturbance	233	Speaking engagement	10
Domestic disturbance	187	Structure fire	10
Controlled substance Prob	36	Suspicious Person/ Circumstance	343
Escort	11	Spillman testing	3
Failure to appear	3	Theft	227
False information to Police	2	Threatening	112
Traffic Acc. Fatal	1	Tobacco problem	1
Fire	14	Traffic hazard	55
Fireworks	7	Traffic violation	172
Forgery	3	Traffic stop	2
Found property	16	Prisoner transport	518
Fraud	88	Unsecure premises	3
Friendly Caller	9	Utility Problem	3
Fuel Drive off	32	Vehicle/Equip fire	1
Back ground investigation	1	VIN Verification	7
Harassment	289	Violation Condi. Release	21
Criminal homicide	2	Violation Protect. Ordr	28
House check	51	Wanted person	163
Information report	303	Weapon Offense	3
Intoxicated person	26	Welfare check	154
Juvenile problem	62	Wildlife Prob/Compl	14
Litter, Pollutn, Pub Health	4	Inmate work detail	14
Lost property	24	<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>7,123</b>
Medical emergency	30		

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## Chief Deputy's Report

Robert B. Keating

**October, 2010:** In the month of October our patrol division saw our calls for service rise yet again from 559 in September to 656 calls in October. Deputies made 190 traffic stops for various traffic law violations and responded to 53 traffic accidents. They also responded to 28–911 hang-up calls. We conducted 19 background checks for various reasons.

In October our deputies responded to a complaint in Liberty of a male stumbling from the woods covered in mud and acting disoriented. Another complaint came in shortly after that stating that their son came home and found the door open to their home. Upon entering the home, the son heard someone run out the rear of the residence. While our deputy was processing this complaint, we received another complaint of a male carrying a large knife in Liberty at an apartment complex. Deputies, along with a Maine State Police K-9, searched for the male, who was subsequently located and taken into custody. It was learned after the arrest that this same male had caused concern earlier in the day at a school in Gardiner, and had also been the subject of a stand off with police in 1992 during which he had been shot. The male was charged by deputies with two counts of criminal trespass.

Part-time Deputy Jordan Tozier has graduated from our 300 hour Field Training Program and is now ready to work as a part-time patrol deputy filling shifts and covering patrol duties. Christopher Ross just entered phase 2 of the FTO Program and is doing well. He just completed his first phase and is now assigned to Deputy Dan Thompson for phase 2.

Our agency continues to run well with our deputies producing some excellent police work for the citizens of Waldo County.

**November, 2010:** Our deputies responded to 620 calls for service during the month of November. 140 traffic stops were conducted for various traffic law infractions, deputies responded to 77 traffic accidents and 31–911 calls, as well as conducting 17 background investigations.

Our detective division has been working a joint investigation with the Searsport Police Department and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency for the past few months, focusing on the sale of prescription medication, and as a result of the investigation, four Waldo County residents were arrested in November for trafficking in scheduled drugs. All the charges were felony charges. The investigation is ongoing and we anticipate making more arrests in the near future.

Deputy Gerald Lincoln, Jr. graduated this month from the American International Institute of Polygraph in Morrow, Georgia. The school is a 10-week course which ran from August 30 to November 5. Deputy Lincoln is now in the licensing process with the State of Maine so

he will be able to conduct our polygraph exams for pre-employment and criminal investigations.

Part-time Deputy Chris Ross is in phase two of the three-phase FTO program. He will complete phase two on December 4, and pending his review panel, will move to the final phase of FTO with a patrol sergeant. Deputy Ross is doing very well. His field training officers advise that he is making good decisions, learns quickly and conducts himself in a professional manner.

Deputy Darrin Moody will graduate from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy on December 17 after completing 18 weeks of training.

This agency remains very busy and continues to run well.

**December, 2010:** In the month of December our patrol division was extremely busy with traffic accidents, responding to 117 accidents, three of which resulted in a loss of life.

Deputies responded to 595 calls for services and deputies conducted 120 traffic stops for various traffic law violations, responded to 24 911 hang-up calls and conducted 19 background investigations.

Our detective division has worked on nearly two dozen burglaries in which homes, camps and cottages have been entered and all of the copper piping, and/or electrical wiring has been removed. These types of crimes cost property owners thousands of dollars in repairs and replacement. Also, in some cases, tools and equipment were stolen as well as the copper wiring and piping.

