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Village of New Richmond Council

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held November 9, 2021 20

November 9, 2021

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor, at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ewing opened the meeting with everyone standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ewing asked for Roll Call of all Council with the following members present:

Vice Mayor Mary Allen – Yes	Larry Prues – Yes	Becky Ploucha – Yes
Richard Feldkamp – Yes	Gary Skeene - Yes	Melanie Slade - Yes

Present in Council Chambers:

Mayor Glenn Ewing

Administration: Administrator Greg Roberts, Clerk of Council Kathy Fuchs

Department Heads: Police Chief Mike Couch; Assistant Chief Tim Feldkamp – reporting for Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee

Absent: Solicitor Scott Sollmann – due to prior work commitment; Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee – due to a family emergency

Guests present (* Residents): *Ryan Woodruff, *Sophie Woodruff, * Woodruff, *Dennis Dalton, *Jen Dalton, *Tonja Simmons, *David Vornholt, *Charlie Spicker, *Donna Prues

COMMUNICATIONS

David Vornholt – Update on the Christmas Walk/ wagon ride - will be held December 4, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Everyone to meet at Plum Street at 2:00 p.m. with the parade starting at Front Street/ Sycamore Street. Mayor Ewing will judge the dogs dressed up as Santa look-a-likes. He will also judge the Christmas decorated houses in the Village. Everyone is welcome. Openings are still available for the parade. More details still to come.

MINUTES

(*M-1) Minutes of the November 9, 2021 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

M-1 Councilman Feldkamp motioned to approve as written the Minutes of the November 9, 2021 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilman Prues. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Slade: yes	Mr. Prues: yes	Ms. Ploucha: yes
Ms. Allen: yes	Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Feldkamp: yes

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel & Finance Committee Report from the meeting held Monday, 11-8-2021 as reported by Committee Chair Mary Allen:

November 9, 2021 Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting Summary
This provides a summary of the November 8, 2021 Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting.
The meeting started at 4:35 p.m. and ended at 5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Council Members: Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp, and Mary Allen, Committee Chair, Mayor Ewing, Police Chief, Mike Couch, Assistant EMS/Fire Chief Tim Feldkamp, Village Administrator, Greg Roberts, and Fiscal Officer, Lynn Baird.
Absent: EMS/Fire Chief Vince Bee, family illness and Police Sergeant, Jason Mallott
Guests: Clerk of Council, Kathy Fuchs, David Vornholt, New Richmond Business Association Chairman, employees: Leo Hurst, Ken Shearwood, Rob Painter, and Tom Welch and residents Ryan Woodruff, Dennis Dalton, and David Peters.

Discussion Topics:

- 1. There were discussions in the normal four broad areas: Finance, Village Administration, Police Department, and the Fire & EMS Department.
- 2. Before we had the updates from the Department Heads, there was discussion about bonuses for the employees. Lynn provided guidance on how we could use the American Rescue Plan money to reimburse the Village.
- 3. Extensive discussion followed to ensure everyone was aligned to decisions that had been made and were reflected in the spreadsheets. Mary was going to copy all the information into one master spreadsheet and send it out to all the Department Heads prior to the Council Meeting for any last-minute corrections or changes.
- 4. **(*M-2) Motion:** Motion to reimburse the Village of New Richmond \$57,976 from the American Rescue Funds for lost revenue in 2020.
- 5. **(*M-3) Motion:** Motion for Council to authorize bonuses for Village employees in the amount of \$46,625, as determined by the Department Heads, in an amount not to exceed \$1,600 per person, to be effective before December 31, 2021.

Finance Committee – Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer

- 1. We had a high-level discussion on the temporary Appropriations for 2022. Planned budget needs should be given to Lynn asap. This includes:
 - Any anticipated equipment or vehicle purchases, maintenance, repairs for 2022
 - Any expected grants or grant matches fore 2022
- 2. Lynn stated there will need to be appropriation changes:
 - The normal end of the year changes
 - A change for the anticipated bonuses
- 3. Councilwoman Allen reminded all Department Heads to be working on their recommendations related to staffing levels for each department and competitive wage information for all levels. She would like to have this work completed and available to Council by the end of December.

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4. The Committee has reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month of October.
5. (*M-4) Motion: Motion to pay the bills.

Police Department – Police Chief Mike Couch

1. Chief Couch had one personnel change.
 - (*M-5) Motion: Motion to hire Anthony Quine as a part-time officer at the rate of \$15.00 per hour effective November 9, 2021.
2. Chief Couch said we're waiting on the insurance company representing the person who hit the cruiser.

