

Marvin NC Manager

From: Kim Vandenberg
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 5:45 PM
To: Marvin NC Manager
Cc: Austin Yow
Subject: Re: Crime Associated with The Preserve Trail and Wooded Walking Trails Behind Homes

Thank you

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To: Brandon Trull <Brandon.Trull@unioncountync.gov>; James Maye <James.Maye@unioncountync.gov>; Shawn Mayhew <Donald.Mayhew@unioncountync.gov>

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Lt. May/Det. Trull,

On 1/30/24, a resident reported findings to Village staff and Council in relation to trial safety that outlined ingress/egress of a recent B&E was gained by a walking trail. Several other residents around that same time frame offered the same findings to the Village as well. From those statements and allegations, the Village reached out to its assigned deputy Tommy Gallis to gather more information as Council wanted to properly assess safety issues on Village trails. Upon speaking with our deputy (after his analysis, he did not find it reasonable that in/egress was derived from the trail as the home in question was several houses back from the trail itself). While this was conflicting information from what had been reported, the Village Council was scheduled to discuss this item (and those stated below) at their 2/29 meeting in addition to other concerns (non-relevant to this matter).

On 2/13/24, a resident made the following statements during the public meeting (which was live stream and now recorded as official records of the Village, you can watch it yourself here: [2024-02-13 Village Council Regular Meeting \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2024-02-13_Village_Council_Regular_Meeting) Min 8:50):

In that statement, it was made clear that conversations were made with Detective Trull that substantiated the following as fact:

1. The 9/21/22 B&E (attached) ingress/egress was obtained by our public trail. It was stated Det. Trull was assigned to this case and is "open to anyone reaching out to him on this topic."
2. Crime is on the rise [along trails] and that 20 similar robberies since September 2022 (i.e., all were accessed by wooded trails behind the homes)
 - o Wooded trails are frequently used for other crime as well - especially drug deals and especially when connecting different neighborhoods.
 - o Crime has continued to increase over the last year even though there was an apprehension of one of the criminals in 2023. It was specifically stated that Det. Trull urged the resident/s not to take comfort in the apprehension - there continue to be new threats AND that Marvin is especially vulnerable due to the high home values and easy access.

3. Crime Prevention

- Trails through wooded areas are unnecessarily risky.
- Advertising these types of wooded trails to the broader community increases that risk further.
- Wooded trails that backup to people's backyards are the most risky and pose major privacy concerns as well as simply "making it easier" for criminals to gain protected access to private homes.
- Det. Trull shared that the resident is rightfully concerned about the safety of my home and my family if the Village of Marvin is planning to install and advertise a new wooded walking trail behind/adjacent to my home and other homeowners.

That said, we are looking for clarification on these statements. The Village Council does not take the safety of its residents lightly; they are seeking clarity to fully and accurately assess the wellbeing and public safety on public trails and any future installation of trails. In requesting attendance to the Village Council meeting on 2/29, the Village was seeking clarification on these statements to ascertain if they are factual statements as we have not directly heard this information from a public official; and allegation #1 as stated above is contradictory to what research we have done with our contract deputy. As there are no direct verbiage on the police report linking the trail to the actual crime, it appears investigative notes were publicly shared in which we have not had the opportunity to be privy to that information. If Detective Trull and/or Lt. Maye is unable to attend the meeting on 2/29, we respectfully request a statement in relation to the above claimed allegations so that Council can fully assess requests made to them by residents.

Respectfully,



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Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 11:49 AM

To: Marvin NC Manager <manager@marvinnc.gov>

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Good afternoon,

To whom this may concern, there has been a lot of information thrown around about the Sheriff's Office stance on whether more walking trails should be placed into the Marvin community. Any official statement shall be directed to Lt. Maye, who is the Union County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer, he can be reached at james.maye@unioncountync.gov. You may also contact Lt. Mayhew who is over contract Deputies assigned to the Town of Marvin, he can be reached at donald.mayhew@unioncountync.gov.

Thank you.

Brandon Trull

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