

March 2015 Police Department Report

April 3, 2015

- Department Personnel
 - We are fully staffed at 10 sworn positions with three reserve officers, however, we have had an officer off on a work related injury since November 2014 and his return date is uncertain.

During the month of March, another officer took extended sick leave.
- Commendations and Correspondence-None this Month
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
 - Citizen's Complaint CI #2014-03 was initiated on May 12th on an allegation that an officer failed to perform his duty and that another allowed this failure to occur and had used a despairing remark in describing the community. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hui.
 - Citizen's Complaint CI #2014-06 was initiated on October 31st on an allegation that a police officer was rude during a traffic stop. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hui.
 - Citizen's Complaint CI #2015-01 was initiated on February 9th on an allegation that an officer took actions causing damage to property. This investigation is being investigated by Master Sergeant Hull.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
 - The Ring Time Report for March was not received by this report date and will be reported next month.
- Community Networking-None This Month

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

- Watch Commander Reports

- **Corporal Stegman Team 1**

Team 1 Statistics

Officer:	Ramos K41 (0600 - 1800)	(Vacant)	Wilson (1800-0600)
Days Worked	16	-	7
Traffic Stops	9	-	0
Moving Citations	6	-	0
Parking Citations	2	-	1
Vacation			
Security Checks	8	-	5
Field Interviews	0	-	0
Traffic Collision Reports	1	-	0
Cases	0	-	0
Arrests	0	-	0
Calls for Service	56	-	15

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Watched POST DVD on biased based policing.
- Reviewed Ramey Payton and Steagald warrants.

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Now that spring is here it means tax season is here also. For us at KPD tax season this year seems like identity theft month(s). We received multiple identity thefts this month many surrounding fraudulent tax returns where suspects have obtained enough personal information about people to file returns that don't belong to them.

This apparently is becoming much more common due to all the large data breaches of various large corporations and agencies. As a result a cyber-criminal can obtain all of the information they need to pose as you, and steal your tax return check. The worst part is you may not find out about it until you file your legitimate tax return. Often times simply monitoring your accounts and staying aware of your credit report is enough to prevent an identity thief from being successful. However, many traditional practices from preventing identity theft probably would not have been effective in these IRS cases. The best thing to do is peruse the IRS website for their suggestions.

There are a resources on how to protect yourself from this type of fraud on the IRS.GOV website.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2015-0899— On 3/3/15, Officer Ramos responded to an assault on the 00 blk of Lenox Ave.
- 2015-0909— On 3/4/15, Corporal Stegman responded to a hit and run on the 100 blk of Arlington Ave.
- 2015-0960— On 3/9/15, Officer Ramos responded to an auto burglary on the 200 blk of Wellesley Ave.
- 2015-0968— On 3/9/15, Corporal Stegman responded to theft on the 200 blk of Grizzly Peak Blvd.
- 2015-0977— On 3/9/15, Corporal Stegman responded to an identity theft on the 700 blk of Coventry Rd.
- 2015-1062— On 3/17/15, Officer Ramos responded to a fraud report on the 200 blk of Arlington Ave.
- 2015-1274— On 3/30/15, Officer Ramos responded to a burglary on the 700 blk of Coventry Rd.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

Team #1 took 4 traffic collision reports during the month of March.

6 Moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.

•• **Master Sergeant Hull- Team 2**

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Sergeant Hui has been assigned to the Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force (NC3F) 2 days per week.

Master Sergeant Hull (K17) – issued 0 traffic citations and 0 parking citations

Officer:	Turner (K46) (0600-1800)	Wilkins (K50) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	11	11
Traffic Stops	26	04
Moving Citations	07	02
Parking Citations	02	01
Vacation/Security Checks	01	52
Cases	06	00
Arrests	00	00
Traffic Accident Reports	00	00
Calls for Service	157	103

5 moving citations issued on Colusa Ave.

3 moving citations issued on Arlington Ave.

1 moving citation issued on Franciscan Way.

- Officer Wilkins took 3 days of sick leave
- Officer Turner spent two days training
 - Preliminary Alcohol Screening and Court Room Testifying training in Fairfield
 - Interview and Interrogation in San Francisco

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- VC23111 – Throwing a lit or unlit cigarette onto a highway
- Fourth Amendment violations and Ferguson P.D.
- Ramey-Payton and Steagald Warrants; Entry to Arrest
- Identity Theft Victim's Request for Fraudulent Account Information Form.

