

November/October 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

Days Worked	14	14
Traffic Stops	17	40
Moving Citations	10	16
Parking Citations	--	--
Vacation/Security Checks	38	52
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	2	0
Arrests	1	2
Calls for Service	58	32

Officer Turner took 12 hours of vacation time.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed Supplemental Traffic Enforcement Hot Sheet
- Reviewed KPD Policy #362 – Identity Theft
- Reviewed KPD Policy #364– Private Persons Arrest
- Reviewed KPD Policy #372 – Mandatory School Employee Reporting
- Reviewed KPD Policy #410 – Ride Along Policy
- Reviewed KPD Policy #412 – Hazardous Material Response
- Reviewed KPD Policy #426 – Reporting Police Activity Outside of Jurisdiction
- Reviewed KPD Policy #428 – Immigration Violations
- Reviewed KPD Policy #432 – Patrol Rifles
- Reviewed KPD Policy #436 – Field Training Officer Program
- Reviewed KPD Policy #432 – Obtaining Air Support
- Reviewed KPD Policy #440 – Field Interview & Photographing of Field Detainees
- Reviewed KPD Policy #442 – Criminal Street Gangs
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- Reviewed KPD Policy #1058 – Employee Speech, Expression, and Social Networking
- Reviewed topic of Consensual Encounters
- Reviewed Denied Qualified Immunity
- Reviewed Abandonment under the 4th Amendment

SERGEANT'S REVIEW:

- Reviewed issues regarding Law Enforcement Involved Fatalities

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

During this past month, Officer Turner made two arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol. As we enter the holiday season, many of us will end up at holiday parties where alcohol is present. Driving under the influence of alcohol is a persistent problem and many cities see an increase of drunk drivers during the

holiday season. For this reason, many cities increase DUI enforcement efforts during this period. Last year, the 17 day anti-DUI mobilization for Contra Costa County ran from December 17th to January 2nd and resulted in a total of 293 DUI arrests (http://www.californiaavoid.org/releases_d.php?ID=3005). If you or someone you know plans on consuming any alcohol during this holiday season, please consider having a designated sober driver or an alternate form of transportation. Public transportation or a taxi service are suitable alternatives to driving.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2012-6506 – On 10/11/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Edwin Dr on a report of a motor vehicle theft.
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- 2012-6531– On 10/12/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave and arrested a subject for motor vehicle theft.
- 2012-6649 – On 10/19/2012, Officer Turner arrested a subject for DUI on the 100 blk of Colusa Ave.
- 2012-6762 – On 10/25/2012, Officer Turner arrested a subject for DUI on the 900 blk of Arlington Ave.

Reserve Officer:	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	5
Traffic Stops	21
Moving Citations	11
Parking Citations	0
Vacation/Security	10
Checks	
FI-Field Interview	0
Cases	0
Arrests	0
Calls for Service	7

•• Sergeant Barrow

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Ramos (K41)	Wilson (K38)
	(0600-1800)	(1800-0600)
Days Worked	16	18
Traffic Stops	14	28
Moving Citations	8	21
Parking Citations	3	11
Vacation/Security	63	56

Checks		
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	3	1
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	70	47

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- o Sgt. Barrow attended urban shield training on 10-29-12, in Oakland.
- o Reviewed issues regarding Law Enforcement Involved Fatalities

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Halloween was a success as there were no reported crimes, vehicle accidents or disturbances. Despite the bad weather, parents were out with their kids and everyone seemed to enjoy the trick or treating. I noticed a few Halloween parties and I was glad to see that people were being responsible and safe.

Kensington has seen a large number of reported vehicle collisions including an injury accident this month (8). A large number of these incidents are the result of driver inattention and high vehicle speeds. The Department continues to enforce traffic laws and issue citations for traffic violations, but please remember that public safety starts with you. Please spread the word to slow down and pay attention to the road while you obey all the traffic laws. This means staying off

