

July 2011 Police Department Report

August 5, 2011

- Department Personnel

Reserve Police Officer Quyen Duong will be sworn in at our August 11th KPPCSD Board meeting. Quyen is a tri-lingual candidate who recently graduated from the Evergreen Valley Police Academy. Quyen is currently participating in our In House training program and will begin her field training after she is sworn in August 11th.

Reserve Police Officer Mike Colon has completed his Field Training Program and is now on solo duty. His first solo patrol took place on National Night Out. Congratulations Mike!

- Commendations and Correspondence

- Chief Harman received a letter from Donald Lane, our POST Senior Consultant, indicating that our department passed our compliance inspection that was conducted on May 3rd.

- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct

- 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 #10-003 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.

At the August 11th Board meeting, a proposal will be presented to bring in an outside investigator to investigate this complaint.

- Department Investigation 2011-002 was initiated on June 5, 2011, on an allegation that an officer falsified an official police document. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.

- Department Investigation 2011-003 was initiated on June 10, 2011, on allegations that an officer caused a hostile work environment, insubordination, conduct violations, and discrimination. The internal investigation was completed by Sergeant Hull on August 1st and the subject officer is currently on paid administrative leave pending my review.
- Department Investigation 2011-004 was initiated on July 5, 2011 on allegations that an officer violated department reporting procedures. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.
- The Ring Time Report for July

Total 911 Calls	42
Total Calls with a Ring Time Under 10 Seconds	40
Total Calls with a Ring Time Between 10-20 Seconds	2
Total Calls with a Ring Time Over 20 Seconds	0
Average Ring Time	4.0 s

- 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 07-11-11, Chief Harman and Doug Wilson attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting. Following the meeting, Chief Harman attended the Kensington Community Council meeting.
- Community Criminal Activity
 - This section of the Watch Commander’s Reports are prepared by Sergeant Hull for Team One, Acting Sergeant Hui for Team 2, and Detective Barrow.

- Watch Commander Reports
- **Sergeant Hull**
(1400-0200)

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Stegman (K32) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	15	10
Traffic Stops	28	15
Moving Citations	16	7
Parking Citations	10	7
Vacation/Security Checks	5	46
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	0	5
Self Initiated Cases	0	1
Arrests	0	1
Calls for Service	113	57

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

KPD Policy 344 – Report Preparation

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

The Kensington Police Department continues to focus its efforts on traffic concerns on Franciscan Way. This month one DUI driver was arrested and of the several citations issued on this roadway one speeder was cited for driving 39 MPH. One vehicle was towed because the driver was unlicensed and he was wanted by ICE.

I would like to commend Officer Wilson and all residents who opened their homes to host a National Night Out party.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2011-4398 – Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 700 block of Coventry Rd. to a report of residential burglary.

2011-4560 – Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 500 block of Beloit Ave. to a report of auto burglary.

2011-4612 – Officer Wilson responded to a non-injury hit & run accident in the unit block of Garden Drive.

2011-4904 – Officer Wilson and Reserve Armanino initiated a traffic stop that resulted in a DUI arrest on Franciscan Way.

2011-5023 – Officer Wilson responded to a non-injury hit & run accident in the 600 block of Oberlin Avenue.

•• **Acting Sergeant Hui**

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

A.S. Hui (K42) wrote 4 moving citations.
(1400-0200)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Ramos (K41) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	12	18
Traffic Stops	36	32
Moving Citations	7	12
Parking Citations	2	
Vacation/Security	31	247
Checks		
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	3	2
Self Initiated Cases	0	0
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	38	43

Officer Ramos took 10 hours of vacation.

Officer Martinez took 48 hours of vacation.

Acting Sergeant Hui attended records management software training.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed KPD Policy 322 – Search and Seizure
- Reviewed sections of “Verbal Judo” by George Thompson
- Reviewed case law: US v. Ludwig

SERGEANT’S SUMMARY:

As we progress through the summer months, we have seen an increase in solicitors. Businesses are required to obtain a business license from Contra Costa County prior to soliciting door to door in Kensington. I encourage residents to call KPD when they observe solicitors within their neighborhood so that Kensington officers can verify that they have the necessary licenses. People posing as solicitors have gone door to door in a community for the

purposes of determining if a residence is occupied or to steal mail. This type of activity can lead to burglaries and identity thefts.

