

November 2010 Police Department Report

November 30, 2010

- Department Personnel

Sergeant Khan is currently on Workman's Comp medical leave.

On Thursday, November 11th, Reserve Officers Christopher Turner, Christopher Armanino, and Theodore Foley were sworn in during the KPPCSD Board meeting. We now have seven reserve officers in the department.

- Commendations and Correspondence

None this month.

- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct

- Department Investigation #09-06 was initiated on December 24th 2009, on an allegation that an officer was rude during a disturbance call for service. The investigation was completed by Sergeant Hull on 11-30-10, and is under review.
- Department Investigation #10-001 was initiated on September 20th on an allegation that an officer posted an inappropriate screen saver on a District computer. The investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
- Department Investigation #10-002 was initiated on November 2nd on an allegation that an officer was rude during a traffic stop. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
- Department Investigation #10-003 was initiated on November 11th, at the KPPCSD Board meeting, when Catherine de Neergaard made a formal complaint indicating, "That there is no fair, impartial, and reasonable police review procedure", after voicing her complaints regarding Chief Harman's policies and directions to the department were not being heard. This complaint was followed by an e-mail complaint received by Chief Harman on November 15th.

This complaint will be investigated by Chief Harman and presented to the Board at a future KPPCSD Board meeting.

- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
- The Ring Time Report for November has not been received as of this report date.
- Communication Center Service Complaints
 - No complaints received this month however, ***this is a good time to remind everyone that for police non-emergencies, you need to contact the dispatch center at “236-0474” and not the KPPCSD business line of 526-4141.*** The KPPCSD business line is only monitored 6 hours a day during the week and should not be used to report police matters. Doing so, only delays the police response time, so please dial Dispatch direct.
- Community Networking
 - On 11-03-10, Chief Harman attended the West County Police Chief’s meeting in Hercules.
 - On 11-04-10, Chief Harman and Officer Ramos attended the Kensington School North Gate Traffic meeting.
 - On 11-07-10, Officer Stegman and Reserve Officer Colon increased their patrol activity at the Farmer’s Market.
 - On 11-08-10, Officer Wilson attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
- Community Criminal Activity
 - This section of the Watch Commanders Report has been prepared by Sergeant Hull who has now been assigned as the supervisor for both Team 1 & 2.

- Watch Commander Reports
- **Sergeant Hull**

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Medina (K35) (1800-0600)	Ramos (K41) (0730-1730)
Days Worked	11	8	19
Traffic Stops	13	25	41
Moving Citations	2	2	35
Parking Citations	0	3	7
Vacation/Security Checks	52	60	25
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Cases	1	1	6
Self Initiated Cases	0	0	0
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	35	28	21

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Officer:	Stegman (K32) (0600-1600)	Hui (K42) (1130-2130)	Wilson (K38) (2000-0600)
Days Worked	20	21	20
Traffic Stops	4	36	13
Moving Citations	4	25	4
Parking Citations	4	2	2
Vacation/Security Checks	42	106	102
FI-Field Interview	0	0	1
Cases	3	2	0
Self Initiated Cases	0	0	0
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	30	51	25

Reserve Laffite (K45) wrote two parking citations and three moving citations.
Reserve Colon (K44) wrote three parking citations and one moving citation.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Officer Stegman took one vacation day.
Officer Martinez took 40 hours Bereavement Leave.
Officer Medina took 40 hours Bereavement Leave.

- 2010-5795 – Officer Ramos responded to a report of Petty Theft in the unit block of Sunset Drive.
- 2010-5815 – Officer Ramos responded to a report of Grand Theft in the unit block of Ardmore Road.
- 2010-5816 – Officer Ramos responded to a report of Auto Burglary in the 800 block of Coventry Road.
- 2010-5855 – Officer Hui located an elderly Missing Person out of El Cerrito.
- 2010-5889 – Reserve Tyler responded to a report Auto Burglary in the 800 block of Coventry Road.
- 2010-5890 – Reserve Tyler responded to a report of Auto Theft in the unit block of Cowper Avenue. The suspect was the RP's son.
- 2010-5951 – Police Aide DiNapoli took possession of several firearms that were turned in for destruction.
- 2010-5972 – Detective Barrow responded to a report of Auto Burglary the unit block of Edgecroft Road.
- 2010-6023 – Officer Stegman responded to a report of Petty Theft in the unit block of Rincon Road.
- 2010-6030 – Officer Stegman responded to a report of Auto Burglary in the 200 block of Arlington Avenue.
- 2010-6054 – Officer Stegman responded to a report of Elder Abuse in the unit block of Edwin Drive.
- 2010-6058 – Officer Stegman responded to a property damage Accident in the 300 block of Stanford Avenue.
- 2010-6101 – Officer Hui responded to a report of Residential Burglary in the unit block of Franciscan Way.
- 2010-6114 – Officer Martinez responded to a report of Vandalism in the 100 block of Arlington Avenue.
- 2010-6118 – Officer Ramos responded to a report of non-injury Accident in the 100 block of Kenyon Avenue.
- 2010-6166 – Reserve Colon responded to a report of attempted Residential Burglary in the 300 block of Arlington Avenue.
- 2010-6176 – Officer Medina responded to a Coroner's case in the 100 block of St. Albans Road.
- 2010-6220 – Officer Stegman responded to a report of a family Disturbance on the unit block of Lawson Road.
- 2010-6295 – Officer Martinez located a stolen vehicle in the 200 block of Los Altos Road.
- 2010-6369 – Officer Hui responded to a report of Vehicle Tampering in the unit block of Kensington Court.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

