

February 2013 Police Department Report

March 7, 2013

- Department Personnel
 - We are currently fully staffed at 10 sworn positions and we currently have two reserve officers.

Stephanie Wilkens has completed Phase 2 of her Field training and is currently in Phase 3 with Officer Doug Wilson.
- Commendations and Correspondence
- On 02-22-13, we received an e-mail from Richard Karlson who indicated that he was participating in the key program and wanted to thank the department for the service we have provided over the years. The e-mail is attached to the end of this report.
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
 - 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.
 - Citizen's Investigation 2013-001 was initiated on January 3, 2013, on allegations that two officers acted in an unprofessional manner. This investigation is being conducted by Chief Harman.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.

The Ring Time Report for February 2013 documented a total of 36 "911" calls for service with 2 ring times over 20 seconds.

The first occurred on 02-19-13 at 11:45 PM, with a ring time of 61

seconds. After speaking with the dispatcher for 1:42 minutes, there was no police call for service generated.

The second was on 02-20-13 at 10:53 AM, with a ring time of 21 seconds. The call was a medical call.

The average ring time for February was 7 seconds.

- Community Networking

- On 02-02-13, Chief Harman, Yolla Harman, KPPCSD President Tony Lloyd, and Carol Lloyd attended the Pinole/ Hercules Rotary Club "Officer of the Year" Dinner. (No cost to the District)
- On 02-04-13, Chief Harman attended the KCC meeting.
- On 02-06-13, Chief Harman attended the West County Police Chief's Association meeting in Hercules.
- On 02-09-13, Chief Harman and Yolla Harman attended the "100 Club Crab Feed", a fundraiser for local PAL organizations sponsored by Sheriff David Livingston. (No cost to the District)
- On 02-11-13, Chief Harman and Director Chuck Toombs attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
- On 02-20-13, Chief Harman, Sergeant Hui, Detective Stegman, Officer Wilkens, KPPCSD President Tony Lloyd, and Director Linda Lipscomb attended the Richmond Elks Club "Officer of the Year Awards Dinner" in which our Officer Chris Turner was recognized as Kensington PD Officer of the Year. (No cost to the District)
- On 02-21-13, Chief Harman attended the Kensington Public Safety Council hosted presentation on "Earthquake Preparedness".
- On 02-25-13, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting.
- On 02-26-13, Chief Harman and Director Linda Lipscomb attended the State Senator Loni Hancock's "Meet and Greet" with Senator Hancock's staff at the Richmond Library.

Later that night, Chief Harman and Director Lipscomb attended the KMAC meeting in which the proposed ATT Cell Towers was discussed.

- On 02-27-13, Master Sergeant Ricky Hull attended the Colusa

Circle Traffic Safety meeting with representatives from the County's Public Works Department and members of the community.

- Community Criminal Activity
 - This section of the Watch Commander's 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)	Field Training Officer FTO Wilson (K38) / Wilkens (K50) (1800-0600) / (1800-0600)
Days Worked	11	7 7
Traffic Stops	23	12
Moving Citations	7	7
Parking Citations	2	1
Vacation/Security Checks	16	18
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Traffic Accident Reports	2	0
Cases	6	1
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	45	28

- BRIEFING/TRAINING:
 - Reviewed Post-Arrest Procedure
 - Reviewed Arrest Warrants
 - Reviewed Legal Issues Pertaining to Arrests
 - Reviewed Investigative Contacts
 - Reviewed Traffic Stops
 - Reviewed Special Needs Detention
 - Reviewed Investigative Detentions
 - Reviewed KPD Policy #500 – Traffic Function and Responsibility
 - Reviewed KPD Policy #340 – Disciplinary Policy

SERGEANT'S REVIEW:

- Reviewed Contra Costa County SART Protocol.

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

I took a report this month regarding a fraud. The fraud was of a person telephoning the victim and posing as a grandchild. The supposed grandchild had been arrested in Canada for driving under the influence (DUI). The person needed \$500.00 wired by Western Union to a lawyer in Canada.

The victim suspected something was a miss as the person referred to them as grandpa, even though his actual grandchild calls him something else. Also the person did not sound like his grandchild but fearing that the grandchild was in jail he went to the bank to retrieve the money.

He had told another family member about the telephone call before leaving for the bank and they too thought it was odd. The family member determined that the caller was indeed a scam artist and stopped the victim who was at the bank from withdrawing any money.

I telephoned the Montreal Police Department in Canada and was informed that they had received numerous complaints concerning this type of scam. Further they are not investigating these complaints unless the victim wired money.

I only bring this to your attention because these types of crimes seem to be on the rise. There is also an internet scam similar to this, asking for money because a family member or friend is in trouble or stranded in another part of the world.