Fire/EMS Department – Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp standing in for Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee

1. There were no personnel changes.

Village Administration – Greg Roberts

1. Greg stated Andrew Gephardt, Zoning Administrator, had done a good job on the capital budget proposal that went to the Clermont County Port Authority for Liberty Landing. He encouraged letters of support be sent.

Comments from Guests: Leo asked if the employees were getting bonuses vs. a salary increase.

Submitted by Committee Chairwoman, Mary Allen, on November 9, 2021.

Items voted on at the 11-9-2021 Council meeting, as requested during the Personnel & Finance Committee report:

M-2 Councilwoman Allen motioned to reimburse the Village of New Richmond \$57,976 from the American Rescue Funds for the lost revenue in 2020; seconded by Councilman Skeene. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Slade: yes	Mr. Prues: yes	Ms. Ploucha: yes
Ms. Allen: yes	Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Feldkamp: yes

M-3 Councilwoman Allen motioned for Council to authorize bonuses for Village employees in the amount of \$46,625, as determined by the Department Heads, in an amount not to exceed \$1,600 per person, to be effective before December 31, 2021; seconded by Councilman Skeene. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Slade: yes	Mr. Prues: yes	Ms. Ploucha: yes
Ms. Allen: yes	Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Feldkamp: yes

M-4 Councilwoman Allen motioned to pay all bills for the month of October, 2021; seconded by Councilwoman Slade. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Slade: yes	Mr. Prues: yes	Ms. Ploucha: yes
Ms. Allen: yes	Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Feldkamp: yes

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M-5 Councilwoman Allen motioned to hire Anthony Quine as a Part-time Patrolman, at the starting rate of \$15.00 per hour, on a one-year probation, effective 11/09/2021; seconded by Councilman Skene. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Slade: yes	Mr. Prues: yes	Ms. Ploucha: yes
Ms. Allen: yes	Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Feldkamp: yes

NOTE by Clerk of Council Fuchs: The next payroll begins on Friday November 19, 2021

Safety, Laws & Rules Committee report from the meeting held Monday, 11-08-2021 as reported by Committee Chair Richard Feldkamp:

Present: Glenn Ewing, Gary Skeene, Mary Allen, Richard Feldkamp, Greg Roberts, Mike Couch, Tim Feldkamp, Kathy Fuchs. Guest: David Vornholt, Ryan Woodruff.

Greg Robert

1. Explained about some city planning reviews done on West Union, Adams County. He feels this plan can be modified to fit our needs. This mostly fits Safety, Laws & Rules related issues.
2. He then brought up problems on Susanna Way properties. There is a 150 page report obtained from the Communications Center on the Vornholt properties. We will be setting up a meeting with the police chief and sergeant to include the fire chief and assistant chief; myself and Greg Roberts will also attend.

Chief Couch

1. Talked about the property located at 781 Washington Street. It has open windows and doors and is very unsafe.
2. We talked about the gray and white house in the 200 block of Union Street. The second floor front door appears very unsafe.
3. He then talked about a lot of time spent with a 17 year old male with mental problems.

Tim Feldkamp

1. Will give us a copy of the monthly report tonight.
2. Tim talked about a meeting he attended reference to the river. He said it was a good meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm
Submitted by Chairman Richard Feldkamp.

No comments were made, and no motions requested after the 11-09-2021 Council meeting after the Safety, Laws, Rules Committee report:

Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee report from the meeting held Monday, 11-08-2021 as reported by Committee Chair Larry Prues

Attendees: Becky Ploucha, Larry Prues, Greg Roberts, Melanie Slade
Guests: David Vornholt, Ryan Woodruff
Meeting Commenced: 6:40 pm

New Business

1. KZF has presented preliminary concept drawings for Liberty Landing
2. Sidewalk Ordinance will be combined with other zoning modifications that are under consideration by the planning commission

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Meeting Adjourned at 7:10
Submitted by Chairman Larry Prues.

No comments were made, and no motions requested at the 11-09-2021 Council meeting after the Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee report:

Economic Development Committee meeting on hold until 2022.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Village Administrator Greg Roberts:

1. Zoning Ordinance: Planning Commission will be working on an update to the Zoning Ordinance to simplify and consolidate multiple associated Ordinance and regulation related to properties in the Village.
2. (*M-6) Upcoming Events: Village Christmas, 2-8 pm, Saturday December 4 – Street closure requests need specifics.
3. Safety, Laws and Rules: I sincerely apologize to anyone who may have taken offense to my demeanor when I presented the stack of incident reports from the County Call Center to the committee yesterday. It was requested that those reports be synopsized into a spread sheet to provide a clearer picture of the details. Attached to my report tonight are spread sheets delineating the details of these reports as requested. I submit them as part of my report and request that the clerk make them a part of the record of tonight's proceeding.