I would like to thank the residents who graciously opened up their homes to host National Night Out parties. I had the opportunity to attend several of these parties and always enjoy the opportunity to meet with residents, share information about programs offered by KPD, and to learn about their neighborhood concerns. I would also like to thank Officer Wilson for his efforts in coordinating National Night Out and Reserve Officers Colon, Chandler, Turner, and Foley for volunteering their time to assist with this event.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-4435 – On 7/7/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of a theft of a scooter.
- 2011-4621 – On 7/14/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Highgate Rd on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-4657 – On 7/15/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on a report of vandalism to a vehicle.
- 2011-4788 – On 7/20/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the unit blk of Richardson Rd on a report of an identity theft.
- 2011-4818 – On 7/21/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Stanford Ave on a report of vandalism to a vehicle.
- 2011-4831 – On 7/22/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 blk of Kenyon Ave on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-4973 – On 7/28/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the unit blk of Kenyon Ave on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-4980 – On 7/28/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 300 blk of Colusa Ave on a report of a hit and run collision.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

- 19 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.
- 9 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.
- 16 moving citations were issued on Franciscan Way.
- 4 moving citations were issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Westminster Ave.

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2011-4621 Theft from a vehicle and unauthorized use of credit cards. On Thursday, July 14, 2011, a purse was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 00 block of Highgate Road. Two suspects were seen driving a late 2000 four

door Nissan Altima and were using the victim's credit cards at numerous locations along San Pablo Avenue. The first suspect was described as a white or Hispanic female adult, 5'5" to 5'7" tall, and 130 to 150 lbs. with dark brown hair. The second suspect was a white or Hispanic male adult, 5'11" to 6'01", thin build, with dark hair. The female was seen driving and the male was seated in the front passenger seat. The suspects may have been involved in other recent thefts within Kensington. If you see the suspects or have any information concerning this case please telephone Detective Barrow at (510)526-4141 or call police dispatch at (510)236-0474. (See attached Flyer)

2011-4980 Hit and Run

On Tuesday, July 28, 2011, officers responded to a hit and run vehicle accident in the 300 block of Colusa Avenue. Through a good initial investigation by KPD Officer Ramos I was able to contact the suspect in Berkeley. This case is closed and will be submitted to the Contra Costa DA for prosecution.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

2011-2194, 2706 Residential Burglary

On May 20, 2011, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department arrested two suspects for residential burglaries committed in their jurisdiction. We were able to link the suspects to two residential burglaries committed within Kensington. It is believed that these suspects have been involved in numerous other residential burglaries throughout the bay area. This investigation is still ongoing and I hope to find evidence of other Kensington victims. This case is under investigation and eventually will be submitted to the Contra Costa DA for prosecution.

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

- Made several court runs for filling cases, and retrieve court notifications.
- Updated the KPD residential burglary log.
- Updated the KPD stolen vehicle log.
- I'm currently assigned one day per week as a Field Training Officer.

WEST-NET ASSIGNMENT:

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.

INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY:

In the month of July the District of Kensington sustained 2 identity thefts, 1 non-injury vehicle accident and 3 Hit and Run Vehicle Accidents, 0 Injury Hit and Run Accident, 0 Injury Accidents, 1 Residential Burglary, 0 Attempted Residential Burglaries, 0 Commercial Burglary, 0 Auto Burglary, 3 Thefts from unlocked vehicles, 1 Stolen Vehicle, 3 Petty Thefts, 3 Vandalisms, 0 Embezzlement, 0 Elder Abuse, 0 Frauds, 0 Forgery, 0 Attempted Grand Thefts and 0 Grand Thefts.

•• Chief Harman

I was pleased to note that we only had one residential burglary for the month of July. The summer months are usually the time when we experience an increase in residential burglaries due to vacations of residents. Our Vacation Watch checks and efforts to increase our time on patrol, along with our neighbors calling in suspicious people and activity are paying off.

You may notice that traffic citations issued for the month of July are down from previous months. This is due to several factors, most notable staffing. We continue to work one position down with Sergeant Khan's retirement and have had an officer on paid administrative leave since mid-June. Our Traffic Officer, Juan "Manny" Ramos has been temporarily assigned to cover Team 2's graveyard shift, which takes him away from being assigned strictly to traffic enforcement duties.

I have also instructed our officers to give warnings to drivers that have equipment only violations. I was informed that the administrative fee for having an equipment violation citation signed off had increased from \$15.00 to \$50.00, due to County and State assessments. This seems to be an unreasonable financial burden placed on drivers to be told that a taillight on their vehicle is burned out.

However, I wish to be completely clear here. We will continue to enforce all traffic laws and our "Zero Tolerance" policy for moving violations. This includes talking on your cell phone while driving. So don't do it.