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

This month KPD took several reports of phone scams. The scams involved the caller representing themselves as employees of the IRS or Treasury Department. These scams involve a threat of a lawsuit by either of the mentioned government agencies. The caller normally leaves a phone number for the resident to call back. If a resident calls the number left by the scammer and someone answers,

they will try to get you to tell them your personal identifying information over the phone. **Never provide any caller any personal information over the phone.** If you receive this phone message, do not return the phone call to the number left on your answering machine. Contact KPD and make a report of the incident. Under normal circumstances government agencies will contact you by mail or both mail and phone.

According to the IRS website, "Characteristics of these scams can include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.
- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security Number.
- Scammers "spoof" or imitate the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.

After threatening victims with jail time or a driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

If you believe you have been successfully scammed or an attempt to scam you was made, please contact KPD immediately.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2015-0922 – On 3-5-2015, Officer Turner responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave. to a report of an IRS scam attempt.
- 2015-0980 – On 3-11-2015, Sgt. Hull responded to the 300 blk of Coventry Rd. to a report of an IRS scam.
- 2015-1030 – Officer Turner located live hand gun ammunition in the street in the unit block of Kingston Road.
- 2015-1082 – Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Highgate Ct. to a report of an IRS scam.
- 2015-1101 – Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Rincon Rd. to a report of vehicle burglary.
- 2015-1110 – Officer Turner responded to the 500 block of Ashbury Ave. to assist ECPD set up a perimeter while searching for a shooting suspect.
- 2015-1124 – Officer Turner responded to the 100 block of Windsor Ave. to a report of vehicle theft.
- 2015-1125 – Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Highland Blvd. to a report of animal cruelty.
- 2015-1141 – Officer Turner responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to a report of a Hit & Run collision.

- 2015-1149 – Officer Turner responded to the 800 block of Coventry Rd. where a subject was taken for mental evaluation.
- 2015-1174 – Officer Turner responded to the 100 block of Lawson Rd. and mediated a family disturbance.
- 2015-1192 – Sgt. Hull responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. to a report of Identity Theft; false tax return.
- 2015-1194 – Sgt. Hull took a report over the phone from a personal injury attorney alleging their client fell on the Arlington Path in December and wanted to file a claim against the District.
- 2015-1195 – Sgt. Hull responded to the 200 block of Los Altos Dr. and mediated a neighbor dispute concerning parking and property lines.
- 2015-1188 – Sgt. Hui responded to the unit block of Norwood Ave. to a report of Identity Theft.
- 2015-1190 – Sgt. Hui responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. where a restraining order was lifted.
- 2015-1207 – Officer Turner responded to the 300 block of Arlington Ave. to a report of illegal dumping.
- 2015-1231 – Officer Turner responded to the corner of Highland Blvd/Cowper Ave. to a report of theft.

•• **Sergeant Hui- NCCCTF/ Team 2 Relief**

Currently, I am assigned on a part-time basis to the Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force. My participation within this task force involves investigation of cases assigned by the NC3TF task force, as well as cases originating from Kensington. The types of cases that I investigate are identity theft cases and cases where technology (typically a cell phone or computer) were used in the commission of the crime.

Monthly Activity:

2014-2034 Identity Theft

In this case, the suspect used the victim's personal identifying information to apply for a department store credit card and obtained merchandise. Master Sergeant Hull was the primary investigating officer and was able to identify the suspect. A police department in Alameda County had already arrested the suspect for similar crimes. I wrote a search warrant for records for the purpose of obtaining evidence that further ties the suspect to the crime. At the time of his arrest in Alameda County, he was in possession of personal identifying information for approximately 600 other people. After speaking with the investigating detective from San Leandro PD, this case is now ready to be filed with the District Attorney's Office. Master Sergeant Hull has submitted this case to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

2014-2462 Identity Theft

In this case, the suspect used the victim's personal identifying information to apply for a credit card that was later used at several retail and online businesses. Officer Martinez was the primary investigating officer and was able to obtain the online credit card application data and two associated email addresses. I wrote a search warrant for records for two of the online service providers. One of the providers was unable to provide any information because their records retention time frame had been exceeded. I just received the search warrant return from the email provider and will be checking for investigative leads this coming month.