Administrator Roberts added:

1. *Zoning Ordinances – there are at least 10-12 Ordinances, Subdivision Regulations, Floodplain Regulations that could be consolidated. He has reviewed the Adam's County Zoning Ordinance and believes it is a much better usable document and would be a good model for the Planning Commission to adapt ours to.*
2. *Village Christmas Walk – A brief history of the popular New Richmond "Santa Paws" Parade.*
3. *Liberty Landing – He thanked Ryan Woodruff for sharing the Liberty Landing concept drawings on Facebook and was pleased to hear the positive responses. The Clermont County Port Authority will be reviewing the drawings as part of the submission to the next Ohio capital budget process for state funding. He encouraged residents to send their thoughts to Adam Bird, member of the House of Representative for District 66 and Terry Johnson, Ohio Senator for District 14.*

M-6 Councilman Feldkamp motioned to accept the road closures for the December 4th New Richmond Village Christmas Parade/ Santa Paws Parade: Plum Street at Front Street to Western Avenue; seconded by Councilman Prues. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Slade: yes	Mr. Prues: yes	Ms. Ploucha: yes
Ms. Allen: yes	Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Police Chief Mike Couch:

1. One of his officers was involved in an auto crash. He is waiting to hear if the cruiser will be considered totaled.
2. He submitted to Council the monthly statistics comparing 2020 and 2021.

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OCTOBER New Richmond Police Department statistics					
Enforcement	2021	2020	Highlights		
Total Crimes Reports	15	7	Felony Drug Arrests	1	pending
Total Arrests	14	7	Possession of Marijuana	1	citation
Misdemeanor Citations	1	1	Drug Paraphernalia	1	citation
Traffic - Stops/Citations	40/20	63/33	OVI	2	arrest
Warrants Served	5	4	DUS	1	citation
Total Calls for service	241	519	Thefts	2	arrest
Business Checks	15	98	Weapons under Disability	1	arrest
Residential Checks	13	116	Domestic Complaints	3	arrest
School Checks	6	28	Assault on a Police Officer	1	arrest
Assist Fire/EMS Units	14	11	Violation of a TPO	1	arrest
Investigate Complaints	52	46			
Theft	2	2			
Abandoned Vehicles	3	3			
Incident Reports	5	2			
Crash Reports	7	6			
Domestic Complaints	12	3			

Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp for Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee:

- 1. He thanked Council for voting to approve the Village employee bonuses.
- 2. He submitted to Council the monthly and year-to-date reports condensed below:

New Richmond Fire/EMS Department Statistics		
OCTOBER	Month	Y-T-D
Ohio Township (contracted)	4	32
Out of District (mutual aid)	5	70
Village of New Richmond	49	501
TOTALS	58	603
Fire	2	24
Rescue & Emergency Medical	46	494
Hazardous Condition (no fire)	1	11
Service Call	2	12
Good Intent Call	4	46
False Alarm/ False Call	2	10
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster	0	1
Special Incident	1	4
TOTAL	58	603

Mayor Glenn Ewing: Announced he has had recent testing and he is cancer free!
Solicitor, Scott Sollmann: absent due to prior work commitment
Clerk of Council, Kathy Fuchs: Nothing to report.

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LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

First Reading:

RESOLUTION 2021-20 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 208 SUSANNA WAY, a.k.a. PARCEL# 260909.235A, NEW RICHMOND, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO CAUSE REMOVAL OF SUCH LAWFUL CONDITIONS IF SAID OWNERS(S) FAILS TO DO SO WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF NOTICE

Second Reading:

RESOLUTION 2021-19 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND'S PARTICIPATION IN A PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WITH THE LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

Third Reading: Nothing to read.

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues – the “Old Old” Frischs’ has new occupants, *El Barril Mexican Sports & Grill*. Opening day to be announced.

Mary Allen – Nothing to report.

Becky Ploucha – Nothing to report.

Gary Skeene - Nothing to report.

Melanie Slade – Nothing to report.

Richard Feldkamp - Nothing to report.

Comments from audience/Visitors wishing to address Council:

No comments or questions from the audience.

