

November 2012 Police Department Report

December 4, 2012

- Department Personnel
 - We are currently staffed at 9 sworn positions and we currently have two reserve officers.

Stephanie Wilkens is currently attending the Napa Police Academy and is expected to graduate December 8th. On Monday, December 10th, Police Trainee Wilkens will begin a two weeks of In House Training while her background process is completed. She is expected to begin her Field Training on Sunday, December 23rd.
- Commendations and Correspondence
 - Chief Harman and the rest of the KPD staff received a thank you card from our first Intern, Kristen Noe.
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
 - Citizen's Investigation 2012-001 was initiated on January 8th, 2012, on an allegation that an officer used racial profiling in issuing a traffic citation. This investigation has been completed by Sergeant Hull with the findings of (3) Unfounded and Not Sustained.
 - Department Investigation 2012-002 was initiated on May 14th, 2012, on an allegation that an officer was insubordinate. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
 - Citizen's Investigation 2012-003 was initiated on June 28th, 2012, on an allegation that 3 officers were rude during a traffic stop. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hui.
 - Citizen's Investigation 2012-004 was initiated on June 29th, 2012, on an allegation that an officer used racial profiling in making a traffic stop. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
 - The Ring Time Report for October had 37 total 911 calls with no calls with a ring time over 20 seconds. The average ring time for

911 calls in October was 5 seconds.

- The Ring Time Report for November had 38 total 911 calls with three having ring times over 20 seconds.

The first occurred on 11/08/12, at 4:04 PM with a ring time of 39 seconds. The call was for a vehicle blocking a driveway on Ocean View.

The second occurred on 11/09/12 at 4:02 PM with a ring time of 22 seconds and no police call for service generated.

The third occurred on 11/16/12 at 11:21 AM with a ring time of 34 seconds and no police call for service generated.

The average ring time for the month of November was 8 seconds.

- Community Networking

- On 11-01-12, Chief Harman, Director Chuck Toombs, Director Tony Lloyd, and Director Linda Lipscomb attended the Arlington Street Light meeting sponsored by County Supervisor John Gioia.
- On 11-05-12, Chief Harman attended the KCC meeting.
- On 11-12-12, Officer Ramos attended a meeting with County Animal Control regarding dangerous dogs in the Purdue area.
- On 11-15-12, Chief Harman and Director Chuck Toombs attended the Colusa Circle Traffic meeting sponsored by Kensington resident Rodney Paul.
- On 11-20-12, Chief Harman and Director Chuck Toombs attended the Colusa Circle Traffic meeting sponsored by County Supervisor John Gioia held at the 4 Cats Studio.
- On 11-26-12, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting.
- On 11-28-12, Chief Harman, Sergeant Barrow, and Officer Ramos attended the Arlington/ Rincon Parking meeting sponsored by the Arlington Church with representation by County Public Works.

- Community Criminal Activity

- This section of the Watch Commander's Reports are prepared by Sergeant Hui for Team One, Sergeant Barrow for Team Two, and

Detective Stegman.

- Watch Commander Reports

- **Sergeant Barrow**

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Ramos (K41) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	14	14
Traffic Stops	9	19
Moving Citations	4	13
Parking Citations	6	1
Vacation/Security Checks	29	54
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	10	1
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	56	21

- BRIEFING/TRAINING:
 - Reviewed Supplemental Traffic Enforcement Hot Sheet
 - Reviewed KPD Policy #212 – Electronic Mail
 - Reviewed KPD Policy #214 – Administrative Communications
 - Reviewed KPD Policy #220 – Retired Officer CCW Endorsements
 - Reviewed KPD Policy #336 – Victim and Witness Assistance
 - Reviewed KPD Policy #458– Foot Pursuit Policy
 - Reviewed KPD Policy #464 – Homeless Persons
 - Reviewed KPD Policy #514 – Impaired Driving and Evidence Collection
 - Reviewed KPD Policy #516 – Traffic Citations
 - Reviewed KPD Policy #520 – Disabled Vehicles
 - Reviewed definitions of crosswalks
 - Reviewed Types of Speed Limits
 - Reviewed Death Scene Checklist
 - Reviewed Coroner’s Checklist
 - Reviewed Landlord and Tenant Dispute issues
 - Reviewed Jury Instructions pertaining to Trespassing
 - Reviewed arrests and warrant arrests
 - Training on Biased Based Traffic Enforcement
 - Reviewed use of Pitchess Motions
 - Reviewed California Penal Code 646.9 - Stalking
 - Reviewed DMV Update: New Validated Registration Cards
 - Reviewed California Victim Compensation Program

SERGEANT'S REVIEW:

- Reviewed CCC Sexual Assault Response Team Protocols

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

During the last several months we have experienced a rise in vehicle thefts and thefts from unlocked from vehicles. A great number of these thefts have occurred in the south eastern portion of Kensington. Several of the vehicles have been recovered in Oakland. I would ask everyone to please lock your vehicles and do not leave personal items, cell phones, iPods, laptops, house keys, car keys and or backpacks within the passenger compartment of your vehicle. If you see or hear anything suspicious please call the police and we will check it out. You know your street or area of the district and what is out of the ordinary. Let's make it a safe and happy holiday season for everyone.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2012-6958– On 10-06-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 400 block of Beloit Avenue for a reported stolen terra cotta colored planter from the front yard area.
- 2012-7299 – On 10-27-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 100 block of Purdue Avenue for a reported theft from an unlocked vehicle.
- 2012-7032 – On 10-11-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 300 block of Coventry Road for a reported dispute between family members, upon further investigation it was determined that criminal threats had been made and this case will be sent to the CC County DA's office for review.
- 2012-7033 – On 10-11-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 400 block of Beloit Avenue for a reported theft from an unlocked vehicle.
- 2012-7052 – On 10-12-2012, Officer Wilson responded to the 00 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported non-injury hit and run vehicle collision with a parked car.
- 2012-7077 – On 10-14-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Yale Avenue for a reported theft from an unlocked vehicle.
- 2012-7298 – On 10-27-2012, Officer Ramos took a reported theft on the 600 block of Wellesley Avenue. A resident reported their bicycle was stolen from in front of their home.
- 2012-7299 – On 10-27-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 100 block of Purdue Avenue for a reported theft from an unlocked vehicle.
- 2012-7300 – On 10-27-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 300 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported non-injury hit and run vehicle collision with a parked car.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

17 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
20 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
3 moving citation was issued on Sunset Road.
2 moving citations were issued on Oak view Ave.
1 moving citation was issued on Kenyon Ave.
2 moving citations were issued on Amherst Ave
1 moving citation were issued on Arlmont Ave
1 moving citation were issued on Cowper Ave

•• **Sergeant Hui**

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Sergeant Hui (K42)
(1600-0400)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Turner (K46) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	14	16
Traffic Stops	16	29
Moving Citations	11	8
Parking Citations	9	4
Vacation/Security Checks	36	58
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	7	3
Arrests	0	2
Calls for Service	58	43

Officer Martinez took 12 hours of vacation time.
Sergeant Hui recovered 18 hours of comp time.

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- Reviewed CCC Sexual Assault Response Team Protocols
- Reviewed factors surrounding Law Enforcement Incident Fatalities

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Every year after Thanksgiving we enter the holiday shopping frenzy. Most residents will inevitably purchase items from local stores as well as purchase items from online or mail order stores. An indirect outcome of these increased purchases are the thefts of these items. Every year during this holiday period, we see increases in theft of packages from in front of residences and thefts of goods from within vehicles. I previously discussed ways in which we can reduce the likelihood of having packages stolen from your door step. These tips included the following:

1. Try and time your purchases so that they will be delivered on a day that you are likely to be home. Many times, online vendors will have shipping calculators that will estimate your delivery date. If at all possible, try to time your purchases on a day where your package won't be left on your doorstep for an extended period of time. Some vendors will also offer the option to require a signature on delivery. This requires that a person at your residence signs for the package. Just make sure that someone will be home to sign for the package because shipping companies will not leave a package without a signature.
2. Have the package held for delivery at the nearest shipping station. Many online vendors will email you with a ship confirmation and tracking number. If you track your package and you find out that you won't be home to receive the package, many shippers (FedEx and UPS, for example) have the option to hold your package at their delivery sub-station for pickup. Make sure you check where the

nearest pickup location is and what times you can stop by to pick up your package first. This ensures that you will receive your package.

3. See if a neighbor or friend is available to pick up your package. If you are out of town or won't be home until late, then try and have a neighbor or nearby friend that can stop by and grab your package for you.

If you go out shopping, please make sure to bring your purchases into your home as soon as you can. Shopping bags left in your vehicle that are full of newly purchased items make your vehicle very enticing to a would be thief.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- o 2012-6896 – On 11/2/2012, Officer Turner initiated a traffic stop near Arlington Ave at Thousand Oaks Blvd that resulted in a misdemeanor citation for possession of false registration tabs on the vehicle.
- o 2012-6968– On 11/7/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Sunset Dr on a report of an auto burglary.
- o 2012-7002– On 11/9/2012, Officer Turner initiated a traffic stop on the 300 blk of Arlington Ave and arrested the driver for DUI.
- o 2012-7015 – On 11/10/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of a vandalism.
- o 2012-7013 – On 11/10/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 500 blk of Coventry Rd on a report of a fraud.
- o 2012-7094 – On 11/15/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Trinity Ave on a report of a residential burglary.
- o 2012-7096 – On 11/15/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Edgcroft Dr on a report of a theft from a vehicle.
- o 2012-7098 – On 11/15/2012, Officer Turner responded to the unit blk of Lennox Dr on a report of a theft from a vehicle.
- o 2012-7339 – On 11/29/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 400 blk of Beloit Ave on a report of a mail theft.
- o 2012-7356 – On 11/30/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Cambridge Ave on a report a tampering with a vehicle.

