

# August 2011 Police Department Report

September 7, 2011 (Revised with Team Reports)

- Department Personnel
  - Reserve Police Officer Quyen Duong has completed her In House training and has begun her field training program.
- Commendations and Correspondence
  - A Kensington resident sent a nice thank you to Officer Stegman and Reserve Officer Turner for their assistance at a traffic accident scene. She was very appreciative of the officer's warmth and professionalism dealing with what was a very upsetting experience.
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
  - Department Investigation #10-001 was initiated on September 20<sup>th</sup> on an allegation that an officer posted an inappropriate screen saver on a District computer. The investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
  - Department Investigation #10-003 was initiated on November 11<sup>th</sup>, at the KPPCSD Board meeting, when Catherine de Neergaard made a formal complaint indicating, "That there is no fair, impartial, and reasonable police review procedure", after voicing her complaints regarding Chief Harman's policies and directions to the department were not being heard. This complaint was followed by an e-mail complaint received by Chief Harman on November 15<sup>th</sup>.  
  
At the August 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, The KPPCSD Board agreed to hire Labor Law Attorney Lee Ann Wallace to investigate the allegations. Ms. Wallace has been provided all documentation and has begun her investigation.
  - Department Investigation 2011-002 was initiated on June 5, 2011, on an allegation that an officer falsified an official police document. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
  - Department Investigation 2011-003 was initiated on June 10, 2011, on allegations that an officer caused a hostile work environment, insubordination, conduct violations, and discrimination. The internal

investigation was completed by Sergeant Hull on August 1<sup>st</sup>. A Skelly hearing has been scheduled for the first week in September.

- Department Investigation 2011-004 was initiated on July 5, 2011 on allegations that an officer violated department reporting procedures. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
- The Ring Time Report for August has not been received as of this report date.
- Communication Center Service Complaints
  - On Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, we received two complaints from residents indicating that they had called dispatch on the non-emergency line and did not receive a response. We contacted dispatch and confirmed that they were busy handling 911 calls and may have dropped non-emergency calls.
- Community Networking
  - On 08-01-11, Chief Harman, Officer Wilson, and Reserve Officer Turner attended a pre- National Night Out party on the unit block of Highland.
  - On 08-02-11, National Night Out was held and we had 15 parties scheduled. Chief Harman, Sergeants Hull and Hui, Detective Barrow, Officer Ramos, and Reserve Officers Colon, Turner, Chandler, and Foley all participated under the direction of Officer Doug Wilson. It was a great night and congratulations to Doug on organizing the biggest National Night Out yet. He has scheduled 3 other post- National Night Out parties for later in the month.
  - On 08-08-11, Officer Wilson attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting. The next meeting of the KPSC is scheduled for Monday, 09-12-11, at 6:30 PM in Room 3 of the Community Center.
  - On 08-10-11, Chief Harman attended the LAFCO meeting in Martinez, in which the County's Police Municipal Services Review draft was discussed.
  - On 08-15-11, Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia, along with the Kensington Police Department, hosted a community meeting to discuss traffic issues in Kensington. The meeting was well attended

and KPD was represented by Chief Harman, Traffic Officer Ramos, Sergeants Hull and Hui, and Officer Wilson.

- On 08-22-11, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting.
- On 08-23-11, on the first day of school, Sergeant Hull, Officers Wilson, Ramos, Barrow, and Reserve Officer Turner assisted confused parents get their children safely to school. The next three days we had an additional officer assigned to traffic enforcement to insure all the parents remembered the rules we taught them on Tuesday.
- Community Criminal Activity
  - This section of the Watch Commander's Reports are prepared by Sergeant Hull for Team One, Acting Sergeant Hui for Team 2, and Detective Barrow.
- Watch Commander Reports
- **Sergeant Hull**  
(1400-0200)

#### TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Wilson (K38) (0600-1800)	Stegman (K32) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	16	16
Traffic Stops	27	39
Moving Citations	15	11
Parking Citations	6	7
Vacation/Security Checks	84	103
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	4	1
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	50	59

#### BRIEFING/TRAINING:

Reviewed Contra Costa County Identity Theft Council  
Reviewed Judicial Council of Ca. Criminal Jury Instructions  
Reviewed Alameda County DA Criminal Investigation Manual  
Miranda Advisement  
Reviewed Landlord Tenant Dispute

Reviewed Criminal Elements of Domestic Violence  
KPD Policy 100 – Law Enforcement Authority  
KPD Policy 203 – Orders by Supervisors  
KPD Policy 204 – Departmental Directive  
KPD Policy 364 – Private Person’s Arrest  
KPD Policy 374 – DNA Collection  
KPD Policy 510 – Vehicle Towing Policy  
KPD Policy 514 – Drunk Driving and Evidence Collection

**SERGEANT’S SUMMARY:**

I would like to commend Officers Stegman, Wilson, and Martinez in their efforts as Field Training Officers and the job they have done training Reserve Colon, Reserve Turner, and Reserve Armanino. Reserve Colon has completed his mandated training hours and no longer has to ride inside the vehicle with a Field Training Officer.