So if you receive a call like this, ask questions, take a moment and process what the person is telling you. Call family and friends to verify the story. Lastly ask yourself would a family member be in that area of the world.

- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
- 2013-655 – On 2-4-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 300 block of Ocean View Ave for a reported Non-injury vehicle collision.
- 2013-670 – On 2-5-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Highland Blvd for a reported stolen vehicle.
- 2013-675 – On 2-5-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave for a reported Non-injury vehicle collision.
- 2013-677 – On 2-6-2013, Sergeant Barrow arrested two suspects for vehicle burglaries that had occurred in the City of Richmond.
- 2013-754 – On 2-11-2013, Officer Ramos responded to Ardmore Drive and Arlington Avenue for a reported theft from the bed of a work truck.

- 2013-758 – On 2-11-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Kensington Court for a reported hit and run vehicle collision.
- 2013-862 – On 2-17-2013, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 100 block of Kensington Road to assist Regional Park Police with an abandoned vehicle on a fire trail that was reported later as stolen.
- 2013-866 – On 2-18-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Kerr Ave for a reported stolen vehicle.
- 2013-868 – On 2-18-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Highgate Road for a reported illegal dumping of a wooden fence.
- 2013-874 – On 2-18-2013, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 600 block of Beloit Ave for a reported theft of a license plate that had occurred in the City of Vacaville.
- 2013-893 – On 2-19-2013, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 1700 block of Eastshore Blvd to assist El Cerrito Police Department in clearing a building with the alarm sounding.
- 2013-979 – On 2-25-2013, Sergeant Barrow responded to a reported fraud in the 00 block of Rincon Road.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR TEAM 1:

There were 3 traffic collisions that occurred during the month of February.

- 1 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
- 8 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Beloit Ave.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Sunset Ave.

•• Sergeant Hui

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Sergeant Hui (K42)
(1600-0400)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Turner (K46) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	14	14
Traffic Stops	17	32
Moving Citations	12	12
Parking Citations	12	6
Vacation/Security	33	56
Checks		
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	-	-
Arrests	0	1
Traffic Accident Reports	1	1

Sergeant Hui recovered 5 hours of comp time.

Officer Turner recovered 2 hours of comp time.

Sergeant Hui participated in a 4 hour PSP Firearms class.

Officer Martinez participated in a 4 hour PSP Firearms class.

Officer Turner participated in a 4 hour PSP Firearms class.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed Investigative Detentions
- Reviewed Special Needs Detentions
- Reviewed Traffic Stops
- Reviewed Legal Issues Pertaining to Arrests
- Reviewed Arrest Warrants
- Reviewed Post Arrest Procedures
- Reviewed Pat Searches
- Reviewed KPD Policy #340 – Disciplinary Policy
- Reviewed KPD Policy #364 – Private Persons Arrests
- Reviewed KPD Policy #500 – Traffic Function and Responsibility

SERGEANT'S REVIEW:

- Reviewed POST Medical History Statement Form updates.
- Reviewed Contra Costa County SART Protocols

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Kensington, like the majority of the cities in the Bay Area, experiences a high percentage of property crimes relative to the total crimes reported in any given time period. Usually, the most prevalent property crimes that our residents experience include burglaries of their vehicle and residence. The items taken during these burglaries often varies, however lately, jewelry appears to be the bounty of choice of today's burglar.

Jewelry is a popular item to steal because it is hard to track down. Jewelry usually does not have a serial number and often does not bear the maker's name. Jewelry can also be difficult to describe in adequate detail. If I went into a local pawn shop looking for what the victim of a burglary described as a, "platinum women's ring with a single solitaire diamond," I would expect that there would be several items that might match that description. In the last several years, we have also seen an increase in the "cash for gold" stores. These "cash for gold" stores are not regulated as pawn shops are. Pawn shops are required to obtain identification when a person pawns an item, hold the item for 30 days

prior to putting the item up for sale, and are required to report pledged items to local law enforcement. "Cash for gold" stores are not subjected to the same requirements. "Cash for gold" stores will typically have an item they have received cut up and melted down within days. As you can see, this presents difficulties for law enforcement in investigating these types of property crimes.

There are steps that you can take to reduce your chances of losing your jewelry in the event you are the victim of a burglary. The safest option is to store your jewelry in a safety deposit box; however the security benefits of a safety deposit box are typically negated by the inconvenience of this method of storage. Your next best bet is an in-home safe that can not be readily moved. This usually means a small safe that is bolted down or a large safe that is too cumbersome to move. Another option would be to move your jewelry to a less obvious location within your residence. Most of us keep our jewelry in a dresser drawer or jewelry box in our bedroom or bathroom. Burglars realize this and will often check the bedroom and bathrooms first. Please keep in mind that these options may not prevent you from being burglarized, but should help reduce the likelihood of having your jewelry stolen.

