

November 2013 Police Department Report

December 7, 2013

- Department Personnel

- We are fully staffed at 10 sworn positions with two reserve officers.

We were in the process of conducting backgrounds on two reserve officer candidates but one is now in the employment process with the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department.

- Commendations and Correspondence

- On November 5th, we received a card from resident Larry Parks thanking us for our service.
- On November 17th, we received a letter from Barbara Steinberg thanking us for her experience in the Citizen's Police Academy.

The above letters can be found in the Correspondence Section of the December 12th KPPCSD agenda packet.

- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct

- All investigations have been completed.

- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.

- The Ring Time Report for October identified 43 total 911 calls with 7 having ring times over 20 seconds. Average ring time for the month of October was 18 seconds.
- As reported in the September Monthly Police Report, we experienced a dropped call for service on October 28th.

At 12:12 PM, we received an alarm call on what turned out to be a residential burglary on Beloit. We had two officers at the Beloit residence continuing their investigation, when another resident on Highgate came home at 1:34:26 PM and found their residence had been broken into. The Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) log clearly shows the time the Highgate resident called in their burglary, and the dispatcher assigned it as a "Priority 1" call.

For whatever reason, the dispatcher never dispatched the Kensington officers to the Highgate call. I can only assume that because the officers had not cleared the Beloit call, the dispatcher held the call even though they clearly identified it as a Priority 1 call.

At 2:05 PM, the CAD call timer expired on the call, and under normal circumstances, that should have notified the dispatcher that Highgate call was still holding and that no officers had been dispatched.

It wasn't until 3:47:23 PM, that another dispatcher identified the dropped call and generated a new call for service, dispatching Kensington officers to the Highgate residence. At 3:49:26 PM, two minutes and three seconds after the officers were dispatched to the Highgate residence; they arrived and began their investigation.

We have notified Richmond Dispatch that we expect all Kensington calls for service be dispatched, whether or not Kensington officers are showing "clear" or available for service in the CAD system. Apparently, the El Cerrito Police Department has been having the same issue with calls being held while units were on other calls for service, and they too have directed that all calls be dispatched when received.

We have been assured by the Richmond Dispatch Supervisor that the dispatchers will be advised of the procedural change and calls will not be held pending field units clearing their previous calls for service.

Additionally, the unusually long ring times this month was a result of the Dispatch Center training three new dispatchers.

- The Ring Time Report for November identified 50 total 911 calls with 3 having ring times over 20 seconds. Average ring time for the month of November was 8 seconds.
- Community Networking
 - On 11-11-13, Officer Wilson attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
 - On 11-20-13, Chief Harman met with the police chiefs from Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville, Piedmont, El Cerrito, and Richmond to discuss common law enforcement issues shared by the agencies in our area.

- Community Criminal Activity
 - This section of the Watch Commanders Reports are prepared by Sergeant Barrow for Team One, Sergeant Hui for Team Two, and Detective Stegman.

- Watch Commander Reports
 - **Sergeant Barrow**

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Ramos (K41) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)	Wilkins (K50) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	16	13	14
Traffic Stops	27	5	16
Moving Citations	23	4	12
Parking Citations	0	7	1
Vacation/Security Checks	3	41	33
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Traffic Accident Reports	2	0	1
Cases	2	1	7
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	29	31	95

- BRIEFING/TRAINING:
 - Reviewed Supreme Court Reverses Denial of Qualified Immunity
 - Reviewed KPD Non-Disclosure Form
 - Reviewed Smart phones and Search Warrants
 - Reviewed Search of Computer Images
 - Reviewed KPD Policy 332 Missing Person Reporting
 - Sergeant Barrow attended a three day Assertive Supervision training.
 - Sergeant Barrow attended a four day CNOA conference.
 - Officers Wilson, Wilkins and Sergeant Barrow attended a four hour block of training in TACCOM.
 - Officer Ramos attended a one day CPR/AED First Aid class.
 - Officer Ramos attended a five day Field Training Officer (FTO) course.

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

In November there was a deceased deer in the area of the Kensington Park. Most of you know that deceased animals (as well as most animal concerns) fall under the jurisdiction of the Contra Costa County Animal Control. Due to budgetary constraints, please be aware that Animal Control does not remove deceased animals at night or weekends. KPD will conduct an initial response depending on the call but due to the nature of the call, Animal Control may have an extended estimated time of arrival (ETA).

The holiday season is here, and historically we see an increase in thefts, burglaries and drunk driving. The tips and suggestions are the same, but they are worth repeating.

Please remember to keep items out of your vehicles at night and then lock their doors. Previously we have had residents leave gifts in running cars while they ran into a friend's house to drop something off but then when they returned, their purses and all the gifts were taken. Then they became the victims of Identity theft as well! That was not the Christmas they were hoping for. So again, even if you are in and out of your destinations, take a moment and shut off your vehicles, take your wallets and purses with you, and lock your car doors.

Keep your homes secure in every way you can think of. This includes, leaving lights on, locking doors, possibly purchasing alarms and video cameras. Request a Vacation Watch from KPD at www.kensingtoncalifornia.org and tell your neighbors if you go out of town and ask them to collect your mail (or put it on hold with the postal service). If you're expecting packages to be delivered, please make arrangements so they are not left outside and unattended. Every year we take reports of stolen packages and mail.

