

April 2013 Police Department Report

May 1, 2013

- Department Personnel
 - We are fully staffed at 10 sworn positions and two reserve officers.
 - Stephanie Wilkens has completed field training and is on solo duty on Team 1. Congratulations Stephanie!
 - Lynn Wolter was offered and has accepted the District Administrative Assistant position. Lynn was selected from a list of over 80 candidates that applied for the position. Lynn is a long time Kensington resident and former KPPCSD Director and President. Welcome Lynn!
- Commendations and Correspondence
 - In April we received a thank you card from our former intern Sherry Maringka. The card is included in the May 9th agenda packet.
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
 - Department Investigation 2012-002 was initiated on May 14th, 2012, on an allegation that an officer was insubordinate. This investigation has been completed by Master Sergeant Hull and is under review by the Chief of Police.
 - 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 Master 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.
 - Citizen's Investigation 2013-002 was initiated on March 21st on an

allegation that an officer intimidated the complaining party. This investigation is being conducted by Master Sergeant Hull.

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

The Ring Time Report for March report a total of 36 “911” calls for service generated and only one with a ring time of over 20 seconds. The average ring time for the month of March was 4.5 seconds.

The Ring Time Report for April report a total of 41 “911” calls for service with 3 having ring times over 20 seconds. The average ring time for the month of April was 6.2 seconds.

- Community Networking

- On 04-01-13, Chief Harman attended the KCC meeting.
- On 04-05-13, KPPCSD Director Len Welsh attended the Chevron Fire Community Meeting in Richmond.
- On 04-08-13, Officer Wilson and Director Chuck Toombs attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
- On 04-22-13, Chief Harman attended the KIC meeting.
- On 04-24-13, Chief Harman attended the Contra Costa County Police Chief’s Association meeting in San Ramon.

- 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	15	8	8
Traffic Stops	14	25	16
Moving Citations	8	19	9
Parking Citations	2	5	2

Vacation/Security Checks	27	42	14
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0	0	2
Cases	2	1	8
Arrests	0	0	2
Calls for Service	37	29	50

- BRIEFING/TRAINING:
 - Reviewed Public Records Act Disclosure of Content stored on Personal Devices.
 - Reviewed Exigent Circumstances
 - Reviewed Computer Searches
 - Reviewed Release of Misdemeanor Warrants Exception
 - Reviewed Voicemail, Email, and Text Messages
 - Reviewed Abandonment: Unattended Personal Property
 - Reviewed Phone, Internet, and Email Records
 - Reviewed Work Place Searches
 - Reviewed Exigency to avoid warrant for forced blood DUI's
 - Reviewed Medical Records
 - Reviewed Searches on School Grounds
 - Reviewed Police Accountability State and Assembly Proposed Bills
 - Reviewed Bodily Intrusion Searches
 - Reviewed Booking Searches
 - Reviewed Police Trespassing
 - Reviewed Probable Cause Information Reliability

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

I attended a two day training course on the Public Records Act. I wrote 1 moving and 1 parking citations.

Congratulations to Officer, Stephanie Wilkens who has successfully completed The Field Training Program here at the Police Department. Officer Wilkens reported for solo duty on Sunday, April 28th, 2013, at 0600 hours. Her badge number is K50.

Officer Wilkens worked with me during part of her training, and based on what I have seen, she will be an asset to the department, as well as to the community. I am pleased to be her direct supervisor.

If you want or need to get in touch with Officer Wilkens, her email here at the PD is swilkens@kensingtoncalifornia.org and the phone number here at the PD is 510-526 4141. Officer Wilkens extension is 50.

Officer Wilson who is the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, organizes National Night Out, The Citizen's Academy, Neighborhood Watch. Officer Wilson also has an email distribution list of residents who receives *Updates* and *Security Alerts* from him via email.

I asked Officer Wilson about the distribution list and he told me he writes the *Updates* every few weeks. He writes about public safety concerns and various other related topics and announcements. Additionally he sends out e-mail blasts that he calls, *Security Alerts*. The Security Alerts are similar in nature, but sent when it's more urgent in nature. He sends those out as soon as the concern arises, rather than waiting for the completion of an *Update*.

If you want to be added to Officer Wilson's confidential distribution list, you can email him at dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org You can also go to our web site of www.kensingtoncalifornia.org and get added to the list with the link posted there.

- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
- 2013-1549 – On 4-2-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Columbia Ave for a reported identity theft.
- 2013-1561 – On 4-2-2013, Sergeant Barrow and Officer Wilkens made a traffic stop at the corner of Colusa Ave at Thousand Oaks that resulted in the arrest of a wanted car jacking probationer at large. This subject had originally committed the crime with a firearm.
- 2013-1624 – On 4-7-2013, Sergeant Barrow and Officer Wilkens responded to Santa Rita Jail and transported a wanted suspect in a string of thefts from Kensington residences vehicles. He was booked into the Martinez Detention Facility without incident.
- 2013-1626 – On 4-7-2013, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 600 block of Plateau Drive for a reported Stalking.
- 2013-1816 – On 4-17-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 100 block of Kenyon Ave for a reported identity theft.
- 2013-1819 – On 4-17-2013, Sergeant Barrow and Officer Wilkens responded to the 100 block of Kenyon Ave for a reported identity theft.
- 2013-1926 – On 4-21-2013, Sergeant Barrow, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 600 block of Oberlin Ave for a reported battery.
- 2013-1953 – On 4-22-2013, Sergeant Barrow, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 200 block of Yale Ave for attempted theft of a smart meter.
- 2013-2045 – On 4-28-2013, Master Sergeant Hull, Officers Ramos and Wilkens responded to the 5000 block of Silva Ave, El Cerrito to assist El Cerrito Police with an in progress residential burglary.

- 2013-2049 – On 4-28-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 700 block of Coventry Road for a reported hit and run vehicle collision with a parked car.
- 2013-2081 – On 4-30-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Edwin Drive for a reported hit and run vehicle collision with a parked car.

TEAM 1 TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

Team #1 took 2 traffic collision reports during the month of April.

18 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
 11 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
 2 moving citation were issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd.
 1 moving citation was issued on Purdue Ave.

•• **Sergeant Hui**

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Sergeant Hui (K42)
 (1600-0400)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Turner (K46) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	11	10
Traffic Stops	10	35
Moving Citations	8	14
Parking Citations	7	1
Vacation/Security Checks	31	35
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	4	1
Arrests	0	2
Traffic Accident Reports	0	0
Calls for Service	45	31

Sergeant Hui recovered 12 hours of comp time.
 Officer Turner recovered 4 hours of comp time.
 Sergeant Hui attended a two day Public Records Request Act class.
 Officer Martinez attended a two day Child Interview class.
 Officer Turner attended a five day Interview and Interrogation class.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed Public Records Act Disclosure of Content stored on Personal Devices.
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SERGEANT'S REVIEW:

- Field Training and Tort Liability

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

In my May 2012 Sergeant's Summary, I discussed several factors that could make us less likely to become the victim of an identity theft. These areas included your mailbox, garbage, and your computer. This month, I would like to focus on your mailbox. If you have an unsecured mailbox, I would highly encourage you to upgrade to a mailbox that has a keyed lock. There are a variety of types of lockable mailboxes available anywhere from your local home improvement center to your local locksmith.

It seems that every month, a few residents fall victim to identity theft. Their personal identifying information could have been acquired as the result of a security breach at the merchant card services level, an unscrupulous cashier, a card skimmer at an ATM machine, or someone could have simply taken their mail. Although extremely low-tech, one of the easiest ways to "steal" a person's identity is to steal their mail. Most of us receive our utility bills, credit card bills, and sometimes checks in the mail. Most of these bills contain some portion of our personal information. Checks can be washed and forged.

Next time you are planning out your next home improvement project, please consider upgrading to a more secure mailbox.

Please also avoid placing certain outgoing mail in your mailbox. Putting a bill in the mailbox with your check payment enclosed is a really bad idea. We often clip these to the mailbox so that the mail carrier can see that there is outgoing mail. Unfortunately, this is also something that would be mail thieves are looking for as they drive around the area. Your best bet is to send your mail off at the post office or at one of their drop boxes.

Although improvements in these three areas are not intended to provide an absolute solution to identity theft, they are mentioned to help make ourselves much less appealing for a would-be identity thief.

On a side note, Officer Wilkens has completed her field training program and is now a solo patrol officer. I would like to congratulate Officer Wilkens on the successful completion of her field training program, and I would like to encourage you all to wave at her as you see her patrolling the district.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2013-1707– On 04/12/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Lenox Ave on a report of an identity theft.
- 2013-1767– On 04/14/2013, Officer Turner located a suspicious vehicle on the 1500 blk of Oak View Ave and arrested the two occupants for outstanding warrants.
- 2013-1832– On 04/18/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 blk of Purdue Ave on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2013-1833– On 04/18/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Grizzly Peak Blvd on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2013-1847– On 04/19/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Amherst Ave on a report of a residential burglary.

