

September 2014 Police Department Report

October 4, 2014

- Department Personnel
 - We are fully staffed at 10 sworn positions with three reserve officers.
 - We are continuing the background process for a fourth reserve officer candidate.
- 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.
 - Department Investigation 2014-04 was initiated on May 23rd on an allegation that an officer engaged in conduct unbecoming an officer while off duty. This investigation is being conducted by Chief Harman.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
 - The Ring Time Report for September has not been received as of this report date and will be included in next month's report.
- Community Networking
 - On 09-08-14, Officer Wilson attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
 - On 09-13-14, Officer Wilkens attended the Norwood Block Party and the KCC Movie Night.
 - On 09-20-14, Officer Turner participated in the Public Safety Tri City Day at the El Cerrito Plaza.

- On 09-27-14, Chief Harman attended the Animal Faire held at the Community Center.

Corporal Stegman and members of the Kensington Fire Department held a Drug Take Back Day at the Public Safety Building and collected 151 pounds of unwanted pharmaceuticals.

- 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 Statistics

Officer:	Ramos K41 (0800 - 1800)	Turner (0600- 1800)	Wilson (1800- 0600)
Days Worked	16	17	17
Traffic Stops	30	37	8
Moving Citations	18	17	4
Parking Citations	1	1	5
Vacation Security Checks	7	32	26
Field Interviews	0	0	0
Traffic Collision Reports	2	0	1
Cases	1	7	2
Arrests	0	3	0
Calls for Service	29	65	30

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed Animal Services Memo.
- Reviewed Motions to suppress.
- Reviewed Motions to Quash Search Warrants.
- Reviewed Brady Client Alert.
- Reviewed Contra Costa County's lack of noise ordinance.

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Some of you may have noticed there have been some significant changes at the Colusa Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue intersection. For starters one of the crosswalks was removed. Now the only crosswalks in the area are those at intersections controlled by a stop sign. Although I can only speculate at the reason for the removal of the crosswalk I would estimate there are far less vehicle versus pedestrian accidents at crosswalks which are part of controlled intersections, versus those crosswalks where traffic flow is otherwise uncontrolled.

Additionally, the striping at the intersection has been changed, creating a painted triangular median. **Most importantly**, a no left hand turn sign has been erected along the east curb line facing Colusa Avenue's north bound lane. Due to the change in signage and roadway markings it is now unlawful to make a left hand turn on to Santa Fe Ave. from Colusa Ave. when traveling north on Colusa Ave.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2014-4492 –On 9/2/14, Officer Turner took a report of a burglary, on the unit block of Arlmont Dr.
- 2014-4510 –On 9/3/14, Officer Turner arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant, on the unit block of Highland Blvd.
- 2014-4515 –On 9/3/14, Corporal Stegman arrested (cite/ released) a suspect for driving with a suspended license, at Arlington Ave/ and Oberlin Ave.
- 2014-4621 –On 9/8/14, Officer Wilson took a report of a petty theft, on the 200 block of Purdue Ave.
- 2014-4631 –On 9/9/14, Officer Ramos responded to a non-injury vehicle accident, at Colusa Ave/ Santa Fe Ave.
- 2014-4744 –On 9/12/14, Officer Turner arrested a suspect for DUI, on the 200 block of Arlington Ave.
- 2014-4822 –On 9/15/14, Officer Turner took a report of a burglary, on the 100 block of Colusa Ave.
- 2014-4832 –On 9/16/14, Officer Turner took a report of an identity theft, on the 100 block of Arlington Ave.

- 2014-4840 –On 9/16/14, Officer Turner took a report of a theft, on the unit block of Highgate Rd.
- 2014-4857 –On 9/17/14, Officer Wilson responded to a single vehicle, non-injury accident, on the 100 block of Arlington Ave.
- 2014-4861 –On 9/18/14, Officer Wilson took a report of a vandalism, on the unit block of Arlington Ave.
- 2014-4965 –On 9/22/14, Officer Turner arrested a suspect for possession of narcotics, on the unit block of Arlington Ave.
- 2014-4631 –On 9/30/14, Officer Ramos responded to a hit and run accident, on the 300 block of Yale Ave.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS:

Team #1 took 3 traffic collision reports during the month of September.