Deputies also investigated three crashes which resulted in fatalities. The first accident occurred in Troy on Route 9 on December 5 in which a 69 year old man from China, Maine died when his vehicle left the road due to slippery road conditions. On December 15 a 48 year old woman and her 15 year old daughter died after skidding on the Bailey Road in Knox, due to slippery conditions, into the path of a tractor trailer unit. Later on the same day, an 18 year old male from Unity lost control of his Jeep on Route 9 in Troy and struck a utility pole, killing him instantly. I can't recall during my career when we had so many accidents in a short period of time resulting in three deaths in two accidents.

Deputy Darrin Moody graduated on December 17 from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy after 18 weeks of training. He returned to his regular patrol duties on December 23. It is good to have Darrin back, and after an entire year his return brings out patrol division back to full compliance.

This agency continues to run well, with both patrol and detective divisions remaining busy while continuing to serve the citizens of Waldo County professionally and expertly.

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## WALDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MEMBERS



Front row, left to right: Detective Jason Bosco; Sgt. James Greeley; Sheriff Scott Story; Chief Deputy Robert Keating; Lt. Jason Trundy; Sgt. Dale Brown; Detective Matthew Curtis

Back row, left to right: K-9 Neva; Detective Merl Reed; Deputy Benjamin Seekins; Deputy Arthur Smith; Deputy Christopher Ross; Deputy Daniel Thompson; Deputy Nicholas Oettinger; Deputy James Porter; Deputy Gerald Lincoln; Deputy David Mushrall; Deputy Jordan Tozier; Deputy Darrin Moody; Deputy Kevin Littlefield

Civil Deputy John Ford



Civil Deputy Wendall Story



Kathy Cunningham,  
Administrative Assistant



Brenda Dakin,  
Administrative Assistant



## EDUCATION

It is reported that the Maine Criminal Justice Academy volunteer instructors present approximately 484 programs or classes throughout the state with approximately 15,000 hours of classroom instruction each year. The Waldo County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce that more than 293 hours during the year 2010 has been donated to the Criminal Justice Academy by our deputies as follows:

Sgt Dale Brown—Mechanics of Arrest, Restraint and control and Firearms—71 hours;

Detective Matthew Curtis - Firearms, Firearms Lecture; Firearms Training week - 87 hours;

Detective James Greeley - OUI/SFST (standard field sobriety testing); SFST Refresher and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing - 24 hours.

Deputy James Porter - intoxilyzer operation and certification and Firearms - 24 hours.

Deputy Benjamin Seekins - Standardized Field Sobriety Testing - 4 hours

Deputy Arthur Smith - Mechanics of Arrest, Restraint and Control; Crimes in Progress/High Risk Stops - 59 hours.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to those volunteer instructors "for their continued support and dedication to providing criminal justice training during 2010 for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy".

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## USING 9-1-1

One hundred percent of Maine's population now has 9-1-1 service. Lincoln was the last town to be activated in July of 2008. You may, at some point in your life, experience an emergency and have a need to use the 9-1-1 emergency system. In Maine 9-1-1 is available for traditional wire line phones, cell phones and all pay phones. From a wire line phone, enhanced 9-1-1 automatically displays the caller's address and telephone number at the emergency call center. This allows the call taker to expedite emergency services and avoid delays that could endanger a person's life or property. In some cases, during a crisis, a 9-1-1 caller is unable to provide this critical information. This enhanced feature helps minimize delays in emergency response. Enhanced 9-1-1 is a lifesaving public safety service.

You should call 9-1-1 in an emergency if you determine that police, fire or medical services are needed **RIGHT NOW** to protect life or property. If you are in doubt that your situation is an emergency, dial 9-1-1. It is okay to be wrong. Law enforcement and emergency services providers know and understand that their citizens may not always be right about what they may think is an emergency and the 9-1-1 operator will make the final determination.

When calling 9-1-1, give the emergency service operator as much information as necessary. You should provide the location of the emergency and specify the kind of emergency and whether police, fire or medical is necessary. Advise the call taker if a crime has occurred or is about to occur, if there is a robbery in progress, a house fire, whether a person is unconscious, or a traffic accident has occurred with major injuries. You should give some indication of what is needed, such as police, paramedics, ambulance, fire truck, utility company, or a tow truck. If some kind of weapon is involved such as a hand gun, automatic weapons or knives be sure to inform the call taker. Information should be given as to the number of people involved. Advise the call taker if there is anything that will prevent police fire or paramedics from rendering service, such as a vicious dog on the premises or the injured person, due to his location, may be difficult to reach. Do not exaggerate the situation. Keep your information factual, but do not be afraid to state the seriousness of the emergency. If you don't know something, then tell the 9-1-1 operator you don't know. Never lie to 9-1-1 and falsely tell them a situation is more serious than it really is, just to get emergency help there quicker. While you are on the phone, do exactly as emergency services tells you during the course of the call and during the emergency situation. **Never hang up on 9-1-1 unless you are told to do so.** Carefully listen to all their instructions and do what they tell you to do. Your assistance could mean the difference between life, death or serious injury.