I would like to recognize the service the reserve officers provide to the District as they continue to find full time work to start their law enforcement careers.

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

2011-5071 – Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to a report of a person in need of medical assistance.  
2011-5073 – Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 200 block of Purdue Ave. to a report of a person in need of medical assistance.  
2011-5090 – Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 300 block of Colusa Ave. to an on-going neighbor dispute.  
2011-5226 – Officer Wilson responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. for an outside assist to El Cerrito PD as a road rage incident resulted in a pedestrian getting ran over by a vehicle.  
2011-5200 – Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the 300 block of Colusa Ave to a report of a vehicle accident.  
2011-5237 – Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 200 block of Kenyon Ave. to a report of a Hit & Run Accident.  
2011-5367 – Officer Wilson and Reserve Douny responded to the unit block of Anson Wy. to a report of mail theft.  
2011-5504 – Officer Wilson and Reserve Armanino responded to the 400 block of Beloit Ave. to a report of petty theft.  
2011-5535 – Officer Wilson and Reserve Armanino responded to the 100 block of Purdue Ave. to a report of petty theft.  
2011-5580 – Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Arlmont Dr. to a report of grand theft.  
2011-5720 – Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the unit block of Kensington Ct. and towed a vehicle.  
2011-5742 – Sgt. Hull, Detective Barrow, Officer Wilson, and Reserve Armanino

responded to the 200 block of Stanford Ave. to a report of a missing juvenile. 2011-5762 – Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. because a resident wanted an unwanted guest barred from a residential property.

•• **Acting Sergeant Hui**

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

A.S. Hui (K42)  
(1400-0200)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Ramos (K41) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	14	14
Traffic Stops	48	24
Moving Citations	31	12
Parking Citations	6	1
Vacation/Security Checks	41	132
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	5	1
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	53	21

Officer Ramos took 12 hours of sick leave.

Officer Martinez took 12 hours of vacation.

Acting Sergeant Hui attended records management software training.

Acting Sergeant Hui recovered 20 hours of comp time.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed sections of “Verbal Judo” by George Thompson

SERGEANT’S SUMMARY:

This past month, Supervisor Gioia and the KPPCSD hosted a community meeting to address current traffic concerns within Kensington. Several areas of concern were discussed at this meeting. Traffic issues have been, and continue to be, an important area of concern for many residents. As the Kensington Police Department moves towards zero-tolerance traffic enforcement, I urge residents to abide by all traffic laws while driving about town. The Kensington Hilltop Elementary School is also back in session, so please be aware of increased pedestrian traffic in the mornings and afternoons.

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-5127 – On 8/4/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 600 blk of Parkside Ct on a report of a fraud.
- 2011-5153 – On 8/5/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the 100 blk of Kensington Ct on a report of an identity theft.
- 2011-5278– On 8/11/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 300 blk of Coventry Rd on a report of a stolen license plate.
- 2011-5407 – On 8/17/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the 700 blk of Coventry Rd on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-5639 – On 8/26/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 500 blk of Yale Ave on a report of an identity theft.
- 2011-5657 – On 8/27/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Highgate Rd on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-5688 – On 8/28/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Cambridge Ave on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-5775 – On 8/31/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 blk of Colusa Ave on a report of a grand theft.

#### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

- 32 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
- 27 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
- 9 moving citations were issued on Franciscan Way.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Kenyon Ave.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Highland Ave.

#### •• **Detective Keith Barrow**

#### **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

2011-5504, 5580 Petty Theft

On Sunday August, 21 & 23, 2011, Officers took two reports of catalytic converters being stolen from vehicles on Purdue Avenue and Arlmont Road. These cases are under investigation.