- 28 Moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
- 6 Moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
- 1 Moving citation was issued on Sunset Dr/ Franciscan Way.
- 2 Moving citations were issued on Grizzley Peak Blvd.
- 1 Moving citation was issued on Highland Blvd.

•• Sergeant Hui
TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Sergeant Hui (K42) - (1600-0400)

Master Sergeant Hull (K17) – issued 67 moving citations and 14 parking citations this month.

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Wilkins (K50) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	14	13
Traffic Stops	48	16
Moving Citations	34	14
Parking Citations	4	0
Vacation/Security	16	91
Checks		
Cases	8	0
Arrests	0	0
Traffic Accident Reports	1	0
Calls for Service	64	31

- Sergeant Hui recovered 10 hours of comp time.
- Sergeant Hui attended a 36 hour Background Investigator class.
- Officer Wilkens recovered 12 hours of comp time.

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SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

We are quickly approaching the holiday shopping season! As many of us start thinking about purchasing gifts this holiday season, a significant portion of us will order at least a few items from online vendors. Every year, the theft of packages left on front door steps is an issue. If you are considering ordering items online, here are a few tips that will help reduce the likelihood of losing your packages to a would be thief:

1. Try and time your purchases so that they will be delivered on a day that you are likely to be home. Many times, online vendors will have shipping calculators that will estimate your delivery date. If at all possible, try to time your purchases on a day where your package won't be left on your doorstep for an extended period of time. Some vendors will also offer the option to require a signature on delivery. This requires that a person at your residence signs for the package. Just make sure that someone will be home to sign for the package because shipping companies will not leave a package without a signature.
2. Have the package held for delivery at the nearest shipping station. Many online vendors will email you with a ship confirmation and tracking number. If you track your package and you find out that you won't be home to receive the package, many shippers (FedEx and UPS, for example) have the option to hold your package at their delivery sub-station for pickup. Make sure you check where the nearest pickup location is and what times you can stop by to pick up your package first. This ensures that you will receive your package.
3. See if a neighbor or friend is available to pick up your package. If you are out of town or won't be home until late, then try and have a neighbor or nearby friend that can stop by and grab your package for you.

4. If you are purchasing items from Amazon.com, they now have the ability to ship your package to a drop site. I've noticed that there are now Amazon lockers inside of the Lucky's in El Cerrito Plaza. If you typically are not home when packages are delivered, this appears to be a safe alternative to leaving packages at your door.

If you are shopping at local retailers, I would recommend taking your purchases inside your house when you get home. A car full of holiday gifts is often an irresistible target for a burglar.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2014-4707– On 9/12/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of a non-injury hit and run collision.
- 2014-4988– On 9/24/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Highgate Dr on a report of a fraud.
- 2014-5048- On 9/27/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Cambridge Ave report of a vandalism.
- 2014-5049- On 9/27/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Cambridge Ave on a report of a vandalism.
- 2014-5050- On 9/27/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the 400 blk of Beloit Ave on a report of a vandalism.
- 2014-5051- On 9/27/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Highgate Dr on a report of a vandalism.
- 2014-5052- On 9/27/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Highgate Dr on a report of a vandalism.
- 2014-5053- On 9/27/2014, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Highgate Dr on a report of a vandalism.

Reserve Officer:	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	2
Traffic Stops	7
Moving Citations	2
Parking Citations	0
Vacation/Security	4
Checks	
Cases	0
Arrests	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0
Calls for Service	0

Traffic Totals for Team 2 – includes Master Sergeant Hull

104 citations were issued on Arlington Ave
 6 citations were issued on Colusa Ave
 6 citations were issued on Kenyon Ave

1 citation was issued on Franciscan Way
1 citation was issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd

•• **Detective Sergeant Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2014-4492 Residential Burglary

On Tuesday, September 2, 2014, KPD Officers responded to a residential burglary in the 00 block of Arlmont Drive. The suspect(s) entered through a rear smashed glass door. Several items were stolen and this case is under investigation. Just a side note, El Cerrito Police also took several burglaries the same day with similar MO's.