Teach your children how and when to dial 9-1-1. Never refer to this number as "nine-eleven", as there is no such number on the telephone and a child may become confused while dialing. Always tell them to dial 9-1-1. Your child should be taught to trust the 9-1-1 operator and explain to them that the operator is their friend and a source of help to them in the event of an emergency. Your child should know that 9-1-1 is not a toy and is to be used only in the event of an emergency. 9-1-1 should never be dialed unless it is actually needed. Your child should know about any possible emergency situations likely to occur in your home and explain to them what things to look out for. For instance, if a member of the family has a heart condition, tell your child how to identify the symptoms of a heart attack, i.e. if the family member is experiencing discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or that goes away and comes back. It may feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain. Most heart attacks start slowly with mild pain or discomfort. Immediately call 9-1-1 so an ambulance can be sent.

It is important to post your 9-1-1 address. You should remove any old numbers from your house and mailbox. Always place your number on your house and both sides of the mailbox and make sure they're easy to see. If the number of your structure is not visible from the road and your mailbox is not next to your driveway, place a post with your number at the driveway's entrance. This will enable emergency responders to find you quickly.

Remember, it is OK to dial 9-1-1 even when you don't know exactly what the trouble is, but only think or believe something is wrong. **IF IN DOUBT, CALL 9-1-1** and tell them what is happening.

We hope you never have to utilize 9-1-1, but if you do, we hope the tips provided above are of some assistance to you.

*Emergency - Dial 9-1-1*

## CIVIL SERVICE

During the year 2010 civil deputies with this agency have served a record, 207 foreclosures. As reported in previous newsletters, foreclosures numbered 182 in both 2008 and 2009. A total of 2,207 civil papers were served for the year, up from 2,073 papers served last year.

Below is an important message from the Federal Trade Commission with regard to foreclosures.

Scammers are targeting people having trouble paying their mortgages. Some claim to be able to “rescue” homeowners from foreclosures, while others promise loan modifications – for a fee. The Federal Trade Commission, the nation’s consumer protection agency offers the following tips to help you avoid scams that could make your housing situation go from bad to worse.

**DON'T GET HIT BY A PITCH:** “We can stop your foreclosure!” “97% success rate!” “Guaranteed to save your home!” These kinds of claims are the tell-tale signs of a foreclosure rip-off. Steer clear of anyone who offers an easy out.

**DON'T PAY FOR A PROMISE:** Don't pay any business, organization, or person who promises to prevent foreclosure or get you a new mortgage. These so-called “foreclosure rescue companies” claim they can help save your home, but they're out to make a quick buck. Some may request hefty fees in advance—and then stop returning your calls. Others may string you along before disclosing their charges. **Cut off all dealings if someone insists on a fee.**

**SEND PAYMENTS DIRECTLY:** Some scammers offer to handle financial arrangements for you, but then just pocket your payment. Send your mortgage payments **ONLY** to your mortgage servicer.

**DON'T PAY FOR A SECOND OPINION:** Have you applied for a loan modification and been turned down? Never pay for a “second opinion”.

**IMITATIONS—FRUSTRATIONS:** Some con artists use names, phone numbers, and websites to make it look like they're part of the government. If you want to contact a government agency, type the web address directly into your browser and look up any address you aren't sure about. Use phone numbers listed on agency websites or in other reliable sources, like the blue pages in your phone directory. Don't click on links or open any attachments in unexpected emails.

**TALK TO A HUD—CERTIFIED COUNSELING AGENCY—FOR FREE.** If you're having trouble paying your mortgage or you've already gotten a delinquency notice, free help is a phone call away. Call 1-888-995-HOPE (4673) for free personalized advice from housing counseling agencies certified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This national hotline—open 24/7—is operated by the Homeownership Preservation Foundation, a non-profit member of the Hope Now Alliance of mortgage industry members and HUD-certified counseling agencies. For free guidance online, visit [www.hopenow.com](http://www.hopenow.com). For free information on the Presidents plan to help homeowners, visit [www.makinghomeaffordable.gov](http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov). Federal Trade Commission [ftc.gov/MoneyMatters](http://ftc.gov/MoneyMatters).