Officer Stegman, Wilson, Hui and Detective Barrow attended a three day P.O.S.T certified course in Perishable Skills Training.

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

As Kensington remains one of the safest communities in the Bay Area, no place is immune to property crimes. I have noticed a slight increase in thefts from vehicles this month. Help decrease the incentive for thieves by removing or hiding from sight all valuables you decide to leave in your vehicle. Given the state of the economy expect more brazen criminal activity with respect to property crimes. Please call 510-236-0474 to report any unusual or suspicious activity.

Although the Police Department is sensitive to quality of life issues within the District, we recognize we cannot resolve crime alone. We appreciate any and all help and support from the community in keeping Kensington a relatively safe place to live and work.

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2010-6054 Elder Abuse

On 11-16-10, a resident reported their mother had been the victim of numerous thefts by caretakers over the previous two years. The reporting officer has not completed the initial investigation.

2010-6101 Residential Burglary.

On 11-17-10, a resident reported they had been the victim of a residential burglary. Officers found that the front glass door was smashed and items were taken from the residence. This case is under investigation.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

2010-5427 Criminal Threats and Battery on Spouse

The Contra Costa County District Attorneys Office declined prosecution citing, victim declining to testify and insufficient evidence.

2010-5366 Brandishing Firearm.

On 10-18-10, a resident was reported brandishing a firearm at two individuals that had entered the resident's yard. An arrest was made. **The Contra Costa County District Attorneys Office declined prosecution citing, insufficient evidence.**

2010-5319 and 5351 Arson

On 10-16-10 and 10-17-10, Kensington Police Officers responded to fires at 59 Arlington Avenue, the Kensington Park building E. The fires were

determined to be arsons. These cases are under investigation.

2010-4231 Residential Burglary.

On 09-01-10, a resident reported they had been the victim of a residential burglary. Officers found no sign of forced entry as the residence was unlocked. A checkbook was the only thing taken.

2010-3514 Forgery and Embezzlement by Employee.

On 07-30-10, a resident reported she had been the victim of embezzlement and forgery by a previous employee. The ex-employee had moved to another state with one of the victim's family members. **This case was filed with the Contra Costa County District Attorneys Office and the CCCDA declined prosecution citing, insufficient evidence.**

2010-3491 Identity Theft.

Officer Martinez took a report of an identity theft and was able to identify a person of interest that lives in North Richmond. We conducted a search for the individual and were unable to make contact. I will be conducting a follow up investigation in this case.

2010-2872 Residential Burglary.

Items taken from an unlocked downstairs room with a door leading to the rear yard. This case will be investigated.

2010-2701 Arrest of forgery suspect.

This case has been filed with the Alameda District Attorneys Office.

2010-2695 Residential Burglary.

This case is under investigation.

2010-2199 Arrest of forgery suspect.

The suspect in this case has also just been charged for similar crimes in Oakland and the US Postal Service. This case has been filed with the Alameda District Attorneys Office.

2010-2050 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident.

The suspect vehicle hit two Kensington Police Officers personal vehicles. **The Contra Costa County District Attorneys Office filed charges in this case.**

2010-1560 Residential Burglary and two vehicles were also stolen.

The Contra Costa County District Attorneys Office filed 5 criminal charges, two counts of felony burglary, two counts of felony auto theft and one count of felony possession of stolen property. The bail amount was increased due to the suspect's criminal history. On 11-23-10, I was able to obtain an arrest warrant in the amount of \$185,000.00. On 12-01-10, I located the suspect as he was walking down the street, in the City of

Richmond. I took the suspect into custody without incident and booked him into county jail.