2014-4655 Probation Violation and Public Intoxication

On Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at approximately 2221 hours, I contacted a subject in the Colusa Circle who was later determined to be on probation for weapon and alcohol related offences. I arrested the subject for being in violation of his probation and public intoxication. He was booked into county jail without incident.

2014-4822 Grand Theft / from an unlocked vehicle.

On Monday, September 15, 2014, between 10:00 AM and 13:00 PM an older white male adult driving a blue newer Toyota Avalon with tinted windows took a purse out of an unlocked vehicle at the Sunset Cemetery located at 101 Colusa Avenue. The Suspect(s) used the victim's credit cards at numerous locations in the area. This case is being investigated.

2014-5048 – 5053 Vandalisms

On Saturday, September 27, 2014, KPD Officers were dispatched to several streets, Cambridge Ave, Beloit Ave, and Highgate Drive for reported vandalisms to vehicles. Officers arrived and found six vehicle windows had been smashed or shoot out with an unknown object(s) between the hours of 10:00 PM on the 9/26/2014 and 04:00 AM on 9/27/2014. No items were taken from the victim vehicles and appeared to be random in nature.

There have been several other reported identity thefts, thefts, hit and run vehicle accidents, and vandalisms during this month. These cases are also being looked into by the officers who took the initial reports and I may conduct further investigation at a later time.

KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

September 2014

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	1
Residential Burglary	1	0	1	0	0
Larceny Theft	3	1	2	0	0
Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	3	0	3	0	0
Fraud	1	0	1	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	7	6	1	0	0
Drugs	2	0	0	2	2
Warrant	2	0	0	2	2
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	2	2	0	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	2	0	0	2	1
Other Crime Totals	<u>19</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

All Crime Totals	<u>24</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	5
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

* Stats not received

KPD Crime Statistics

YTD 2014

Part 1 Crimes	Reported	Open/ Pending	Suspended	Closed	Arrest
Homicide	0	1*	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	0	1	1
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	8	1	0	7	3
Residential Burglary	10	5	5	0	0
Larceny Theft	19	2	16	1	0
Vehicle Theft	3	3	0	0	0
Arson	1	0	1	0	0
Part 1 Totals	<u>42</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>

Other Crimes					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	22	9	13	0	0
Fraud	6	1	5	0	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	1	0	0	1	1
Sex Crimes (other)	1	0	1	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	3	0	0	3	1
Vandalism	16	6	10	0	0
Drugs	8	0	0	8	8
Warrant	10	0	0	10	10
Hit and Run Felony	1	0	0	1	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	15	4	10	1	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	12	1	0	11	10
Other Crime Totals	<u>95</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>30</u>

All Crime Totals	<u>137</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>34</u>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	31
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	3

* 2011 case

•• **Chief Harman**

In September, schools have returned back to full sessions and with the return of students, soccer Mom's, and commuters, our focus returns to traffic and pedestrian safety.

We issued 156 traffic citations during the month of September in our effort to make the streets of Kensington safe for all. Contrary to some comments you may hear, especially from those who may have received a traffic citation for violation of a traffic law, we do not issue traffic citations to generate revenue, because we have nothing better to do, because there is no real crime in Kensington, or because police officers are mean people, we issue traffic citations to change drivers, bicyclist, and pedestrian behavior.

Believe me, I hear it all. "I was just driving 5 MPH over the speed limit", "I slowed down for the stop sign", "Why should I use my turn signal", "I was only stopping for a minute to...", and one of my all-time favorites, "I pay your salary, you shouldn't be giving me a ticket!". Our only goal when we conduct traffic enforcement is to change unsafe behavior to ensure the safety of everyone on the roadways.

We have investigated 31 non-injury accidents and 3 injury accidents so far this year and we are only 9 months into the year. Traffic accidents are caused by illegal and unsafe behavior. This includes using a cell phone, texting, and the worse of all, impaired driving due to alcohol or drug intoxication.

So as we head into the last quarter of the year, and the upcoming holiday season, please observe all traffic regulations and drive safely. Or you may receive a traffic citation, or a free ride in the back seat of a police car.