M-7 Councilman Skeene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm; seconded by Councilwoman Slade. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Slade: yes

Mr. Prues: yes

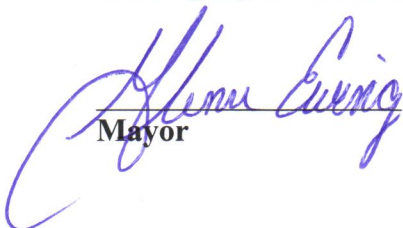
Ms. Ploucha: yes

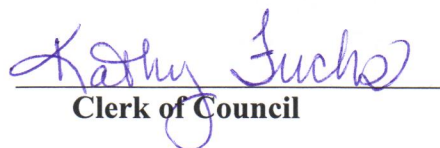
Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.


Mayor


Clerk of Council

208 Susanna Way - VACANT HOUSE						
1/1						
DATE	TIME	COMPLAINANT	INCIDENT TYPE	NRPD	PIERCE	CCSO
12/3/2018	23:17:44	Stepson	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - Stepfather physical with caller and his mother. Defendant fled the scene Complainant asked for no report. They will look into moving if defendant returns.	1	1	1
2/5/2019	21:12:15		WARRANT SERVICE - 2 transported to jail.	2		
2/7/2019	13:53:19		SEE - See Complainant	2		
2/12/2019	14:50:39		CIV - Civil attempt			1
6/13/2019	20:07:18	Chief 36 requested PD for unsecured door	Front door appeared to be kicked open. Checked inside. Appears to be someone staying inside. Owner made aware.	1		
10/29/2021	11:15:33		WARRANT SERVICE - None	1	1	
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310 Susanna Way - David Vornholt and B&B 1/1

DATE	TIME	COMPLAINANT	INCIDENT TYPE	NRPD	NREWS	PIERCE	CCSO
3/25/2019	13:49:29	7189 self dispatched. Complainant David Vornholt	REFERENCE TO STEAM BOAT	1			
4/5/2019	21:53:11	David Vornholt	RECK - Reckless Operation - Hot rods spinning tires and burning rubber per the caller. Going about 75 MPH through town	1			
6/18/2019	21:29:26	FEMALE	PSYCH- male		Non-Trans	2	
7/29/2019	13:00:21	David Vornholt	PROPERTY DAMAGE (HA (Handled)/WORK ON THE RIVERBANK) - inv for a bulldozer that's putting a hole in stones that ripping them up from the ground pat only.	1			
8/26/2019	10:48:36	Patient	SICK PERSON -	1	1		
3/11/2020	12:32:39		WARRANT SERVICE - Confirmation sent to Brown County.	3			
5/13/2020	17:03:37	Female	WELFARE CHECK -male- noone has seen him for six weeks. Contact made.	2			
6/5/2020	15:41:03	Female	HEAT/COLD - male	1	1		
7/19/2020	0:10:56	David Vornholt	DIS - Disturbance - Intoxicated subjects at Skippers screaming and cussing at him.	2			
7/19/2020	11:04:50	David Vornholt	THEFT - Debit card was taken from his vehicle overnight	1			
7/22/2020	9:25:17	David Vornholt	SEE - See Complainant - reference additional information	1			
7/24/2020	9:34:47	David Vornholt	SEE - See Complainant - Has more information on an open case				
7/28/20210	10:46:36	David Vornholt	SEE - See Complainant - reference to Dan Spencer mowing grass there.	1			
8/12/2020	1:39:55	Male	ALLERGIES - possible spider bite	1	TRANS		
10/2/2020	8:04:21		HOME - Home Visit - Probation			1	
10/2/2020	8:11:02		HOME - Home Visit - Probation			1	
11/4/2020	8:41:14		HOME - Home Visit - Probation			3	
1/2/2021	19:35:30	FEMALE	WELFARE CHECK - requested check on father.	1			
4/22/2021	17:14:24	FEMALE	WELFARE CHECK - requested check on father.	1			
6/13/2021	12:02:21	FEMALE	SICK PERSON - general weakness	1	TRANS		
8/13/2021	1:50:40	Campbell County	INFO - Campbell trx over open silent 911 line from cell nothing on the other end.				
10/27/2021	17:44:59	FEMALE	CHECK - Complainant with Sun Behavioral requesting an officer check on male making threats of suicide.	2			