2014-6396 Identity Theft

In this case, the suspect used the victim's personal identifying information to apply for a credit card at two retail locations. The victim's bank account was also compromised and the suspect appears to have all of the victim's personal identifying information. The fraudulent account information was provided by one of the two retailers. A search warrant was obtained for electronic records pertaining to one item that was purchased using the fraudulent department store charge card. Investigative leads were generated as a result of the search warrant. I am in the process of filing an additional search warrant for records to further investigate those leads.

2015-0627 Identity Theft

In this case, the victim reported an unauthorized attempt to obtain a credit card using the victim's personal information. I have requested the application information to see if any useful leads can be generated.

2015-1188 Identity Theft

In this case, the victim reported multiple attempts to obtain credit cards using the victim's personal information. I have submitted requests for several of the creditors for the fraudulent application information to see if any useful leads can be generated.

NC3TF – Unauthorized Account Access

This was a case assigned by the NC3TF task force. In this case, one of the victim's online streaming video accounts had been deleted without his authorization. I conducted follow-up investigation with the streaming media provider, however was unable to generate any useful leads from the data provided. I will be attempting contact with a few persons of interest regarding this case.

NC3TF – Stolen Laptop

This case was an automobile burglary where a laptop was stolen during the burglary in Solano County. The laptop was tracked to a particular individual that is not believed to be the suspect. I have reached out to local law enforcement where the laptop was tracked to and am waiting on their assistance.

NC3TF – HT15-023 – Identity Theft case referred by Brentwood PD

This case was referred to the NC3TF by Brentwood PD. The initial identity theft case originated from a single victim. BPD officers were able to identify a suspect who was later arrested at her residence. Incident to the arrest, a variety of identity theft paraphernalia was located that included credit cards, ID cards, and personal identifying information for several hundred people. A search warrant was obtained for the cell phone and laptop seized incident to arrest. These items are in the queue for forensic analysis at NC3TF. I have begun to contact the parties whose personal information was in possession of the suspect. As of this date, I have confirmed three additional identity theft victims.

Additional Activity

- I attended the ICI Identity Theft class in Irvine for 40 hours (this training was paid for by the NC3TF)
- I am currently assigned as a part-time patrol Sergeant for Team 2.

Identity Theft Tips: Social Media

While participating on the NC3TF task force, I am exposed to a variety of different types of identity thefts and have access to information and training that are typically directed to investigators within this field. As I continue in this assignment, my hopes are to provide some tips into how we can reduce our likelihood in being victimized by this type of crime.

This month, I would like to discuss the information we share on social media. Most of us use some form of social media, whether it is Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or some other variation. Social media provides the convenience of sharing photos and information with other people in the great big internet. Some of those “other people” may be unsavory types who are “trolling” for information that they use to commit identity theft. Your social media footprint has the ability to provide a would be identity thief with a vast array of knowledge.

Now my purpose is not to scare you into not using social media (although that would be the safest option), but rather educate you to use your social media accounts smarter. I generally view social media security issues in two categories: your audience and the information you post.

In regards to the audience, please be weary of who is able to view your social media information. Many social media sites have a default setting to share your information with anyone that wants to view it. The typical recommendations are that you should set your privacy settings so that only people you know are able to view your information. A friend of a friend of a friend, or a complete stranger, really doesn't need to see pictures of your kids, your hometown, or your birthdate. In fact, your hometown (which is often your place of birth) and your date of birth are often types of information that your bank or credit card company

would typically use to verify your identity. Do you see how random people viewing your information might lead to identity theft? So if you do post on social media sites, check your settings and set the necessary filters so that you are only sharing your information with the people you want.

The information you post is somewhat important as well. There isn't a set standard for what is appropriate to post, but keep in mind that the more information you post, the more people know about you. Getting birthday wishes from people you went to grade school with is nice, but I am of the mindset that the people I care about already know my birthdate and should remember to call me. Same thing with full names. If you have a photo of you on your social media page, isn't that enough for your friends to recognize you? Displaying your full legal name is generally not preferred. When my wife and I were married, she took my last name and now her last name is her middle name. Not unusual, right? Now let's say that my wife and my kid are both on my social media page. Did I just give a potential identity thief my kid's name and his mother's maiden name? You betcha!