2010-1457 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident.

A vehicle left the roadway and struck an AT&T phone box and two parked vehicles. **Charges have been filed in this case.** The suspect in this case has been arrested in another county for drug related offences. He will have to wait until the other county adjudicates its case before the suspect can be held to answer for the crimes committed in Kensington.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS

- I attended a three day POST certified 24 hour PSP/CPT course in the city of Fairfield. In summary the course covered driving, firearms, weaponless defense and law updates.
- Made several court runs for filling cases, and citation drop off's.
- Updated the KPD residential burglary log.
- Updated the KPD stolen vehicle log.

WEST-NET ASIGNMENT:

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.

I have been assigned the task of locating fugitives or wanted persons in connection with West-NET cases. On 11-03-10, three West NET agents and I conducted surveillance in the City of Elk Grove for two wanted suspects. The suspects were wanted in connection with a 2007 West-NET case. Two warrants were issued in the amounts of \$2,260,000.00 for each suspect. While on surveillance we contacted one of the suspects. She was arrested without incident. An unrelated subject, who was with the arrestee, was also arrested on numerous drug charges. The other suspect was located in the City of Lodi and with the help of four Lodi Police Department Detectives we took the second suspect into custody without incident. While taking the second suspect into custody we contacted two other suspects. The unrelated suspects were arrested for outstanding warrants and they were also taken into custody. Five arrests were made in all without incident.

INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY:

In the month of October the District of Kensington sustained 1 identity theft, 2 non-injury vehicle accidents and 1 Hit and Run Vehicle Accidents, 0 Injury Hit and Run Accident, 1 Injury Accident, 1 Residential Burglary, 0 Attempted Residential Burglaries, 0 Commercial Burglary, 4 Auto Burglaries, 1 Theft from an unlocked vehicle, 1 Stolen Vehicles, 1 Petty Theft, 2 Vandalisms, 0 Embezzlement, 1 Elder Abuse, 1 Fraud, 0 Forgery, 0 Attempted Grand Thefts and 0 Grand Thefts.

•• **Chief Harman**

Traffic and parking issues are still the number one issue in the community. This was brought to the attention of the KPPCSD Board at the last board meeting held on November 11th, when a complaint was received regarding my enforcement of the 72- hour parking issue on Highland, in addition to requests made by the neighbors of Norwood & Arlington Court and Franciscan Way, to address their concerns regarding speeding vehicles.

As far as an update on the current traffic issues:

46 Arlington- The County has made several street and signage changes along the Arlington, including restricting parking in the area, new street markings, new pedestrian signage, as well as changing the light cycle at the traffic signal. We are still waiting for the County to install the solar powered traffic speed radar sign the District purchased with last years COPS grant funding. Jerry Fahy reported to me that the problem as been the County has not been able to successfully secure a contractor to complete the work.

Colusa Circle- The County has recently improved the pedestrian crosswalks in the area and installed additional pedestrian warning signs in the Circle area. The County also painted the Colusa Circle curb red in an attempt to stop trucks from using the curb as a loading zone.

North Gate of Kensington School- After our meeting of November 4th, the County has restricted traffic flow on Arlmont Road and during school commute, restricted parking on Highland during school commute, and painted new red zones.

Norwood and Arlington Court- I have meet with the neighbors in the area as well as Jerry Fahy to discuss possible solutions. I am currently trying to set up another neighborhood meeting to follow up on the earlier discussions before moving forward.

Franciscan Way- The issue of speeding vehicles here is an old one and in 2009, the County agreed to change the street and traffic signage to try and address the problem.

At the November 11th Board meeting, a request was made to have the police department place their portable radar sign in the area. This sign is currently not working and is being sent back to the manufacturer for an estimate on the repair. This portable radar sign is not the preferred way of trying to reduce speed because it needs to be attached to a running (and unoccupied) patrol car. So depending on the cost of repairing the portable unit, I may be requesting the Board purchase a radar trailer in the coming months.

The Kensington Police Department has increased traffic enforcement in the community by all personnel, not just our Traffic Officer. People have commented to me that they appreciate the increase in enforcement, but have mentioned that due to the narrow streets and street design of the community, drivers can easily spot officers in black and white patrol vehicles conducting traffic enforcement, especially along Franciscan Way and 46 Arlington.

I have been able to secure a donation of a Harley Davidson police motorcycle to be used by our Traffic Officer from the Pleasant Hill Police Department. I will be presenting a request to the KPPCSD Board at our December 9th Board to accept this generous donation and to begin the process of starting a motor unit for our community in an effort to increase traffic and pedestrian safety.