Other tips include being mindful of fires. It is very dry, so be careful when it comes to Christmas trees and festive lighting. Make sure your fireplace chimneys are clean and not clogged.

The PD is out on patrol looking for drunk drivers, and we get them here in Kensington in part due to the fact that the drunk drivers think they can evade CHP and the larger cities by coming down the Arlington. Wrong! We are out watching and making arrests, so spread the word and make sure if you are drinking you have a designated driver. An arrest was made last year of a subject who was driving drunk and actually had their licensed and sober spouse in the car with him.

Once again please have a safe and joyous holiday season.

○ SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2013-5304 – On 11-4-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 400 block of Coventry Road for a reported theft from an unlocked vehicle.
- 2013-5316 – On 11-5-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 200 block of Lake Avenue for a reported Residential Burglary.
- 2013-5391 – On 11-10-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 200 block of Trinity Avenue for a reported Residential Burglary.
- 2013-5392 – On 11-10-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Arlington Court for a reported vandalism.
- 2013-5414 – On 11-11-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 200 block of Trinity Avenue for a reported Residential Burglary.
- 2013-5582 – On 11-21-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 200 block of Purdue Avenue for a reported Residential Burglary.
- 2013-5589 – On 11-22-2013, Officer Wilson responded to the 00 block of Norwood Avenue for a reported Residential Burglary.
- 2013-5656 – On 11-26-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported non-injury vehicle collision.
- 2013-5679 – On 11-27-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Kenyon Avenue for a reported theft from an unlocked vehicle.
- 2013-5692 – On 11-27-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Kenyon Avenue for a reported theft from an unlocked vehicle.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

Team #1 took 3 traffic collision reports during the month of November.

4 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.

31 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.

1 moving citation was issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd.

2 moving citations was issued on Franciscan Way.

1 moving citation was issued on Kenyon Ave.

•• **Sergeant Hui**

Sergeant Hui is on Family Medical Leave and his November report will be included in his December report.

•• **Detective Eric Stegman**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: (November)

Burglaries- As you can see in our stats, residential burglaries have increased over the last two months. KPD had three reported burglaries in October and five in November. At this time we have limited leads. I am working with local agencies to develop useful information.

Without divulging too many details about these cases, let me say this: If you see someone suspicious lurking around you or your neighborhood's home, call the police immediately. Police officers cannot see a good portion of the District from the street or sidewalk (i.e. back doors and windows) which is why we depend on an alert public which partners with its police department to help prevent and solve crime. If you see something strange act on your instincts and don't delay to call KPD.

(October)

13-5191 Corporal punishment of a child/ child abuse

On 9/18/13 KPD received a report from an anonymous source of ongoing child abuse in Kensington. I investigated the accusations in conjunction with Child Protective Services (CPS). This case was forwarded to the District Attorney's office for review. When the investigation was concluded CPS chose to leave the child in the home.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

13-3288 Assault (Possible Homicide/ Manslaughter)

Details are pending the conclusion of this case.

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. **On 8/28/13, I testified at the preliminary examination. Subsequently Sydenham was given an arraignment date of 9/20/13, in which she will re-enter a plea. The trial date is TBD.**

KPD INVESTIGATIONS

- I made court runs to file cases, and retrieve court notifications.
- I updated the KPD Case Review Log.
- I reviewed the "Trak Flyer" messages and maintained the flyer board.
- I attended a Tactical communications training on 11/21/13
- I attended the 2013 California Narcotics officer Association Conference/ training.

KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

November 2013

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	5	5	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	3	1	2	0	0
Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	1	0	1	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</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	2	2	0	0	0
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	2	1	1	0	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	1	0	0	1	1
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	0	0	0	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	2	0	0	2	2
Other Crime Totals	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
All Crime Totals	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	4
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

KPD Crime Statistics

YTD 2013

Part 1 Crimes	Reported	Open/ Pending	Suspended	Closed	Arrest
Homicide	0	1*	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	9	1	0	8	1
Residential Burglary	31	16	10	5	1
Larceny Theft	31	6	25	1	0
Vehicle Theft	12	1	10	1	0
Arson	2	0	2	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>85</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>

Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	26	9	14	3	0
Fraud	2	0	2	0	0
Forgeries	1	0	1	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	4	3	0	1	0
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	23	4	17	2	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	13	0	0	13	15
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	11	0	10	1	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	14	0	0	14	14
Other Crime Totals	<u>94</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>29</u>

All Crime Totals	<u>179</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>31</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	42
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

•• **Chief Harman**

As reported above by Sergeant Barrow and Detective Stegman, during the past two months we have experienced an increase in residential burglaries. Sergeant Barrow wrote about the importance of securing your home and car in his report, and Detective Stegman wrote about the importance of notifying the police department immediately if you see anyone or anything suspicious in your neighborhood.

Officer Wilson mentions Neighborhood Watch and the importance of getting to know your neighbors in his Neighborhood Watch Updates as a way to reduce criminal activity.

We have increased our patrols of the District during the month of November, with special attention being addressed to burglary suppression.

On Monday, December 2nd, we assisted in the El Cerrito Police Department arrest of a burglary suspect, and Detective Stegman is currently working with El Cerrito detectives to determine if this suspect was responsible for several of our recent burglaries. I will be reporting more about this arrest and our arrest of two identity theft suspects following a call from a resident on a suspicious vehicle in next month's report.