Most of us post this information freely without considering how it can be used against us. Social media is a great tool for people to keep in touch in a world where we are increasingly busy and demand information faster. Please just consider what information you are posting and how it could be used to steal your identity before posting.

Check your settings on your social media accounts and consider the value of what you post!

- **Detective Sergeant Barrow**
(Prepared by Corporal Stegman in Barrow's absence)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

15-1125 Animal Cruelty

On 3/21/15 KPD conducted an investigation into an alleged animal cruelty case where a jogger kicked an off leash dog while the owner was walking them on the Kensington Hilltop Elementary property. Both parties have been identified. This case was investigated by Patrol Team Two (see Team Two report and press release for further. This case is closed and was forwarded to the DA's Office and Animal Control for review.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

13-3288 Assault (Possible Homicide/ Manslaughter)

On 7/14/13, Officer Wilson and ECFD responded to a medical call on the 00 block of Cowper Avenue. The subject in need of medical aid was cared for and transported to the hospital. Through further investigation Officer Wilson learned

there had been a struggle between the elderly victim who was transported to the hospital, and her adult daughter. After interviewing all parties who were on scene during the incident he determined it was feasible the struggle may have exacerbated the victim's already frail state. Detective Corporal Stegman and I began investigating as a possible homicide/ manslaughter. The suspect was identified and cooperated with several interviews. The victim remained in poor health in the Intensive Care Unit at Doctor's Hospital and then was placed in a care facility. The victim passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2014. The Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff – Coroner, Coroner's Report classified this case as a, "Homicide/Other." I presented this case to the Contra costa County District Attorney's office for review. The CCC District Attorney who reviewed this case advised that no charges be filled. The DA's Office cited, family history, the health of the victim, the part the victim played during the incident, and lack of physical evidence to the victim's body and location of the incident, for the reasons prosecution was declined.

2015-0840 Vehicle theft and Recovery

On Thursday, February 26, 2015, Officer Wilkens took a reported vehicle theft in the 200 block of Kenyon Avenue. A construction worker reported the vehicle stolen shortly after he started loading his tools up for the day. The vehicle was recovered by Hayward Police Department with two female suspects in custody and charged with vehicle theft, resisting arrest, and an outstanding felony warrant. The suspects have prior convictions for stolen vehicles, fleeing from officers, possession of stolen property, burglary, and are currently on probation. Later that night approximately one block away Officer Wilkens recovered a stolen vehicle out of Hayward. These two cases appear to be linked and we are awaiting Hayward PD's report to further investigate.

KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

March 2015

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	1	0	1	0
Larceny Theft	3	0	3	0	0
Vehicle Theft	1	0	1	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Other Crimes					
Other misdemeanor	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	2	2	0	0	0
Fraud	1	1	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	0	0	0	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	2	0	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	0	0	0	0	0
Other Crime Totals	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
All Crime Totals	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

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

KPD Crime Statistics

YTD 2015

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	2	0	0	2	1
Residential Burglary	7	4	0	3	0
Larceny Theft	15	12	3	0	0
Vehicle Theft	5	2	1	2	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>29</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>

Other Crimes					
Other misdemeanor	3	0	3	0	0
Identity Theft	11	10	0	1	0
Fraud	1	1	0	0	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	2	0	0	2	0
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	4	2	0	2	0
Drugs	1	0	0	1	1
Warrant	1	0	0	1	1
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	8	5	2	1	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	0	0	0	0	0
Other Crime Totals	<u>31</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>

All Crime Totals	<u>60</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	15
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

* 2011 case

•• **Chief Harman**

At a Special Meeting of the KPPCSD Board of Directors on Monday, February 16th, the Board announced that my contract with the District would not be renewed, and that my last day with the District would be May 31st.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your General Manager/ Chief of Police since September 2007, and I will miss having the opportunity to continue to serve you. Most of all, I will miss the friendships that I have developed over the years.

Thank you for your support over the years, and for the opportunity to serve you.

My best wishes to all.