

May 2013 Police Department Report

June 7, 2013

- Department Personnel
 - We are fully staffed at 10 sworn positions and two reserve officers.
- Commendations and Correspondence
 - We received a card from a resident that wanted to apologize for having our units respond to a false burglary alarm.
 - On 05-17-13, Officer Martinez received a thank you note for his investigation of a residential burglary.
 - On 05-21-13, Officer Martinez received a thank you e-mail for a motorist assist.
 - On 05-29-13, Master Sergeant Hull and Sergeant Hui received an e-mail from the scoutmasters for their assistance with the scout range day.
- 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 found to be sustained with discipline administered.
 - 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.
- Citizen's Investigation 2013-003 was initiated on June 1, 2013 and found to be unfounded by Chief Harman.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
 - The Ring Time Report for May reported a total of 58 "911" calls for service with 3 having ring times over 20 seconds. The average ring time for the month of May was 7 seconds.
- Community Networking
 - On 05-06-13, Chief Harman attended the KCC meeting.
 - On 05-08-13, Chief Harman, President Lloyd, and Director Lipscomb attended the Arlington street light meeting with John Gioia.
 - On 05-11-13, Master Sergeant Hull and Officer Martinez attended the Kensington Hilltop School carnival.
 - On 05-22-13, Chief Harman attended the Contra Costa County Police Chief Association meeting in Martinez.
 - On 05-22-13, Chief Harman, Officer Wilson, Officer Ramos, and Officer Wilkens attended the "Officer of the Year Award Dinner" hosted by the Albany/ by the Albany/ El Cerrito Exchange Club honoring Officer Chris Turner.
- 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	14	15	15
Traffic Stops	31	7	5
Moving Citations	21	6	4
Parking Citations	0	4	0
Vacation/Security Checks	6	52	21
FI-Field Interview	1	0	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0	0	2
Cases	0	3	7
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	10	21	42

- BRIEFING/TRAINING:
 - Reviewed Probable Cause to Search
 - Reviewed Probable Cause to Arrest
 - Reviewed Forcible Blood Draws
 - Reviewed Protective Sweeps
 - Reviewed Securing Premises
 - Reviewed Knock and Talks
 - Reviewed Plain View Rule
 - Reviewed Protective Sweeps
 - Reviewed Case: Sims v. Stanton

SERGEANT'S REVIEW:

- Law Enforcement Liability Risk

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

I wrote 2 moving citations during the month.

I have noticed a good number of traffic complaints this last month. This includes driveways being blocked, parking the wrong way, parking over 72 hours, parking in front of fire hydrants, RV's or trailers being stored/parked on the roadway, and vehicles blocking traffic. Often times these are not on-viewed by an officer, but rather another resident reporting it to the police. When this happens we are obligated to act. Usually the officer

will attempt to find the owner before towing or issuing a citation, but not always. Many factors come into consideration. This is a good time to remind residents about some commonly violated parking laws in Kensington.

-Hill Hold. Curb your wheels.

-Abandoned Vehicle. Vehicles must be moved more than a few feet every 72 hours.

-No Parking. Don't park in handicapped spaces, in front of fire hydrants, or violate any other posted parking sign.

-Impeding Traffic. Park your vehicle out of the roadway. This also helps prevent you being the victim of a Hit and Run.

-Blocking Driveways. Don't park in front of people's driveways and after you park, get out and make sure you have not by mistake.

-Right wheels within 18" from curb. Park on the right side of the road with your right, passenger side, wheels at least 18" from the curb (any style curb).

-Front and Rear License Plates. Make sure they are both on your vehicle.

-Registration and Tabs. Make sure your registration is up to date and the tab is on your license plate.

These are the most frequent parking violations that we see. Please keep them in mind, it is safer, and may save you some frustration as a resident, whether you are the person calling police or the person being cited.

- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
- 2013-2092 – On 5-1-2013, Sergeant Barrow responded to the 200 block of Trinity Avenue for a reported mail theft.
- 2013-2156 – On 5-5-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Cowper Avenue for a reported attempted auto burglary.
- 2013-2187 – On 5-7-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 100 block of Beverly Road for a reported stolen vehicle.
- 2013-2193 – On 5-7-2013, Chief Harman, Detective Stegman, Officers Ramos and Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Highland Blvd for a reported residential Burglary.
- 2013-2287 – On 5-13-2013, Sergeant Barrow and Officer Wilson responded to San Pablo Ave at Hill Street in the City El Cerrito, to assist El Cerrito Police Officers with the search for a wanted suspect.
- 2013-2297 – On 5-14-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 200 block of Amherst Avenue for a reported non-injury vehicle collision with a parked car.
- 2013-2405 – On 5-20-2013, Officers Wilson responded to the 00 block of Trinity Avenue for reported mail and identity theft.
- 2013-2417 – On 5-21-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported theft from a vehicle.

- 2013-2508 – On 5-26-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 100 block of Colusa Avenue for a reported non-injury vehicle collision with a parked car.
- 2013-2550 – On 5-29-2013, Sergeant Barrow took a reported identity theft from the 200 block of Lake Drive.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

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

12 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
 19 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
 3 moving citation were issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd.
 1 moving citation was issued on Highgate Road.
 1 moving citation was issued on Franciscan Way.