If you're looking for foreclosure prevention help, avoid any business that: Guarantees to stop the foreclosure process—no matter what your circumstances; instructs you not to contact your lender, lawyer, or credit or housing counselor; collects a fee before providing you with any services; accepts payment only by cashier's check or wire transfer; encourages you to lease your home so you can buy it back over time; tells you to transfer your property deed or title to it; offers to buy your house for cash at a fixed price that is not set by the housing market at the time of sale; offers to fill out paperwork for you or pressures you to sign paperwork you haven't had a chance to read thoroughly or that you don't understand.

***IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE PAYING YOUR MORTGAGE OR YOU HAVE GOTTEN A FORECLOSURE NOTICE, CONTACT YOUR LENDER IMMEDIATELY. You may be able to negotiate a new payment schedule. Lenders generally don't want to foreclose on your property—it costs them money.***



***LASTLY: Report fraud. If you think that you've been a victim of foreclosure fraud, contact the Federal Trade Commission or the State Attorney General.***

*Civil Deputies*  
Wendall Story  
John Ford  
Robert B. Keating  
Brenda Dakin, Civil Secretary

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## NEVA TALES



Neva has been busy since the writing of our last newsletter. On September 15 while responding to a domestic complaint, Neva was called upon to do a "walk through" after Detective Reed found a spoon with white residue on the inside and burn marks on the back side, which indicated the spoon had been used to heat up drugs into a liquid and then suctioned into a syringe and injected into the body. A field test conducted on the spoon showed positive results for cocaine. Neva "alerted" on a closet area in the bedroom. Detective Reed removed a brown wooden box in which he found 4 more spoons and 2 syringes. The spoons were in the same condition as the first one. Neva also alerted on a back pack where a syringe cap and some new syringes were found. Placed under arrest was Donald Chandler for possession of schedule W drugs.

On September 30 Deputy James Porter requested Neva's assistance in doing a currency "sniff". Deputy Porter had seized a sum of money early in the month after finding 17 individually wrapped baggies of marijuana and a small amount of white powder that tested positive for cocaine. Detective Reed placed the seized money on a chair in the conference room of the sheriff's office, placed some of his own money in another chair and placed an empty brown paper bag in another chair. He then instructed Neva to search for drugs. Neva did not alert on the chair holding Detective Reed's money or the chair with the paper bag on it. She did, however, "alert" on the chair containing the seized money.

Detective Reed and Deputy Ross observed a vehicle go by their parked cruiser and recognized the vehicle which the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency advised was possibly being used to transport cocaine from out of state. After the vehicle was stopped, Neva was walked around it and she alerted on the driver's side door handle. Neva then searched the interior of the vehicle and she immediately alerted on the middle console area. Detective Reed checked the area and found nothing. Neva also alerted on the back seat and the spare tire area of the trunk. Nothing was located after a search of these areas.

Neva also searched the residence after receiving information of an indoor marijuana grow and nothing was found except a couple of old marijuana stems and an old grow room.

Neva again conducted a search at the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center and nothing was found as a result of the search.

A search was conducted on the interior of a vehicle. Neva began her search with the interior of the vehicle. Neva showed a lot of interest in the back seat area of the vehicle as well as the rear floorboard. Detective Reed found nothing but a few marijuana seeds scattered around.

Searsport Sgt. Steve Saucier requested Neva's assistance to search a vehicle that he'd stopped on Route 141 in Belfast. Sgt. Saucier had information that the individual had injected himself with an unknown substance that he'd cooked in a spoon. Neva & Detective Reed searched the vehicle and nothing was found.

Neva was also asked to conduct a search at the Belfast Area High School. She searched a row of 15 lockers on the second floor and no drugs were found.

Neva is a trained and certified narcotics detection K-9, certified through the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to detect cocaine, marijuana, meth, heroin and hashish.

Detectives Reed and Curtis appeared with Neva at the Walker School in Liberty and spoke to the children about Neva and her specialties and how she worked. Detective Curtis set up some training aids so Neva could show off the skills she has learned while a member of the Waldo County Sheriff's Office. After Neva completed her demonstration, she set up for a "meet and greet" and to receive attention and her usual belly rubs and petting from the students. The Detectives passed out Christmas post cards as a memento of their visit.



