

Upper Quarter Patrol

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES CORP

MONTHLY REPORT – 13 April 2026

Key Performance Indicators

Key Performance Indicators	January	February	March	2026 Year to Date	2025 Monthly Average
Business Checks	316	187	301	804	518
Citizen Contacts	27	15	39	81	33
NOPD Assists	45	24	38	107	26
Subjects Moved	219	118	198	535	337
Medical (EMS Notified Rendered Aid)	3	2	4	9	7

Summary of Month Activities

3/5/2026

On March 5th, 2026, at approximately 9:40 AM, Deputies Loy Madrigal and Joseph Lodwick were on vehicle patrol in the 500 block of Canal Street. While patrolling the area, deputies observed a white male subject standing beside a trash can next to the streetcar waiting area who was urinating in public. Deputies approached the subject and made contact with him regarding the violation. The subject verbally identified himself as Brian Harmon, DOB 10/18/1977, and stated that he did not have any identification on him. Deputies began the process of verifying his identity through NOPD dispatch. During the middle of the identification process, the subject suddenly fled on foot from deputies toward the 100 block of Chartres Street. Deputies immediately pursued the subject on foot. The subject was eventually stopped and detained in the 500 block of Iberville Street. After being detained, the subject was advised of his Miranda Rights. Deputies then transported the subject to the 8th District Station for further processing and to verify his identity. A records check was conducted, and the subject identification came back clear with no active warrants. Deputy Madrigal issued the subject a municipal summons to appear in court on March 25, 2026, at 11:00 AM at New Orleans Municipal Court, 727 South Broad Street, for the following violations: 17271 MCS 54-254 relative to lewd conduct and 17271 MCS 54-449 relative to flight from an officer.

3/6/2026

On Friday, March 6th, 2026, at approximately 9:00 AM, Deputy Madrigal was on vehicle patrol in the area of French Market Place when he observed a white male subject sleeping on the sidewalk in front of 1 French Market Place. The subject had two wheelchairs positioned beside him, which were obstructing the public sidewalk and preventing pedestrians from passing through the area. Deputy Madrigal made contact with the subject, who was later identified as Eric Johanssen (DOB: 01/06/1982). The subject was advised of the violation regarding obstruction of a public passage. Deputy Madrigal issued the subject a municipal summons for 17271 MCS 54-401 – Obstruction of Public Passage. The subject was ordered to appear in Municipal Court located at 727 Broad Street on March 19, 2026, at 11:00 AM.

3/11/2026

On Thursday, March 11th, 2026, at approximately 9:45 AM, Deputies Madrigal and Lodwick were on vehicle patrol in the 700 block of Bienville Street. While patrolling the area, deputies observed two individuals lying on the sidewalk in front of 737 Bienville Street. The individuals were identified as John McCore (black male, DOB: 06/05/1963) and Cristy Rodrigue (black female, DOB: 07/20/1979). Both subjects were sleeping and positioned in a manner that obstructed the public sidewalk. Deputies observed that pedestrians were forced to deviate from their normal path of travel in order to pass around the subjects, causing a clear obstruction of public passage. Deputies made contact with both individuals and advised them of the violation. Both subjects were issued a municipal summons to appear in Municipal Court located at 727 South Broad Street on March 26, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Charges: 17271 MCS 54-401 – Obstruction of Public Passage.

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3/11/2026

On Thursday, March 11th, 2026, at approximately 10:30 AM, Deputies Madrigal and Lodwick were on vehicle patrol in the 1400 block of Decatur Street when they observed two individuals lying on the sidewalk. The individuals were later identified as Edward Ziniti (DOB: 03/03/1986) and Max Frederic (DOB: 03/11/1992), both white males. Deputies observed that both subjects were sleeping on the sidewalk along with multiple personal belongings placed around them. The positioning of their bodies and property completely obstructed the pedestrian pathway. Deputies further observed that pedestrians were forced to deviate from the sidewalk and walk around the obstruction into other areas to pass safely. Deputies made contact with both subjects and advised them of the violation. Both individuals were issued municipal summonses under Item Numbers C-11528-26 and C-11514-26 for violation of Municipal Ordinance 17271 MCS 54-401 – Obstruction of Public Passage. Both subjects were summoned to appear before Municipal Court located at 727 Broad Street on March 26, 2026, at 11:00 AM.

