

# July 2013 Police Department Report

August 1, 2013

- Department Personnel
  - We are fully staffed at 10 sworn positions and two reserve officers.
- Commendations and Correspondence
  - On 07-18-13, we received a thank you card from Mary Laud of Berkeley for our response to her report of a lost phone.
- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct
  - Citizen's Investigation 2013-001 was initiated on January 3, 2013, on allegations that two officers acted in an unprofessional manner. This investigation was conducted by Chief Harman and both officers were exonerated.
  - Citizen's Investigation 2013-002 was initiated on March 21<sup>st</sup> 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 June identified 34 total 911 calls with 3 having ring times over 20 seconds. Average ring time for the month of June was 8.5 seconds.
- Community Networking
  - On 07-01-13, Chief Harman attended the KCC meeting.
  - On 07-23-13, Master Sergeant Hull and Officer Wilkens attended the ATT cell phone tower public information evening at the Community Center.
  - On 07-30-13, Chief Harman attended the KMAC meeting in which the proposals for ATT cell phone towers were presented.

- 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	12	16	16
Traffic Stops	29	19	18
Moving Citations	23	15	11
Parking Citations	2	4	1
Vacation/Security Checks	20	50	16
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0	0	2
Cases	1	1	8
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	22	32	48

- BRIEFING/TRAINING:
  - Reviewed KPD Policy 300 Use of Force
  - Reviewed Testifying in Court
  - Reviewed Immunity
  - Reviewed Entrapment
  - Reviewed Line Ups and Show Ups
  - Reviewed Double-Blind Lineup
  - Reviewed Warrantless Seizure vs. Warrantless Search
  - Reviewed Felony Arrests
  - Reviewed Misdemeanor Arrests
  - Reviewed Checking in Property
  - Reviewed State Requirements for Holding Minors in Detention
  - Reviewed Checking in Property to Evidence Room
  - Reviewed Warrantless Blood Draws on Routine DUI's
  - Reviewed Possession of Firearm Section
  - Reviewed Open Carry of Firearm
  - Reviewed Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act 2004
  - Reviewed Questioning Multiple Suspects
  - Reviewed Seizure of Firearm at H&S 5150 Incident

## SERGEANT'S REVIEW:

- Conceal Carry Permit

## SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Officer Wilson asked me to mention two fast approaching events. The first is National Night Out and the other is the 2<sup>nd</sup> KPD Citizen's Academy. Many of you may be aware of these programs, but in the event that you do not, I will elaborate on them and give you some basic information.

National Night Out is a program whose goal is to foster public awareness, and facilitate and organize communities in crime awareness and prevention. It does this by coordinating a national night out across the nation in an attempt to get neighbors involved in a party, BBQ, or gathering. In this way, people can exchange contact information while increasing visibility and shared communication.

Kensington has been enthusiastically involved in National Night Out for approximately seven years and in that time, the number of events has steadily increased.

If you are interested in attending a National Night Out gathering near you, please contact Officer Wilson at [dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org](mailto:dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org), and he will get you in touch with a host closest to your home!

This year National Night Out is on Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9 PM.

The Kensington Police Departments Citizen's Academy will have its second class starting on August 13<sup>th</sup> of this year. The Citizen's Academy is where you can learn what police do, from police who are doing it. Everything from the Laws of Arrest, to Traffic Stops and Defensive Tactics. You will meet the KPD Police Employees, and upon successful completion, you will receive a graduation certificate, and will be invited for a ride-a-long. There are no tests, but attendance is mandatory. The class runs for eight, two hour sessions, on Tuesday nights from 7-9 PM. I am one of the instructors for these classes and will be speaking about evidence collection, preservation, and booking. Officer Wilson says the class is almost full, but if you want to sign up, please contact Officer Wilson at [dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org](mailto:dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org).

- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
- 2013-3072 – On 7-1-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 400 block of Colusa Avenue for reported non-injury hit and run collision.
- 2013-3288 – On 7-14-2013, Officer Wilson responded to the 00 block of Cowper Avenue for a reported medical that is under investigation.

- 2013-3301 – On 7-15-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 100 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported theft.
- 2013-3323 – On 7-16-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Edwin Drive for a reported identity theft.
- 2013-3333 – On 7-16-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 100 block of Highland Blvd for a reported theft.
- 2013-3439 – On 7-22-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 400 block of Beloit Avenue for a reported stolen vehicle.
- 2013-3460 – On 7-23-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 200 block of Willamette Avenue for reported non-injury vehicle collision.
- 2013-3477 – On 7-24-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Lexington Drive for a reported identity theft.
- 2013-3484 – On 7-24-2013, Sergeant Barrow responded to the 00 block of Kingston Road for reported non-injury vehicle collision.
- 2013-3549 – On 7-28-2013, Officer Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Vassar Avenue for a reported stolen vehicle.

**TRAFFIC STATISTICS:**

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

15 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.  
 37 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.  
 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	11	13
Traffic Stops	14	25
Moving Citations	7	14
Parking Citations	9	4
Vacation/Security Checks	32	45
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	3	2
Arrests	0	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0	0
Calls for Service	49	27

Officer Martinez took three days of vacation.  
Officer Turner recovered 24 hours of comp time.

#### BRIEFING/TRAINING:

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This past month, I spoke with several residents who were unaware about our Vacation Watch program. I would encourage residents who plan on being away from their homes to take advantage of this program.