Reserve Officer:	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	2
Traffic Stops	10
Moving Citations	8
Parking Citations	0
Vacation/Security	3
Checks	
FI-Field Interview	0
Cases	0
Arrests	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0
Calls for Service	1

Traffic Totals for Team 2 – includes Master Sergeant Hull

12 citations were issued on Colusa Ave
19 citations were issued on Arlington Ave
8 citations were issued on Franciscan Way
1 citation was issued on Beloit Ave
1 citation was issued on Kenyon Ave
1 citation was issued on Cowper Ave
1 citation was issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd

•• **Detective Eric Stegman**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

13-1833 Burglary

On 4/18/13, a burglary was reported on the 200 block of Grizzly Peak Blvd. On 4/27/13 a subject was arrested by Daily City PD who was selling a car full of electronics and Jewelry out of his vehicle. Among the items in the car was property belonging to the victim in this case. The suspect remains in custody and this case is closed. I am currently attempting to ascertain if this suspect can be linked to any other recent burglaries in Kensington.

13-1846 Sexual Assault

This case is currently under investigation. Details will follow pending the completion of this investigation, to protect the victim, and the integrity of the investigation.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

13-1624 Warrant arrest

The subject charged with multiple counts of theft from vehicles in Kensington and at least one count of possession of stolen property was turned over to KPD by the Santa Rita Jail (ACSO) in order to face his Contra Costa County charges.

12-6487 Vehicle theft

A vehicle which was reported stolen on 10/10/12 was recovered by Berkeley PD on 4/28/13. The subject in possession of it was arrested and will be charged with vehicle theft.

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 was set for 4/4/13, but has been postponed.

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 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 FTO update class from 4/2/13 thru 4/4/13
- I attended a Juvenile Interview and Interrogation class from 4/15/13 to 4/16/13.
- On 4/18/13 I assisted WestNET and a multi-jurisdictional task force in conducting multiple probation searches in North Richmond.
- I attended a street development class on 4/22/13.

Drug Take Back

On Saturday 4/27/13, The Kensington Police, in conjunction with the El Cerrito Fire Department, and the DEA, participated in Drug Take Back Day. The event took place from 10 AM thru 2PM. We collected 178 pounds of medications which is the most we have collected in a single event.

KPD Monthly Crime Statistics April

Part 1 Crimes	Reported	Open/ Pending	Suspended	Closed	Arrest
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	1*	1*	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Burglary	3	1	1	1	1
Larceny Theft	1	1	0	0	0
Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	3	0	3	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Forgeries	2	0	2	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	1	1	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	4	0	0	4	4
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	2	0	2	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	0	0	0	0	0
Other Crime Totals	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

All Crime Totals	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	2
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

* This case is under investigation to determine if a crime occurred

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	2	0	0	2	0
Residential Burglary	11	5	5	1	1
Larceny Theft	10	1	9	0	0
Vehicle Theft	4	1	3	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>27</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	10	1	9	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Forgeries	2	0	2	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	2	1	0	1	0
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	9	0	9	0	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	10	0	0	10	11
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	4	0	4	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	4	0	0	4	4
Other Crime Totals	<u>41</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>

All Crime Totals	<u>68</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	13
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

•• **Chief Harman**

I have to confess that this past month I have been caught in the act...

The act of doing my job.

Following recent national events, I have increased my own patrols and checks at the Kensington Hilltop School. This apparently has caused a bit of a stir at the school. During one of my visits, Principle Judy Sanders informed me that several parents had asked her why I was up at the school so often. They wanted to know if there was something going on at the school that parents should be concerned about and why there was no announcement on the school's website. Principle Sanders informed the parents that I was just doing my regular patrols of the school and there was nothing to worry about.

I also received an e-mail from a community member stating, "They have witnesses that I was going up to the park every day and that they planned on video taping my park visits".

I was caught again!

Yes, it is true, I do try and patrol the park and check the park restroom at least once a day.

One of the great things about working in Kensington as the General Manager and the Chief of Police is that it is expected of me, as the police chief, to patrol the District and respond to calls for service. I was informed of this expectation when I interviewed for the position, and it was one of the reasons I accepted the position when it was offered. It is also one of the things I love most about my job: I get to go out on patrol.

So for those of you video taping me patrolling the District, checking the park, making traffic stops, conducting foot patrol, and responding to calls for service, please send copies of the videos to the KPPCSD Board of Directors who will be discussing my evaluation at the May 9th meeting.