3/19/2026

On Thursday, March 19th, 2026, at approximately 7:50 AM, Deputies Madrigal and Lodwick were on vehicle patrol in the Jackson Square area, specifically in front of St. Louis Cathedral. During patrol, deputies observed a homeless encampment consisting of a makeshift tent occupied by two white females and two white males. Deputies approached the subjects and instructed them to dismantle and remove the makeshift tent and to clean the immediate area. The subjects were educated on applicable city ordinances and regulations regarding obstruction, sanitation, and unauthorized encampments. They were advised to refrain from setting up similar encampments in the area moving forward. The subjects complied with deputies' instructions at that time. While on scene, deputies also observed approximately five large boulders placed on the ground along with multiple broken bicycles contributing to clutter and obstruction in the area. Deputy Madrigal contacted IV Waste to respond and remove the items from the location. Additionally, deputies observed another homeless individual sleeping in front of the State Museum. Upon further observation, the subject was found to have defecated next to his immediate resting area, leaving visible human waste on the ground. Deputy Madrigal instructed the subject to clean up the waste and dispose of it properly in a nearby trash receptacle. The subject complied with the command and was advised that future violations of this nature would result in arrest. Deputies will continue to monitor the Jackson Square and surrounding areas during routine patrols to address ongoing issues related to encampments, sanitation, and public health concerns.

Summary of Month Activities

3/21/2026

This report is written to document the ongoing pattern of behavior exhibited by Eric Johanssen and to provide a clearer account of his repeated violations, condition, and impact on the community. Eric Johanssen is well known in the French Quarter area for repeatedly violating municipal ordinances on a daily basis. His behavior includes blocking sidewalks with his belongings, engaging in lewd conduct, urinating and defecating in public, often in plain view of pedestrians, tourists, and families with children. These actions have become a consistent issue in high-traffic areas and have negatively affected both public health and the overall safety and environment of the community.

In addition to these violations, Johanssen is involved in ongoing drug activity on a daily basis. He is frequently observed in possession of and using drug paraphernalia, and he openly associates with individuals who are also actively involved in illegal drug use. His substance abuse, particularly involving methamphetamine, appears to drive much of his behavior and contributes to his inability to follow laws, comply with court orders, or take advantage of assistance being offered to him. Johanssen has been issued multiple summonses in the past and has repeatedly failed to appear in court, including the most recent incident related to this report. His continued failure to comply shows a pattern of disregard for the legal process and undermines the authority of the court. Despite enforcement actions, significant efforts have been made to help Johanssen. Numerous resources have been utilized, including assistance from law enforcement, EMS, fire department personnel, medical staff, city outreach programs, and the health department. He has been offered help on multiple occasions, including medical treatment, housing options, and placement in facilities such as nursing homes where he could receive proper care. Johanssen has consistently refused these services and instead chooses to remain on the street in the French Quarter, where he stays with others who share similar drug addiction issues. Officers have personally counseled him many times about getting into a safer and more stable environment, but he has refused and continues to rely on drug use to get through the day.

On March 21st, 2026, at the time of his arrest, Johanssen was in the company of three other individuals who were also detained. Those individuals were either arrested on outstanding warrants or issued summonses for possession of drug paraphernalia. During this incident, a significant number of public safety resources were involved, including approximately twelve law enforcement officers from Louisiana State Police, Orleans Parish Sheriffs Office, and New Orleans Police Department, along with four EMS personnel and five members of the fire department. Based on repeated encounters and observations, it is clear that Johanssen is not able to properly care for himself while living on the street. His medical condition, combined with ongoing drug use and refusal of assistance, places him at risk and continues to create issues for the surrounding community. His actions, especially the repeated lewd conduct and public exposure, are particularly concerning given the number of families and children present in the area. Given the amount of resources already used, his repeated violations, and his consistent refusal to accept help, it is recommended that a more structured and supervised solution be considered. This may include placement in a facility where he can receive proper medical care and oversight, rather than allowing the current cycle to continue. This report has been submitted in the interest of both the subject's well-being and the safety and standards of the community.

Summary of Month Activities

3/21/2026

On Saturday, March 21st, 2026, at approximately 3:10 PM, Deputy Madrigal was on vehicle patrol in the 100 block of Bourbon Street when he observed a black female, later identified as Trimica Wise, displaying several small multi-colored live birds. The birds appeared to be used to entertain passing pedestrians. Deputy Madrigal made contact with the subject and asked if she had the proper permit to have the birds on Bourbon Street. The subject was unable to provide any permit. Due to the violation, Deputy Madrigal issued the subject a summons for Municipal Code 17271 MCS 18-7 (Wildlife or Exotic Animals on Bourbon Street). The subject was advised to appear in Municipal Court, Section 100, located at 727 Broad Street, on April 6, 2026, at 11:00 AM. The subject was released on summons without further incident.

