

# January 2012 Police Department Report

February 3, 2012

- Department Personnel
  - We are currently staffed at 9 sworn positions and 3 reserve officers.
- Commendations and Correspondence
  - Officer Doug Wilson received a letter of thanks for his handling of a parking complaint on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Chief Harman received an e-mail thanking him for the recovery and return of a lost wallet on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
  - 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.
  - Citizen's Investigation 2011-005 was initiated on October 5, 2011, on allegations that an officer was rude while signing off on a fix it ticket. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
  - Citizen's Investigation 2012-001 was imitated on January 8, 2012 on an allegation that an officer used racial profiling in issuing a traffic citation. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
  - The Ring Time Report for January indentified 67 total 911 calls for service 7 having ring times over 20 seconds. All 7 of these ring times over 20 seconds were for fire calls for service. I have contacted El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Chief Lance Maples and provided him with the ring time report for his follow up.

Average ring time for the month of January was 5.7 seconds.

- Community Networking
  - On 1-9-12, Chief Harman and KPPCSD Board President Chuck Toombs attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.  
  
Following the KPSC meeting, both Chief Harman and President Toombs represented KPPCSD at the KCC Annual K-Group meeting.
  - On 01-18-12, Chief Harman attended the West County Police Chief's meeting in Hercules.
  - On 1-21-12, Chief Harman, KPPCSD Board President Chuck Toombs, and KPPCSD Board Vice President Tony Lloyd attended the John Gioia Traffic meeting for residents of Franciscan Way and the Valley/ Coventry area.
  - On 01-23-12, Chief Harman attended the Quarterly meeting of the Contra Costa Special Districts Association held in Pleasant Hill.
  - On 01-25-12, Chief Harman attended the Contra Costa County Police Chief's Association meeting in Martinez.

- Community Criminal Activity

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

- Watch Commander Reports

- **Sergeant Hull**  
TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Turner (K46) (0600-1800)	Stegman (K32) (1800-0600)	Ramos (K41) (0730-1730)
Days Worked	17	14	17
Traffic Stops	75	8	24
Moving Citations	44	0	16
Parking Citations	8	0	2
Vacation/Security	103	86	1
Checks			
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Cases			
Self Initiated Cases			
Arrests	1	0	0

**BRIEFING/TRAINING:**

## California Criminal Investigation Manual

- o Arrests
- o Citizen's Arrests
- o Consent Searches

Discussed principles of abandoned property

Discussed jurisdiction issues in Identity Theft Cases

Discussed civil suits against Special Districts

Discussed vacation home checks

Discussed officer response to alarm calls

Reviewed KPD Citizen Arrest Form

Reviewed Northern Ca. Family Center Runaway Program

Reviewed Sexual Assault/DV Non-Disclosure Form

Discussed Witness Admonishment Form

Discussed theft of catalytic converters

Discussed Do Not Resuscitate Forms (DNR)

Discussed report format for injury accidents and hit & run accidents

Reviewed 2011 California Legislative Updates

Reviewed CPOA Client Alert "Open Carry" of firearms in public

KPD Policy 212 – Electronic Mail

KPD Policy 314 – Vehicle Pursuit Policy

KPD Policy 322 – Search and Seizure

KPD Policy 426 – Reporting Police Activity Outside Jurisdiction

KPD Policy 430 – Emergency Utility Service

KPD Policy 458 – Foot Pursuit Policy

**SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:**

I would like to commend Detective Barrow, Officer Turner, Reserve Armanino, Officer Stegman, Reserve Foley, and TAS Hui.

Because of your professionalism, dedication to duty and your commitment to the residents of this District, the work load on 1-23-2012 was handled in an effective and efficient manner that made me proud to have been able to work with you toward a common goal. The work load that was dispatched between 1630 and 2000 hours is unusual for KPD but does occur from time to time.

Due to your collective work ethic we were able to handle these calls without calling for aid from outside agencies. On two of the calls that were dispatched forensic evidence had to be located and collected. Locating and collecting evidence successfully can be a very slow and tedious process but it is necessary and integral to the investigatory process to identify responsible party/s and suspect/s. Because of your confident and competent approach to police work I

believe with the evidence collected a suspect will be identified.