I also recommend that you take photos of your jewelry (as well as other higher value items you may have). Photos are a great aid for us during an investigation and can also be of some help when you are filing a claim with your insurance company. I would recommend storing these photos somewhere besides your residence. One easy method of storing these photos is to email them to yourself. Most free web-based email providers store your email on their servers (and not on your computer). If you ever need to retrieve these photos, it is as simple as logging onto your email account from any computer.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2013-0702– On 02/08/2013, Officer Martinez and Officer Wilkens responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of a vandalism.
- 2013-0784– On 02/13/2013, Sergeant Hui responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of criminal threats.
- 2013-0809– On 02/15/2013, Officer Turner initiated a traffic enforcement stop on the 500 blk of Coventry Rd and arrested the driver on an outstanding warrant.
- 2013-0901– On 02/21/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of an identity theft.
- 2013-0956– On 02/23/2013 Officer Martinez responded to the 600 blk of Coventry Rd on a report of an identity theft.
- 2013-0957– On 02/23/2013, Officer Turner responded to the 1600 blk of Ocean View Ave on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2013-0965– On 02/23/2013, Officer Turner responded to the unit blk of Norwood Ave on a report of a residential burglary.

Reserve Officer:	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	2
Traffic Stops	8
Moving Citations	6
Parking Citations	1
Vacation/Security Checks	1
FI-Field Interview	0
Cases	0
Arrests	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0
Calls for Service	3

Traffic Totals for Team 2

20 citations were issued on Colusa Ave
 9 citations were issued on Arlington Ave
 1 citation was issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd

•• **Detective Eric Stegman**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

13-0670 Vehicle theft

On 2/5/13, a 1993 Honda Accord was stolen from the unit block of Highland Blvd.

13-0684 Recovered stolen vehicle

On 2/8/13, a stolen vehicle reported to San Pablo PD, a 1997 Honda Civic, was recovered on the unit block of Arlington Ave.

13-0866 Vehicle theft

On 2/18/13, a 1993 Jeep Cherokee was stolen from the unit block of Kerr Ave.

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 4/4/13.

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

- I made court runs for filling cases, and retrieve court notifications.
- I updated the KPD Case Review Log.
- I reviewed the "Trak Flyer" messages and maintained the flyer board.
- I received 4 hours of PSP firearms training.
- I attended Officer Turner's, officer of the year dinner on 2/20/13.
- I attended a two day Search Warrant class on 2/25/13 through 2/26/13.

KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

February 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	2	1	1	0	0
Larceny Theft	3	0	3	0	0
Vehicle Theft	2	0	2	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	7	1	6	0	0
Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	2	2	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	2	0	2	0	0

Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	2	0	0	2	2
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>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
All Crime Totals					
	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</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	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Burglary	4	2	2	0	0
Larceny Theft	4	0	4	0	0
Vehicle Theft	2	0	2	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	6	3	3	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	8	0	8	0	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0

Warrant	2	0	0	2	2
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	1	0	1	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	3	0	0	3	3
Other Crime Totals	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
All Crime Totals	<u>30</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

Traffic Accidents (Non Injury) 7
Traffic Accidents (Injury) 0

* 2011 case

•• **Chief Harman**

During the month of February, I know of three local police officers that lost their lives.

The first one, Tim Guiney, was a retired Chief of Police of Broadmoor PD who I have known for 30 years. I first met Chief Guiney when I was a rookie officer working the Bayshore District in Daly City and he was an “experienced” sergeant working for the City of Brisbane. Then Sergeant Guiney would meet with me for “little” talks out in the Bayshore District and although he didn’t know it at the time, have a big impact on my career as a law enforcement supervisor years later. His move to accept the Chief’s position in Broadmoor, like Kensington, one of the five special police districts in the State, would influence my decision years later to leave Daly City and come to Kensington.

The next two, although I didn’t personally know, also have affected me both professionally and personally. Santa Cruz Detective Sergeant Butch Baker and Santa Cruz Detective Elizabeth Butler were tragically murdered in the line of duty on February 26th while investigating what has been referred to as a “routine investigation”.

When police officers are killed in the line of duty, it is a time of mourning and reflection for all in the “law enforcement family” and this is especially true for the 660 police chiefs in the State of California.

My message here is a simple one.

To the men and women of the Kensington Police Department, please utilize all of

your training, your experience, and please, “be careful out there”. Always remember there is no such thing as “routine” in anything we do as police officers.

To those of you outside the law enforcement community reading this message, if you have the opportunity to meet with an officer, or a family member of an officer, take a moment to thank them for their service or supporting the ones who serve. It truly is appreciated and you never know if or when the opportunity will ever come up again.