2011-4023 Hit and Run

On 06-20-11, Officer Wilson responded to a hit and run vehicle accident on Amherst Avenue. The victim's vehicle was parked along the west curb line and the suspect failed to leave a note or make any attempt to contact the owner. Officer Wilson's investigation yielded a suspect vehicle. I contacted the owner and this case is closed. **I will be submitting this case to the Contra Costa DA for prosecution.**

## **KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:**

### **2011-4980 Hit and Run**

On Tuesday, July 28, 2011, officers responded to a hit and run vehicle accident in the 300 block of Colusa Avenue. Through a good initial investigation by KPD Officer Ramos, I was able to contact the suspect in Berkeley. **This case is closed and will be submitted to the Contra Costa DA for prosecution.**

### **2011-4621 Theft from a vehicle and unauthorized use of credit cards.**

On Thursday, July 14, 2011, a purse was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 00 block of Highgate Road. Two suspects were seen driving a late 2000 four door Nissan Altima and were using the victim's credit cards at numerous locations along San Pablo Avenue. The first suspect was described as a white or Hispanic female adult, 5'5" to 5'7" tall, and 130 to 150 lbs. with dark brown hair. The second suspect was a white or Hispanic male adult, 5'11" to 6'01", thin build, with dark hair. The female was seen driving and the male was seated in the front passenger seat. The suspects may have been involved in other recent thefts within Kensington. If you see the suspects or have any information concerning this case please telephone Detective Barrow at (510)526-4141 or call police dispatch at (510)236-0474.

### **2011-2194, 2706 Residential Burglary**

On May 20, 2011, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department arrested two suspects for residential burglaries committed in their jurisdiction. We were able to link the suspects to **two residential burglaries** committed on Highland Blvd and Highgate Road. It is believed that these suspects have been involved in numerous other residential burglaries throughout the bay area. **This case has been submitted to the Contra Costa DA for prosecution.**

### **2011-1618 Homicide.**

**On 03-12-11, KPD Officers were dispatched to a possible dead body in the 00 block of Arlington Avenue. The individual was pronounced dead at the scene. This case is being investigated as a homicide.**

### **2010-5319 and 5351 Arson**

**On 10-16-10 and 10-17-10, Kensington Police Officers responded to fires at 59 Arlington Avenue, the Kensington Park building E. The fires were determined to be arsons. These cases are under investigation.**

## **KPD INVESTIGATIONS**

- Made several court runs for filling cases, and retrieve court notifications.
- Updated the KPD residential burglary log.

- Updated the KPD stolen vehicle log.
- I'm currently assigned one day per week as a Field Training Officer.

### **WEST-NET ASSIGNMENT:**

I am currently assigned to the West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team (West-NET) one day per week.

While on this assignment I work with other West Contra Costa County law enforcement Officers and agencies. I participate and aid in the service of search warrants, surveillance and on going narcotics investigations.

In the month of August West-NET agents conducted over 13 search warrants, arrested numerous suspects. Agents seized over 50 lbs. of methamphetamines, over 550 marijuana plants, and 15 lbs. of marijuana processed and packaged for sale. We also seized over 15 firearms.

### **INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY:**

In the month of August the District of Kensington sustained 1 identity theft, 1 non-injury vehicle accident and 1 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident, 0 Injury Hit and Run Accident, 0 Injury Accidents, 0 Residential Burglary, 0 Attempted Residential Burglaries, 0 Commercial Burglary, 1 Auto Burglary, 0 Thefts from unlocked vehicles, 0 Stolen Vehicle, 5 Petty Thefts, 0 Vandalisms, 0 Embezzlement, 0 Elder Abuse, 1 Fraud, 0 Forgery, 0 Attempted Grand Thefts and 5 Grand Thefts.

#### **•• Chief Harman**

I believe the month of August provides some of the best examples of our department's dedication to community policing.

National Night Out was a huge success, with 19 community parties and 10 members of our department participating. Not only did neighbors have the opportunity to meet with each other, they also had an opportunity to meet and speak with our officers to discuss their concerns.

The John Gioia community meeting, attended by several members of the department, was another opportunity for the community to meet with both county and KPD representatives to discuss their concerns regarding traffic issues in Kensington.

On 08-23-11, the first day of school, Sergeant Hull, Officers Wilson, Ramos, Barrow, and Reserve Officer Turner assisted confused parents get their children safely to school. The next three days we had an additional officer assigned to traffic enforcement to insure all the parents remembered the rules we taught



them on Tuesday. On 08-31-11, I spoke with Principle Judy Sanders who indicated that all of the parents she spoke with complimented the additional traffic enforcement opening the school year.

Finally, we announced the first Kensington Police Department Citizen's Academy will begin October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Citizen's Academy will give residents the opportunity to learn and train in several law enforcement topics, taught by members of the department.

We will continue our increased traffic enforcement duties, vacation checks, key program, senior program, and foot patrols in the community. We will also continue our commitment to work with the community to provide excellent police services.