Our Vacation Watch program is relatively simple. You fill out a vacation watch request form either at the police station or online at:

<https://kensingtoncalifornia.org/vacation.php>

The form asks for some basic information that includes your name, address, and contact information, as well as the dates you will be away and any people that may be in your residence.

We maintain a vacation watch log at the police department. As time permits, our officers will perform security checks at these vacant residences.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the vacation watch program, please contact the Kensington Police Department.

We also have National Night Out this coming Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is a non-profit organization that organizes National Night Out. National Night Out in Kensington usually consists of several neighborhood get-togethers hosted by our residents in an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie. It is a great venue to learn more about the Vacation Watch program as well as the other programs available to Kensington residents.

If you are interested in attending a National Night Out party near you, please contact our National Night Out Coordinator, Officer Doug Wilson, at:

[dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org](mailto:dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org)

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2013-3103– On 7/3/2013, Sergeant Hui responded to the 400 blk of Beloit Ave on a report of an identity theft.
- 2013-3151– On 7/6/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Kensington Dr on a report of a residential burglary.
- 2013-3152– On 7/6/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the 700 blk of Coventry Rd on a report of a petty theft.
- 2013-3357– On 7/17/2013, Sergeant Hui responded to the 200 blk of Lake Dr on a report of a petty theft.
- 2013-3376– On 7/18/2013, Officer Turner responded to the 200 blk of Amherst Ave on a report of a vandalism.
- 2013-3402– On 7/19/2013, Master Sergeant Hull arrested a subject on the unit blk of Arlington Ave for driving under the influence of drugs.
- 2013-3414– On 7/20/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Kingston Dr on a report of a petty theft.
- 2013-3420– On 7/20/2013, Officer Turner responded to the 600 blk of Coventry Dr on a report of a petty theft.

Reserve Officer:	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	2
Traffic Stops	10
Moving Citations	8
Parking Citations	0
Vacation/Security Checks	5
FI-Field Interview Cases	0
	0

Arrests	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0
Calls for Service	1

Traffic Totals for Team 2 – includes Master Sergeant Hull

16 citations were issued on Arlington Ave  
13 citations were issued on Colusa Ave  
1 citation was issued on Franciscan Way  
1 citation was issued on Amherst Ave  
1 citation was issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd

•• **Detective Eric Stegman**

### **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

#### **13-XXXX Assault (Possible Manslaughter)**

(The details of this investigation have been redacted by Chief Harman due to it being an on going investigation)

#### **13-2837 Vandalism**

On 6/16/13, Officer Wilkens responded to a vandalism at Hilltop Elementary School. One of the picnic benches on the east most play ground had been significantly damaged, requiring expensive replacement or repair. Officer Wilkens and I reviewed the surveillance video from the CCTV system recently installed by the Pre- School that uses the playground. The suspects could be seen sawing away the studs installed on the table to prevent skateboarders from “grinding” the table’s surfaces. We were able to obtain useable screen shots of the suspects from the video as they were skateboarding and causing damage to the benches.

On 7/17/13, Sgt. Barrow and I were in the middle of investigating the above mentioned assault case when we spotted several juveniles who looked similar to the suspects responsible for the damage at Hilltop Elementary School. We took a few minutes to contact the subjects and summoned Officer Wilkens to the scene. Two of the subjects we had stopped admitted to being involved in the damage to the bench at the school. A third suspect has since come forward. This case is closed.

### **KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:**

#### **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.



## KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

July 2013

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b>	<b>Reported</b>	<b>Open/ Pending</b>	<b>Suspended</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Arrest</b>
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	1	1	0	0	0
Residential Burglary	1	1	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	6	1	5	0	0
Vehicle Theft	2	0	2	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Part 1 Totals</b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

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

<b>All Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>17</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	2
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

## KPD Crime Statistics

YTD 2013

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b>	<b>Reported</b>	<b>Open/ Pending</b>	<b>Suspended</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Arrest</b>
Homicide	0	1*	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	4	1	0	3	0
Residential Burglary	18	6	8	4	1
Larceny Theft	22	3	19	0	0
Vehicle Theft	10	2	7	1	0
Arson	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Part 1 Totals</b>	<b><u>55</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>35</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>

<b>Other Crimes</b>					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	19	5	13	1	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	14	3	10	1	0
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant	11	0	0	11	13
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	10	0	9	1	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	7	0	0	7	7
<b>Other Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>64</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>33</u></b>	<b><u>22</u></b>	<b><u>20</u></b>

<b>All Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>119</u></b>	<b><u>21</u></b>	<b><u>68</u></b>	<b><u>30</u></b>	<b><u>21</u></b>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	25
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

\* 2011 case

•• **Chief Harman**

Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, will be our 7<sup>th</sup> National Night Out and our biggest one to date. Officer Wilson has done an outstanding job in assisting 21 neighborhood groups in participating in National Night Out this year.

If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in a Nation Night Out party, please contact Officer Wilson and he will be able to connect you with a block party occurring in your area. It is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, speak with our officers, and just have a good time.

Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, will be the first class of our second Citizen's Academy. This eight week course provides citizens the opportunity to learn about police work and the Kensington Police Department from our officers. There is no cost for this great opportunity to meet our officers and ask all those questions you have about the job they do.

We still have room in the class and if you are interested, just contact Officer Wilson or apply on line at our website at [www.kensingtoncalifornia.org](http://www.kensingtoncalifornia.org).