Detective Merl Reed



Neva K-9



Detective Matt Curtis



Neva and Detectives Reed and Curtis arrive at the Walker School



Neva demonstrates how she "works the room" while doing



Neva gratefully accepts her pats and belly rubs from students @ the Walker School

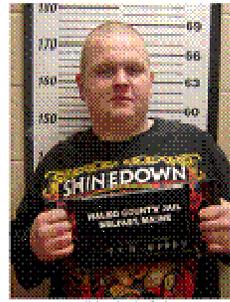
## AREA BURGLARIES

The Waldo County Sheriff's Office has been engaged in the investigation of a series of burglaries and thefts that have occurred during 2010 and 2011 in the Towns of Brooks, Jackson, Troy, Monroe and Knox. Detective Merl Reed has served as the primary investigator for this investigation. The burglaries included multiple residences and buildings where metal, chainsaws and various items, including firearms have been stolen. Some cases include the theft of metal, vehicles and the burglary of motor vehicles. The investigation revealed that a number of individuals associated with one another were suspected to be responsible for the series of burglaries and thefts. The following is a summary of the charges that have been brought to date. There have been arrest warrants issued on some charges and additional charges are expected via Grand Jury.

The Maine State Police, Maine Warden Service and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency have all assisted during the course of this investigation.



Patrick Bickford 22 year old from Brooks has been charged with 4 counts of burglary, 1 count of burglary of a motor vehicle and 7 counts of theft



Jonathan McCue 22 year old of Knox has been charged with 1 count of burglary and 1 count of theft.



Smith Bickford 48 year old from Brooks has been charged with 1 count of burglary of a Motor vehicle and 3 counts of theft



Zachary Milliken 24 year old from Dixmont has been charged with 1 count of burglary and 2 counts of theft

\*\*\*Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Billy Joe Hall, (pictured at right) please notify the Waldo County Sheriff's Office at 338-2040



Billy Joe Hall 24 year old from Brooks has arrest warrants issued for 1 count of burglary and 1 count of theft

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## WALDO COUNTY HISTORY

### Waldo County Incorporated 1827

*Belfast-1773 as a Town*

*Belfast-1827  
as County Seat*

*Belfast-1853 as a City*

*Belmont-1814*

*Brooks-1816*

*Burnham-1873*

*Frankfort-1789*

*Freedom-1794*

*Islesboro-1789*

*\*Jackson-1818*

*Knox-1819*

*Liberty-1827*

*Lincolnton-1802*

*Monroe-1822*

*Montville-1807*

*Morrill-1855*

*Northport-1796*

*Palermo-1801*

*Prospect-1794*

*Searsmont-1814*

*Searsport-1845*

*Stockton Springs-1857*

*Swanville-1818*

*Thorndike-1772*

*Troy-1812*

*Unity-1782*

*Waldo-1845*

*Winterport-1860*

**Jackson:** Jackson is situated in the northern part of Waldo County. The first settlement in this town was made in 1800 by Benjamin Cates, of Gorham, from whom Cates' Hill has its name. Joel Rich settled the next year on a hill which has since borne his name.

The town was a part of the Waldo Patent. General Henry Knox sold a few lots to settlers, then disposed of all that remained to Israel Thorndike, David Sears and William Prescott. Thorndike was a citizen of Boston, but, having a taste for agricultural pursuits, he cleared and cultivated a large farm near the center of the township which he stocked with horses, kine, sheep and poultry and set out an orchard, planting 500 apple trees. The farm was known as "Great Farm".

The plantation was organized in 1818, the 229th town and most likely named in honor of Henry Jackson, a soldier of the Revolution.

**Knox:** The Town of Knox was incorporated February 12, 1819, the 231st town, from Knox Plantation. It annexed land from Thorndike and Montville in 1831 and 1833 respectfully. The town was named for Revolutionary War General and Commander of Artillery, Henry Knox. It lies northwest of Belfast on Maine Route 137. The Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad passes through its northern tip.

**Liberty:** The town of Liberty is located 16 miles west, southwest of Belfast and was incorporated January 31, 1827. The first European (English) people moved into the

area in and around Liberty in the late 18th century. The first settlement was then known as Davistown Plantation, which was incorporated into neighboring Montville in the early 19th century. Mills in Liberty produced materials that were used in the shipbuilding industry that thrived in nearby coastal towns such as Waldoboro during the early 19th century.

In 1827 Liberty separated from Montville and was incorporated as a town.

**Lincolnton:** Lincolnton was incorporated on June 23, 1802, the 137th town, from Canaan and Ducktrap Plantations. The community was named for Enoch Lincoln, a Revolutionary War General, Maine Governor, and early proprietor in the area.