Reserve Officer:	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	4
Traffic Stops	24
Moving Citations	7
Parking Citations	0
Vacation/Security	14
Checks	
FI-Field Interview	0
Cases	0
Arrests	0
Calls for Service	7

•• **Detective Eric Stegman**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

12-7263 Death/ Coroner's Case

On 11/24/12, KPD and ECFD responded to the scene of a death of an elderly woman. Neither KPD nor ECFD personnel identified any suspicious circumstances surrounding the woman's death while on scene. Mildly estranged family members from the other side of the country began contacting me and making allegations about the manner in which their sibling in Kensington had managed their mother's affairs, the quality of the care she was receiving, and the validity of their mother's newest will. Allegations of foul play were also included. At the conclusion of my multi- day investigation, I was able determine the woman's death was consistent with her declining health and the accusations being made were based entirely on misinformation and hearsay, and none of those making the allegations were able to provide me with any testimony, evidence, or personal knowledge that would support their claims.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

12-5354 Murder

On 8/13/12 at approximately 1145 hours, Officer Ramos responded to a welfare check for a potential fall victim (James Durkin). Shortly after his arrival Officer Ramos requested I respond to the scene. Due to the initial circumstances I began investigating the case as a homicide. During the investigation it was revealed the victim had been stabbed in the chest with a serrated kitchen knife. Later in the investigation, the suspect (Diane Sydenham), was identified. Early on 8/14/12, Sydenham was arrested for the Murder of James Durkin. On 8/16/12 the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office formally charged Sydenham with Murder and she was arraigned.

On 8/30/12 a judge granted an increase in Sydenham's Bail from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. On 9/20/12 Sydenham entered a not guilty plea. The date of the preliminary hearing is TBD.

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.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS

- Made court runs for filling cases, and retrieve court notifications.
- Updated the KPD Case Review Log
- Updated the stolen property log.
- Reviewed the “Trak Flyer” messages and maintained the flyer board.
- I’m currently assigned one day per week as a Field Training Officer.
- I assisted WESTNET on 11/29/12 with a warrant service.
- I audited all Year to Date crime statistics
- I attended the CNOA (California Narcotics Officer Association) training/ conference in Anaheim, for four days.

KPD Crime Statistics

Andrea Di Napoli and I spent a great deal of time auditing the 2012 Kensington crime statistics this month. We are almost finished and I am pleased to say the in house statistics are very closely if not exactly going to match what the DOJ report. What is even more pleasing is what we have learned about UCR reporting in the process, and our record system’s interaction with the UCR criteria/ system. Now that we have learned where most of the coding pitfalls are, we should be more accurate with less effort. With the addition of December numbers, the Year to Date stats below are very close to the final numbers for 2012.

KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

November 2012

Part 1 Crimes	Reported	Open/ Pending	Suspended	Closed	Arrest
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	1	0	0	1	0
Residential Burglary	2	2	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	8	1	7	0	0
Vehicle Theft	2	0	2	0	0
Arson	1	0	1	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	1	1	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	1	0	1	0	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	1	0	1	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	1	0	0	1	1
Other Crime Totals	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
All Crime Totals	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)

3 Only one team reporting

Traffic Accidents (Injury)

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KPD Crime Statistics

Year to Date 2012

Part 1 Crimes	Reported	Open/ Pending	Suspended	Closed	Arrest
Homicide	1	1*	0	1	1
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	3	0	1	2	0
Assault	3	0	0	3	1
Residential Burglary	29	9	13	7	4
Larceny Theft	35	4	29	2	1
Vehicle Theft	10	2	7	1	0
Arson	4	0	4	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>85</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>

Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	16	7	9	0	0
Fraud	2	1	0	1	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	7	0	0	7	3
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	19	1	18	0	0
Drugs	5	0	0	5	7
Warrant	12	0	0	12	11
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	8	2	4	2	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	6	0	0	6	7
Other Crime Totals	<u>75</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>28</u>

All Crime Totals	<u>160</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>35</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	26
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	4

•• **Chief Harman**

During the month of November we had 12 reports of auto burglaries or thefts from unlocked vehicles occurring in the Norwood and Yale areas of the community. While removing valuables from plain sight is the best deterrent against auto burglars, better yet, locking your vehicle doors and windows is the best way to keep suspects from rifling through your vehicles looking for valuables to steal.

Increased outdoor lighting and contacting us whenever you see suspicious persons or activity occurring in your neighborhood, also helps us in reducing petty theft property crimes in the community.

These four simple crime prevention tips are the best way of keeping your property out of the hands of thieves and reducing our community's crime rate.