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2012-0057 – On 1-12-2012, Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Lam Ct. to a report someone shooting a pellet gun.
- 2012-0121 – On 1-4-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 300 block of Arlington Ave. to a report of counterfeit money.
- 2012-0123 – On 1-4-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the unit block of Stratford Rd. to a reported injury accident.
- 2012-0189 – On 1-8-2012, Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to a report of identity theft.
- 2012-0228 - On 1-10-2012, Reserve Armanino responded to the 300 block of Colusa Ave. to a report of attempted commercial burglary.
- 2012-0229 – On 1-10-2012, Reserve Armanino located a stolen vehicle ECPD was following and lost.
- 2012-0235 – On 1-10-2012, Officer Turner responded to the 200 block of Princeton Ave. to a report of vandalism.
- 2012-0262 – On 1-11-2012, Sgt. Hull, Det. Barrow, Officer Ramos, and Officer Turner responded to the 700 block of Coventry Rd. to serve a felony possession of firearms warrant out of Richmond Superior Court.
- 2012-0350 – On 1-15-2012, Officer Turner conducted a traffic stop and issued the driver a citation for driving with a suspended license.
- 2012-0402 – On 1-16-2012, Officer Stegman responded to the 300 block of Ocean View Ave. to mediate an ongoing civil landlord tenant dispute.
- 2012-0577 – On 1-23-2012, Officer Turner made a warrant arrest issued by the City of Berkeley.
- 2012-0578 – 1-23-2012, Officer Stegman and Reserve Foley responded to the 200 block of Lexington Ave. to a report of residential burglary.
- 2012-0579 – On 1-23-2012, Reserve Armanino responded to the 200 block of Colusa Ave. to a report of attempted residential burglary.
- 2012-0580 – On 1-23-2012, Det. Barrow responded to the 200 block of Purdue Ave. to conduct a welfare check. An elderly resident has fallen and been lying on the ground for several days without food or water. The resident was transported to the hospital for medical care.
- 2012-0581 – On 1-23-2012, Reserve Armanino responded to the 100 block of Lawson Dr. to a report of a stolen automobile.
- 2012-0589 – On 1-24-2012, Officer Turner responded to the 100 block of Colusa Ave. to a report of a violation of a restraining order.

#### •• **Acting Sergeant Hui**

##### TEAM #2 STATISTICS

A.S. Hui (K42) Issued one parking citation and made three arrests.

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	13	13
Traffic Stops	25	12
Moving Citations	23	6
Parking Citations	7	6
Vacation/Security Checks	42	75
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	4	2
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	56	27

Officer Wilson recovered 6 hours of comp time.  
Acting Sergeant Hui recovered 24 hours of comp time.

#### BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed SDRMA – Housekeeping
- Reviewed Traffic Collision report policies
- Reviewed 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment – Laws of Search and Seizure
- Reviewed the “Exclusionary Rule”
- Reviewed KPD Policy #300 – Use of Force

#### SERGEANT’S SUMMARY:

Over the course of the past several months, I have urged residents to call about solicitors that knock on their doors. I did this because a percentage of these people going door to door are posing as solicitors in search of a house to burglarize. This was demonstrated this month when KPD received a call from one of our residents.

The resident reported seeing three suspicious subjects walking up his street. One of the subjects went up to the front door and knocked. When no one answered, the subject motioned for his two associates and the three subjects were last seen walking around the house to the rear yard.

The three subjects were quickly apprehended by the responding KPD Officer with the assistance of El Cerrito PD.

I would like to commend Sergeant Hull and Officer Wilson for their assistance in this arrest. Sergeant Hull came in to assist on his scheduled day off, and Officer Wilson came in early on his regularly scheduled day to assist with this case.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2012-0130 – On 1/5/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Stanford Ave on a report of an identity theft.
- 2012-0131 – On 1/5/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 300 blk of Colusa Ave on a report of an identity theft.
- 2012-0325 – On 1/14/2012, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of a hit and run collision.
- 2012-0327 – On 1/14/2012, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the 100 blk of Purdue Ave on a report of three suspicious subjects. All three subjects were subsequently arrested for residential burglary.
- 2012-0479 – On 1/19/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of a vandalism.
- 2012-0483 – On 1/19/2012, Officer Wilson responded to the unit blk of Highgate Rd on a report of an identity theft.
- 2012-0496 – On 1/20/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Arlington Ave on a report of domestic violence.
- 2012-0685 – On 1/26/2012, Officer Wilson responded to the 1500 blk of Valley Dr on a report of an auto burglary.