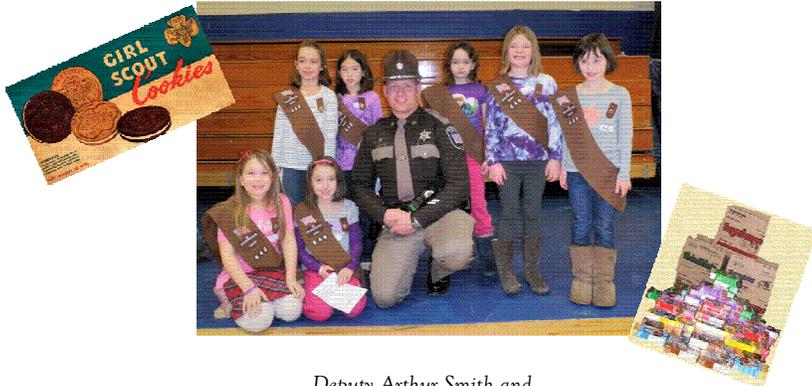
Lincolnton is located on U.S. Route 1 and Penobscot Bay and is the Maine State Ferry Service mainland terminal for the ferry to Islesboro three miles out in the middle of the Bay. Camden Hills State Park, with access to Mount Battie overlooking Camden Harbor, lies just south of the village on Route 1.

The Fernald's Neck Preserve, partially in Camden and managed by the Nature Conservancy, covers 315 acres of a peninsula jutting into Lake Megunticook. Densely covered with forest in many places, the area provides a refuge for many small and some large mammals. A wetland in the preserve's center supports many bog species such as sedges, blue flag iris, pitcher plant and rose begonia. Cliffs offer views from the western edge.



## DEPUTY APPEARANCES

Deputy Arthur Smith appeared at the Belfast Area High School to speak with a local Girl Scout Troop. He talked to them about street safety, one topic covered which side of the road to walk on, safety while selling door to door, how to get a police officer's attention and what to do if you hear a police siren. He also discussed with them how they could recognize a police officer. Deputy Smith answered questions, one of which concerned why police officers carry guns. At the conclusion of Deputy Smith's presentation, he was awarded two boxes of Girl Scout cookies which he generously elected to share with Deputy Moody.



*Deputy Arthur Smith and*

A real show stopper occurred at the retirement celebration of former Belfast Police Officer Howard Dakin when this agency's color guard marched into the room accompanied by a round of applause from the audience. The deputies stood at attention at the back of the room during the presentation in a show of respect for a fellow law enforcement officer. These deputies represented themselves and this agency in a professional and outstanding manner. Such behavior is expected of all the members of this agency and is demonstrated on a daily basis, in often times, trying situations. Members of the Waldo County Sheriff's Office color guard are Sgt. James Greeley, Deputies Nicholas Oettinger, Arthur Smith, Daniel Thompson and Christopher Ross. It was with a tremendous amount of pride that those members of the Waldo County Sheriff's Office who were in attendance at this celebration witnessed such a memorable moment.



*Sgt. James Greeley*



*Deputy Dan Thompson*



*Deputy Arthur Smith*



*Deputy Nicholas Oettinger*

*Deputy Christopher Ross  
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Stalking has become one of the most dreaded crimes against women in recent years. One woman in 12 will be stalked during her lifetime. Many women know their stalker personally, and as a result, are hesitant to believe the situation is potentially dangerous. Stalking is defined under Maine State Law as one person who repeatedly and knowingly engages in behaviors that cause another specific person to feel threatened, fear bodily injury or fear harm to an immediate family member. This can be either physical stalking or cyber stalking. Nearly 1.4 million people are stalked in the US each year and 80% of the victims are women. **Physical stalking** is following someone, appearing at a person's home or place of business, making harassing phone calls, leaving written messages or objects, or vandalizing one's property. **Cyber stalking** involves using the internet or other electronic means to harass which could include electronic monitoring such as spyware, bugging or video surveillance. Either type of action may or may not be accompanied by a credible threat of serious harm, both types can cause psychological damage and each has a potential of assault or even murder.

All states have anti-stalking laws. Maine's stalking law is found in **Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, section 210-1 Stalking**. 1. "A person is guilty of stalking if: A. The actor intentionally or knowingly engages in a course of conduct directed at or concerning a specific person that would cause a reasonable person: (1) To suffer serious inconvenience or emotional distress; (2) To fear bodily injury or to fear bodily injury to a close relation; (3) To fear death or to fear the death of a close relation; (4) To fear damage or destruction to or tampering with property; or (5) To fear injury to or the death of an animal owned by or in the possession and control of that specific person." In Maine, the first offense for stalking carries a sentence of 60 days with at least 48-hours in jail and a possible court-mandated abuser education program. A second offense or if there has been a violation of a restraining order, carries a sentence of at least 6 months in jail, with at least 14 days served and mandatory anti-abuse classes. Below are 10 signs that you are being stalked.