•• **Sergeant Hui**

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Sergeant Hui (K42)
 (1600-0400)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Turner (K46) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	14	15
Traffic Stops	14	34
Moving Citations	9	18
Parking Citations	11	3
Vacation/Security	28	52
Checks		
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	4	3
Arrests	0	2
Traffic Accident Reports	1	1
Calls for Service	45	59

Sergeant Hui took 48 hours of vacation time.
 Officer Martinez took 12 hours of vacation time.
 Officer Turner recovered 12 hours of comp time.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed Probable Cause to Arrest
- Reviewed Forcible Entry
- Reviewed Protective Sweeps
- Reviewed Securing Premises
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SERGEANT'S REVIEW:

- Law Enforcement Liability Risk

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

This past month, we were able to tie a suspect to one of our recent residential burglaries with the help of a law enforcement agency in the Sacramento Valley. Although this is an ongoing investigation and I cannot discuss many of the details, I can tell you that the critical piece of information was the serial number of one of the stolen items. Serial numbers and model numbers are those things that we never think about until we really need them. When we get that new tablet, camera, or laptop, we are quick to open up the package so that we can get to our new toy. I am one of those guys who can't wait to tear open the packaging and play with my new toy.

But we all should take that little extra time to make a record of all the important items we have in our possession. My suggestion is that you should write down the serial numbers and model numbers for everything you have and also take photos of important items that may not have serial numbers (especially jewelry). I find the easiest way to maintain this information is to email it to yourself. Most email providers store your email on their servers, so it should always be there. If you are a pen and paper kind of a person, we have a Record Keeper template on our website that you can print out. This can be found through the following link:

<http://kensingtoncalifornia.org/police-department/crime-prevention-tips>

Taking the time to record this information may not prevent you from being burglarized, but it helps law enforcement's efforts in solving crimes and may help reunite victims with their stolen property.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2013-2138– On 05/04/2013, Sergeant Hui responded to the 600 blk of Beloit Ave on a report of an identity theft.

- 2013-2323– On 05/16/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the 300 blk of Arlington Ave on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2013-2355– On 5/18/2013, Officer Turner initiated a traffic enforcement stop at the intersection of Sunset Dr and Highgate Rd and subsequently arrested the driver for driving under the influence.
- 2013-2458– On 05/24/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the 1600 blk of Ocean View Ave on a report of a theft.
- 2013-2481– On 5/25/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Beverly Rd on a report of a stolen vehicle.
- 2013-2482– On 5/25/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Sanford Ave on a report of a stolen vehicle.
- 2013-2488– On 05/25/2013, Officer Turner responded to the 600 blk of Wellesley Ave on a report of a theft.
- 2013-2489– On 05/25/2013, Officer Turner arrested a subject on the 500 blk of Coventry Rd for an outstanding warrant.

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

Traffic Totals for Team 2 – includes Master Sergeant Hull

11 citations were issued on Arlington Ave
 10 citations were issued on Colusa Ave
 5 citations were issued on Franciscan Way
 1 citation was issued on Coventry Rd

•• **Detective Eric Stegman**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

13-1847 Burglary

On 4/19/13, a burglary was reported on the 200 block of Amherst Ave. On 5/1/13 a subject was arrested by Roseville PD who was in possession of a large amount of stolen property from multiple burglaries around the Bay Area. Among the

property were items belonging to the victim in this case. The suspect will be prosecuted in the county he was arrested. I followed up on some additional leads and was able to recover additional stolen items of jewelry from pawn shops and cash for gold businesses. At the end of it all, in addition to the large amount of property recovered by Roseville PD, I was able to recover another five to ten thousand dollars worth of the victim's jewelry, which had been pawned or sold in various cities from Pinole to San Francisco.

13-2482 Vehicle theft

On 5/25/13, a vehicle was stolen from the 200 block of Stanford Ave. On 6/2/13, the vehicle was located still being driven by the suspects and they was arrested for vehicle theft.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

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 Daly 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. On 5/15/13, I joined Berkeley PD in executing a search warrant at the suspect's house in Berkeley. We did not locate any additional evidence to link this suspect to any other crimes 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. **Update 6/1/13: This case is still pending several interviews.**

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.

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.
- On 5/21/13 and 5/22/13 I assisted WestNET in serving multiple search warrants.
- I attended a "bath salts" (an emerging street narcotic) class on 5/20/13

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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	3	0	3	0	0
Larceny Theft	4	1	3	0	0
Vehicle Theft	3	1	1	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	10	2	7	1	0
Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	4	3	1	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	0	0	0	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	2	0	2	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	1	0	0	1	1
Other Crime Totals	8	3	3	2	2
All Crime Totals	18	5	10	3	2

Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	5
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

KPD Crime Statistics

Year To Date 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	3	0	0	3	0
Residential Burglary	14	4	8	2	0
Larceny Theft	14	1	13	0	0
Vehicle Theft	7	2	4	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>38</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>

Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	14	4	10	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Forgeries	1	0	1	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	12
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	6	0	6	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	5	0	0	5	5
Other Crime Totals	<u>47</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>

All Crime Totals	<u>85</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	18
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

* 2011 case

•• **Chief Harman**

It was nice to receive the four cards and e-mails from citizens thanking the officers for their service this month. Add those letters to the box of candy we received from Marty Westby at KCC this month, I can assure you that the officers really do appreciate it when they are recognized for their service.

Due to the nature of police work, unfortunately police officers hear more of the negative comments than the positive ones.

So if you receive good service from a police officer, please don't be afraid to thank them for their service or send a short e-mail or letter so they can receive the recognition they deserve.