RESERVE OFFICER STATISTICS:

Reserve Officer:	Colon (K44)	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	0	10
Traffic Stops	0	28
Moving Citations	0	18
Parking Citations	0	1
Vacation/Security Checks	0	40
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	0	0
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	0	44

TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

49 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave  
44 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave  
9 moving citations were issued on Franciscan Way  
1 moving citation was issued on Sunset Dr  
1 moving citation was issued on Kensington Rd

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

2012-238 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident

On Tuesday, January 10, 2012, Officers responded to a hit and run vehicle accident in the 00 block of Arlington Avenue. The victim vehicle was located. The reporting person saw and telephoned police with the suspect vehicle license plate number. The suspect was contacted and turned themselves in the next day. **This case will be forwarded to the Contra Costa County District Attorney for charges.**

2012-327 Residential Burglary / Three Suspects Arrested

On Saturday, January 14, 2012, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to three suspicious males in and around a residence within the 100 block of Purdue Avenue. Upon arrival he determined a residential burglary had occurred. Hui coordinated a search of the area for the suspects with the aid of officers' from El Cerrito PD and they quickly apprehended the suspects. **All three suspects have been charged with residential burglary and have been held to answer by the Contra Costa County District Attorneys' Office. Good job Hui.**

2012-578 Residential Burglary

On Monday, January 23, 2012, Officers responded to a residential burglary within the 200 block of Lexington Drive. The suspect(s) forced entry and took several items from the residence. The same day an attempted burglary occurred within the 200 block of Colusa Avenue. It's believed that the same suspect(s) is responsible for both crimes do to evidence left at the scene. These cases are under investigation.

2012-589 Restraining Order Violation

On Tuesday, January 24, 2012, Officers responded to the 100 block of Colusa for a restraining order violation. The suspect was not present upon officer's arrival. This case is under investigation.

2011-9074 Residential Burglary

On Thursday, December 29, 2011, officers responded to a residential burglary on Franciscan Avenue. The resident was home and the suspects fled the area. Persons of interest have been identified and this investigation is on going.

**KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:**

2011-8338 Identity Theft

On Monday, November 28, 2011, three Kensington merchants reported they had been the victims of identity theft. This case is under investigation.

2011-7186 Residential Burglary

On Thursday, October 20, 2011, Officers responded to a reported residential burglary witnessed by a Kensington resident. We were able to identify potential suspects in this case and I'm still investigating.

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 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. This month we made several arrests, recovered firearms and narcotics.

### **CRIME SUMMARY:**

In the month of January the District of Kensington sustained:

0 Homicides  
0 Robberies  
0 Rapes  
0 Assaults  
2 Residential Burglaries  
1 Attempted Residential Burglary  
1 Commercial Burglary  
0 Auto Burglaries  
1 Stolen Vehicle  
0 Grand Thefts  
0 Petty Thefts  
1 Theft from Unlocked Vehicles  
1 Fraud  
1 Forgery  
3 Vandalisms  
6 Identity Thefts



0 Injury Accidents  
0 Non-Injury Vehicle Accidents  
0 Injury Hit and Run Accident  
1 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident

•• **Chief Harman**

Last month I was able to brag about how the department reduced crime during the past year by 50% and that we reduced crime over the past 4 years by 62%. I wrote how proud I was of the officer's accomplishments and their professionalism.

I was feeling great about how far we have come as a police department and how our efforts were really paying off for the community.

Then on January 21<sup>st</sup>, I received an e-mail from Officer Doug Wilson. Officer Wilson described how he had received a call from an elderly resident informing him that her fire alarm was going off but there was no fire. She had asked Officer Wilson if he could stop by and shut the alarm off. Officer Wilson went to the residence and learned that the alarm was sounding from a newly installed carbon monoxide detector. The resident felt that it could have been a defective unit or a bad battery and wanted Officer Wilson to re-set it so the alarm would be silenced.

Officer Wilson could have done just that, re-set the alarm and gone back out on patrol. However, he decided to call the fire station and speak to one of the firefighters about the alarm. The firefighter suggested that they go out and use their carbon monoxide detector on their fire rig and see if they would pick anything up. They did, and they were getting high readings of carbon monoxide. After investigating further, they all decided to contact PG&E. A PG&E technician arrived and after testing with his unit, which maxed out the unit for high readings, located the problem with the furnace. The technician then capped the defective furnace to eliminate the problem until it could be repaired.

As it turns out, had the elderly resident gone to bed as planned with the furnace on, with the high levels of carbon monoxide filling the residence due to the defective furnace, her sons would have come home the next day to a very tragic accident.

The elderly resident was picked up by one of her sons and taken away from the residence while Officer Wilson and the fire personnel stayed at the residence and aired the residence out for a few hours.

Officer Wilson wrote, "Between you and I, it is one of the times where I feel I really earned my money today and possibly saved a life." He went on to write that he was telling me about this incident because, "When people doubt how valuable this department is, or how much time we take and how we care for our residents.

You and I both know that may not always be the case in other areas, but it is in Kensington, and I'm proud of that."

I am too.