1. **Lurking around your workplace or neighborhood.** You may be continuously running into the same guy after work at various places.
2. **Being watched.** A stalker will follow you from a distance in an effort to gather personal information about you and those close to you.
3. **Repeated phone calls.** Multiple calls every day from a person you know only casually, hang-up calls or silent messages.
4. **Inappropriate gifts.** Receipt of flowers or candy to show a romantic interest. If their affections are not returned it may escalate the situation and the stalker will begin sending inappropriate gifts.
5. **Finding yourself in a position of needing to be rescued.** Many stalkers like the feeling of playing hero and may create situations that require you to be rescued. Such instances could be unexplained flat tires, running out of gas unexpectedly thereby enabling the stalker to "come to your rescue".
6. **Manipulation.** The stalker looks for interaction with their victims. Some forms of manipulation may include threats against themselves such a suicide or harming themselves or another person if you don't return their attention.
7. **Internet stalking.** The stalker will bombard their victim with instant messages, invitations to chat rooms or links to inappropriate web sites.
8. **Defamation of character or insults.** The stalker will often try to isolate their victim from family & friends and release character-damaging information regardless of whether it is true or not, in an effort to isolate their victim from those closest to her.
9. **Violence.** The stalker will use threats of violence to frighten their victims, or may vandalize a victim's car or burglarize the victim's home and then may contact you claiming to have been responsible for a crime against you.
10. **Cumulative unwanted contact of any kind.** There may be no particular incident that stands out in your mind as being dangerous, but when you look at the entire situation, what you see may alarm you.

Stalking is often times subtle yet pervasive. The stalker is counting on your feeling that his actions are ordinary signs of affection. If you find yourself experiencing any of these situations on a consistent basis, you may be the victim of a stalker.

If you are being stalked document all contact that the stalker has with you, save any messages, write down places and times of contact, secure the names of witnesses, **REPORT THE INCIDENT TO THE POLICE.**

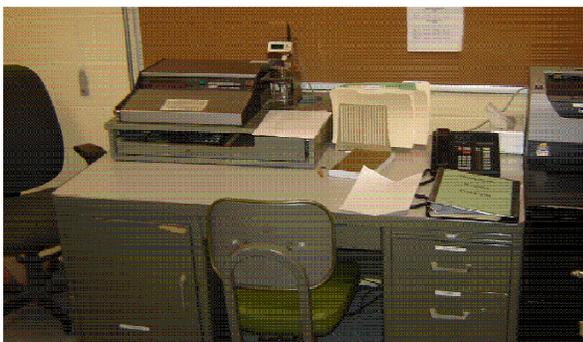
File a restraining order. This will begin a court record of stalking and it shows that efforts have been made to deter the stalker.

**DO NOT BE HESITANT TO PROTECT YOURSELF !  
STALKING IS NOT YOUR FAULT AND THERE ARE LAWS TO  
PROTECT YOU !!!**

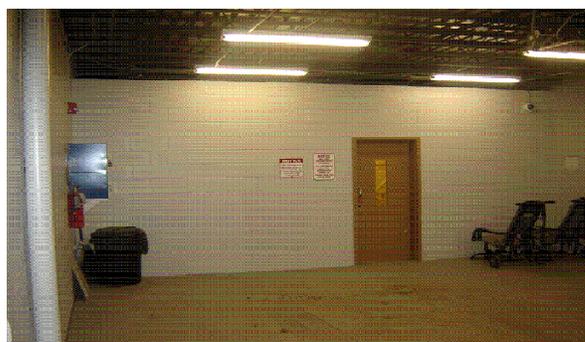
## CORRECTIONS DIVISION

Corrections Officer Matthew Hall was promoted to Corporal, filling the position vacated by Robert Cartier. Corporal Hall is working the over-night shift and Corporal Christopher Albert moved from the night shift to the day shift. To fill the void created when Bob Cartier left his position with the Correctional Center, Matt Hopkins was rehired. Matt was one of the corrections officers who was laid off in June of 2009 when the Waldo County Correctional facility underwent its mission change to the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center.

Renovations have been completed on a new intoxilyzer room. Formerly the intoxilyzer room was located in the Re-entry Center. With the change in mission, it became necessary to make adjustments in the location to better accommodate those who have a need to utilize the room while keeping residents and VOA members isolated from the individuals who have a need to be tested. This move also provided much needed space for VOA staffing needs. The new intoxilyzer room was moved to the large bay or receiving sally port. The sally port at this facility is a large secured garage through which prisoners are dropped off after an arrest and taken into the booking room for processing to be placed in a holding cell until bailed, if appropriate. Prisoners would also be loaded into a cruiser or transport vehicle to be taken to an alternate facility. The relocation of this room and its function has made the process simpler and more free flowing.