DATE	TIME	COMPLAINANT	INCIDENT TYPE	NRPD	NREMS	PIERCE	CCSO	AMELIA
9/7/2018	23:28:45	FEMALE	SUSPICIOUS - two men walking next to the bed and breakfast and one male in a vehicle - unknown what they are doing but it seems suspicious.	2				
9/30/2018	3:57:40	PATIENT	ALLERGIES - male possible spider bites x 2 or 3	1	1			
10/3/2018	23:30:47	FEMALE	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE - Black Durango because people have been in and out of it. Warrant summoned.	2			1	1
11/29/2018	17:26	MALE	THEFT - Vintage bicycle stolen worth \$596.	1				
1/9/2019	10:54:35		CHECK	1				
1/27/2019	16:47:55		Theft - RP - Theft Report	1				
1/29/2019	17:09:52		WARRANT SERVICE - Transported	2				
1/29/2019	18:22:52	FEMALE	DRUG - AR - Arrest	1				
2/4/2019	14:47:07		SUSP Un - Suspicious Unfounded	1				
2/4/2019	15:09:10		TS - Traffic Stop - In custody	1				
2/7/2019	14:52:21		PAT - Patrol the area	2				
2/7/2019	20:41:02		TRESPASSING - Subject arrested earlier is possibly back.	1				
4/6/2019	18:24:28	PATIENT	SICK PERSON - Talking out of her head. Said she is not going to open the door for responders.	2	TRANS			
4/7/2019	16:07:14	FEMALE	HARASSMENT - Reference harassment from next door neighbor catcalling and screaming at resident..	1				
4/17/2019	13:13:08	David Vornholt	UTILITY - ha (handled)/water turned off at the street - Broken water main inside the basement. Complainant is not on scene.	1				
5/10/2019	15:03:41	MALE	CHECK - Complainant - An employee who just got hired yesterday started diving today for the complainant and has not returned the company vehicle and they cannot reach him. They are concerned for him and the company vehicle.	1				
5/26/2019	22:47:24	MALE	DOMESTIC - Between complainant and female, verbal only, female intoxicated, no weapons. Female ran from the house.	2				
6/6/2019	10:37:50		PAT - patrol the area - Parking Citation	1				
6/7/2019	12:07:08	David Vornholt	THEFT - Guest checked out and stole items	1				
8/4/2019	0:17:11	FEMALE	CHECK - Intoxicated female laying on the ground - laid down in front of the business.	2				
8/6/2019	22:21:46	FEMALE	SEE - See Complainant - Complainant advising a female is posting nude photos of her on line.	1				

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8/10/2019	1:34:42	FEMALE	DRUG - Advising she believes a male on a motor cycle here just did a drug deal.	1				
8/21/2019	21:08:01	FEMALE	DRUG - White car dealing drugs across the street from residence. Driver is tweaking					
9/13/2019	14:46:48	David Vornholt	PUBLIC SERVICE - requesting to speak to the Chief.	1				
11/21/2019	21:28:05	FEMALE	Verbal dispute between a patron and the maintenance man-unknown intox or weapons.	2				
11/22/2019	17:04:13	FEMALE	PAT - Patrol the Area - Male is driving a gold Ford Ranger around with a stolen stove in the back.	1				
12/16/2019	18:57:37		911 open line. Resident advised no one called 911	2		1		
2/7/2020	21:44		SUSPICIOUS - male on a bike in the middle of the road.	1		1		
4/7/2021	17:37:50	FEMALE	SEE - See Complainant - Male has turned the hot water off. Landlord refusing to stop this from happening. Maintenance shutting power off to things. Male thinks female called the police on him for probation violation.					
4/8/2020	7:55:50	FEMALE	SEE - See Complainant - See caller at the B&B reference information	1				
4/14/2020	12:20:46	FEMALE	SEE - See Complainant - Says it's important.	1				
5/29/2020	16:37:32	FEMALE	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE - Occupied red Taurus with faded paint, parked out front, possibly dealing drugs from the car.	1	2			
6/24/2020	8:47:52	FEMALE	HARASSMENT - Male lives in the bldg keeps coming into her office and yelling at her.	1				
11/7/2020	21:26:31	FEMALE	OVERDOSE - CPR	1	1	1		
5/6/2021	12:09:52	FEMALE	THEFT - Medication	1				
5/17/2021	14:24:57	FEMALE	THEFT of stimulus check from mailbox	1				
6/30/2021	20:37:29	REFUSED	WARANT SERVICE - Theft - female	1		1		
08/214/2021	7:35:20	FEMALE	SEE - Subject driving at a high rate of speed past her house and hitting/killing a duck.	1				
10/6/2021	14:05:14		WARANT SERVICE - Felony drug - Transported	2				
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