3/27/2026

On Friday, March 27th, 2026, at approximately 9:00 AM, Sergeant Madrigal and Deputy Lodwick were on foot patrol in the 500 block of Royal Street when they were flagged down by an older male subject who identified himself as "Pops." The complainant stated that a female subject had pulled a firearm on him at the corner of Iberville Street and Bourbon Street. The suspect was described as a black female wearing blue jeans, a black shirt, carrying a clutch bag, and having a colored twig in her hair. The complainant was advised to proceed to the NOPD 8th District Station located at 334 Royal Street to file an official report. Deputies immediately canvassed the area. At approximately 9:45 AM, deputies observed a female subject at the corner of Iberville Street and Bourbon Street who matched the description provided. Deputy Lodwick took a photograph of the subject and presented it to the complainant, who positively identified her as the individual who had threatened him with a firearm. Sergeant Madrigal notified dispatch of the subject's location. Deputies then approached, apprehended, and detained the subject without incident. During a search of the subject's clutch bag, deputies recovered a semi-automatic handgun. The subject was transported to the NOPD 8th District Station and turned over to NOPD detectives for further investigation. Further investigation revealed the subject to be Jana Chantrice Wilson (DOB 06/30/1988). Wilson has prior law enforcement history, including a previous arrest under OPSO Item Number J-6359-25 (dated October 25, 2025) for trespassing and an active warrant for Theft of a Motor Vehicle (R.S. 14:67.26). During that prior incident, Wilson was also found in possession of multiple credit cards and identification belonging to another individual and was listed as a missing person at that time. This prior history was noted and relayed to NOPD detectives for investigative reference.

Municipal Arrests- 4

Summons- 8

State Arrests- 1

Fugitive Arrests- 1

Traffic Violations- 2

Vehicles Towed- 0

Transport Van March Transports- 12

EUQP Key Performance Indicators

Key Performance Indicators	January	February	March	2026 Year to Date	2025 Monthly Average
New Complaints	59	66	67	192	88
NOPD Assists	34	28	43	105	56
Medical	6	0	3	9	7
Traffic Violations	3	3	7	13	32
Municipal Arrests	1	1	1	3	1
State Arrests	1	0	0	1	1
Business Checks	73	51	95	219	41
Vehicles Towed	0	0	5	5	-

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3/27/2026

On March 27th, 2026, at approximately 9:50 PM, OPSO Deputy Conner Berthelot, along with Detectives Neil Madrigal, Gregory Joerger, and Sgt. Tyrone Jones of the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, were working the Upper Quarter Expansion Patrol and Bourbon Street Promenade detail when they responded to a call for service at 127 Royal Street, at the business Unique Grocery. Upon arrival, deputies observed a subject later identified as Marshawn Barnes (B/M, DOB: 12/09/1985) acting in a disorderly manner in front of the business. The subject appeared visibly intoxicated and was refusing to leave the premises after security personnel advised that he had been removed from the store and instructed him to vacate the location. Mr. Barnes continued yelling obscenities and refused to comply. OPSO personnel issued verbal commands ordering Mr. Barnes to leave the area or face immediate arrest for violations of the New Orleans Municipal Code, specifically Drunken Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace. Mr. Barnes failed to comply and proceeded toward the intersection of Royal Street and Canal Street, where he laid down in the roadway, obstructing both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. At that time, OPSO personnel detained Mr. Barnes without incident and placed him in the rear of an OPSO patrol unit. He was subsequently transported by OPSO transport personnel to the Orleans Parish Justice Center, located at 2800 Perdido St. Mr. Barnes was booked in accordance with the New Orleans Municipal Code for Public Drunkenness and Disturbing the Peace.

Bourbon Promenade

Key Performance Indicators

Key Performance Indicators	January	February	March	2026 Year to Date	2025 Monthly Average
Calls for Service	34	28	28	90	39
Individuals Moved	87	49	74	210	92
Summons	1	0	0	1	1
Traffic Violations	0	0	0	0	1
Municipal Arrests	2	1	1	4	2
State Arrests	2	1	1	4	1
Medical	6	3	4	13	6
Business Checks	55	31	59	145	-

Summary of Month Activities

3/25/2026

On Wednesday March 25th, 2026, OPSO Detective Charles Morgan and Deputy Ryan Paz assisted NOPD Promenade units with the apprehension of Ashley Lott b/f DOB 02/19/1987, who was wanted by the 8th District DIU Property Crimes for the following: 14:67 Theft, 14:70.4 Access device fraud, 14:67.16 Identity theft under item B-07987-26. After which Detective Morgan and Deputy Paz then assisted the same units in the execution of 2 search warrants, 1 on the subject's vehicle, a 2016 BMW X6, and one warrant for her hotel room at the Marriott in the 300 block of Baronne Street.