your mobile devices while you drive. It means obeying the 25 MPH speed limit in Kensington. It means watching for pedestrians and being cognizant of road conditions. It means slowing down on the Arlington and not tailgating drivers who are driving the speed limit (you should be at least 3 car lengths behind the car in front of you). It means making a full stop at the stop signs at Colusa Circle. These are but a few examples. Remember that the weather will get worse throughout the holiday season. Let's make it a safe season without incident.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2012-6295 – On 10-01-2012, Officer Ramos took a reported vehicle theft in the 00 block of Franciscan way. A set of keys that were left in the unlocked vehicle and it was stolen from the driveway and is still outstanding.
- 2012-6301 – On 10-01-2012, Officer Ramos took a reported theft in the 00 block of Anson Way. The theft was from an unlocked vehicle. Some of the items were recovered nearby in a neighbor's driveway.
- 2012-6350 – On 10-03-2012, Sgt. Barrow responded to the corner of Colgate and Beloit Avenue for a reported hit and run vehicle collision. I arrived and contacted owner of the victim vehicle. The vehicle was sideswiped by a vehicle that left the scene toward Berkeley. This case is under investigation.
- 2012-6351 – On 10-03-2012, Sgt. Barrow responded to the corner of Colusa and Santa Fe Avenue for a reported vehicle versus pedestrian collision. I arrived and contacted a ten year old girl who had been crossing the street in a marked crosswalk and was subsequently struck by a vehicle. The girl was later taken by ambulance to Children's Hospital Oakland for her injuries. The vehicle sustained a smashed windshield and stayed at the scene until my arrival. The girl was released from the hospital the next day.
- 2012-6429 – On 10-08-2012, Sgt. Barrow responded to the 100 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported vehicle collision. I arrived and contacted both parties who were still on scene. They advised one of the subject's had been parked at the west curb and had opened their driver's door into traffic. The other subject was driving south bound and struck the open door causing damage to both vehicles.
- 2012-6578 – On 10-15-2012, Officer Wilson responded to the 200 block of Cambridge Avenue for a reported vehicle tampering. Officer Wilson determined a subject attempted to steal a vehicle but was unable to.
- 2012-6580 – On 10-15-2012, Officer Wilson and Sgt. Barrow responded to the 00 block of Avon Drive for a reported marijuana grow. We contacted the resident and found nothing illegal.
- 2012-6700 – On 10-21-2012, Officer Wilson and Sgt. Barrow responded to the 200 block of Grizzly Peak Blvd for a reported fire. We arrived and

- contacted the home owner who only found out about the fire due to their neighbor. The fire started as a result of a bad outdoor light. The neighbor and resident were able to contain the fire prior to the Kensington Fire Departments arrival. No injuries were sustained during the incident.
- 2012-6708 – On 10-22-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the corner of Stratford and Beverly Road for a reported vehicle collision. A vehicle drove into an open manhole that caused damage to the underside of the vehicle. The manhole cover had been lifted off during a rain storm.
 - 2012-6709 – On 10-22-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported non-injury vehicle collision with a parked car.
 - 2012-6710 – On 10-22-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported non-injury vehicle collision that had occurred weeks prior. The resident wished to make a lat report for as involved parties were unable to settle the incident on their own.
 - 2012-6818 – On 10-01-2012, Officer Ramos took a reported vandalism on the 600 block of Wellesley Avenue. A resident reported several branches being cut from their front yard trees. The resident had not given anyone permission to do so.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

33 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
18 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
6 moving citations were issued on Franciscan Way.
1 moving citation was issued on Berkeley Park Blvd.
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 Ocean view Ave

•• **Detective Eric Stegman**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

12-5720 Burglary

This was a burglary that occurred on 9/2/12. A lead has just developed that I am confident will allow me to identify the suspects involved. I have good reason to believe the suspects responsible for this burglary may be responsible for others in town. This case is pending further investigation.

12-5997 Burglary

On 9/16/12, a residential burglary occurred at an open house. The suspects pretended to be looking to purchase the house. One suspect distracted the realtor while another slipped away into another part of the house. The unattended suspect used this time to take valuables and conceal them. Due to

the resident being alert, enough information was provided for me to track down the suspects. When Sgt. Barrow and I interviewed the suspects, they confessed to the crime and they returned the stolen property they still had in their possession. This case has been submitted to the DA for prosecution. **The suspect was taken into custody on 10/22/12 on his \$605,000 arrest warrant.**

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 10/2/12 with a narcotics investigation.
- Andrea Di Napoli and I conducted a physical count of all 2011 cases. I recorded the status of all cases and their current disposition.
- I attended Urban Shield training on 10/29/12

KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

October 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	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	1	0	1	0	0
Vehicle Theft	4	2	2	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	0	0	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	2	1	0	1	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	2	0	0	2	2
Other Crime Totals	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
All Crime Totals	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	7
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	1

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	2
Residential Burglary	27	8	13	6	4
Larceny Theft	29	4	21	4	0
Vehicle Theft	8	2	5	1	0
Arson	3	0	3	0	0

Part 1 Totals	<u>74</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>
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Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	16	9	6	1	0
Fraud	1	1	0	0	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	17	1	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	7	2	3	2	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	7	1	0	6	5

Other Crime Totals	<u>74</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>26</u>
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All Crime Totals	<u>148</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>33</u>
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•• **Chief Harman**

For those of you that wonder what is the busiest day of the year in Kensington, it would have to be Halloween. Although there was no Haunted House on Ardmore this year, and there was a light rain, we still had hundreds of kids out Trick or Treating on the Arlington, Ardmore, and Coventry loop. Sergeant Barrow, Officer Wilson, Officer Turner, and I were out on patrol insuring that everyone had a safe and fun night.