*New Intoxilyzer room*



*Sally port entering the booking area*

As part of our function as a 72 hour hold, it is necessary to transport those inmates who may be housed within the jail system for more than 72 hours to other facilities. Our transport division, consisting of a transport supervisor, Corporal Joshua Bowles and four part time transport officers are on the road daily, sometimes day and night, for the purpose of transporting these individuals safely to those facilities who help to accommodate the full service needs of our 72 hour holding facility. We are currently housing our prisoners at Two Bridges Regional Jail, Kennebec County Jail and Somerset County Jail.

From October 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011 our transport division transported 435 inmates, traveling 17,406 miles and devoted 951.5 staff hours to that task. Included in those transports were 3 transport for "blue papers" or involuntary committals and 39 transports due to housing constraints.

The Correctional facility will soon have a live scan to help streamline the taking and recording with the State of fingerprints. Currently, fingerprints are taken with an ink pad, with each finger of both hands making an impression of the inked finger on fingerprint cards. The live scan takes an electronic impression of an individual's fingerprints and will instantly submit the prints to State Bureau of Identification.

Corrections Officers together with VOA members are continually monitoring the activities of the residents as to drug and alcohol use and for unpermitted items they may have brought into their rooms. Since the writing of our last newsletter, because of various violations of a resident's contract with the Reentry Center, 5 residents have been sent back to the Maine State Prison to finish out their sentence. There is little tolerance for failing to follow the program rules. The residents have certain expectations which are being "tightened" by staff members. Expectations as far as room cleanliness is now posted on the resident's bedroom walls and others are found within the rule book which everyone is provided with when they're brought into the facility.

## MAINE COASTAL REGIONAL REENTRY CENTER

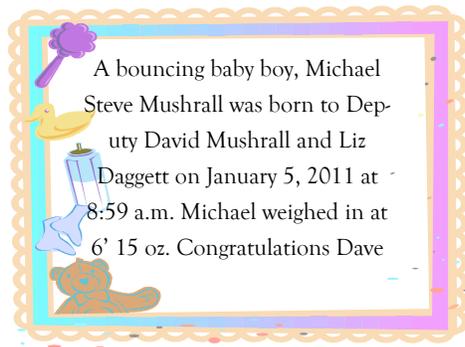
The Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center experienced the implementation of two cognitive-based programs that focused on family matters (inside/outside dads) and risk reduction (changing offender behavior.) Facilitating these groups will be Jeffrey Douglas, who was brought into the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center team back in October, 2010 to coordinate programming for the center.

Three residents successfully completed the program in January, 2011. One resident is enrolled full-time at the Eastern Maine Community College in a culinary arts program. One of these individuals is employed at Penobscot Home Performance. For active residents, the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center has three residents enrolled in a local GED program and three residents enrolled in secondary education.

Staff began monthly staff training in January. The theme for this month was a refresher on program mission and deconstructing the silo effect within the program by enhancing team work.

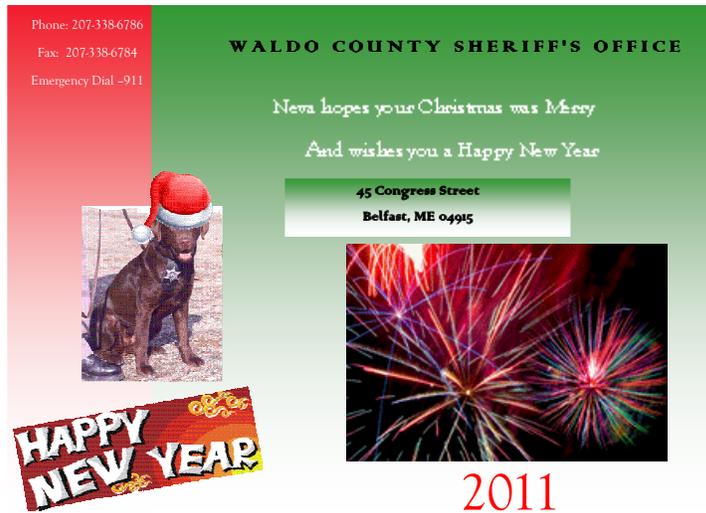


*"THE MAN WHO REMOVES A MOUNTAIN BEGINS BY CARRYING AWAY SMALL STONES"*



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*NOTE: As a way to keep our readers advised of upcoming events, safety updates and other details, the Waldo County Sheriff's Office has joined FACEBOOK. To keep updated, please pay us a visit.*

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