

# December 2012 Police Department Report

January 4, 2013

- Department Personnel

- We are currently fully staffed at 10 sworn positions and we currently have two reserve officers.

Stephanie Wilkens graduated on December 8<sup>th</sup> from the Napa Police Academy. On Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Police Trainee Wilkens began two weeks of In House Training while her background process was completed. She began her Field Training on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- Commendations and Correspondence-None this month

- Investigation of Alleged Misconduct

- Department Investigation 2012-002 was initiated on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, on an allegation that an officer was insubordinate. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.
- Citizen's Investigation 2012-003 was initiated on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012, on an allegation that an officer used racial profiling in making a traffic stop. This investigation is being conducted by Sergeant Hull.

- 9-1-1 / Richmond Communication Center Information.

As of this report date the Ring Time Report for December from Richmond Communications has not been received.

- Community Networking

- On 12-03-12, Chief Harman attended the KCC meeting.
- On 12-05-12, Sergeant Hui provided a tour to the Daisy Girl Scout Troop of the police side of the Public Safety Building.

- On 12-10-12, Officer Wilson attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
- On 12-12-12, Chief Harman participated in the Arlington Light Weave Parade.
- On 12-15-12, Master Sergeant Hull attended the El Cerrito Colusa Avenue Traffic meeting held at the El Cerrito City Hall.
- Community Criminal Activity
  - This section of the Watch Commander's Reports are prepared by Sergeant Hui for Team One, Sergeant Barrow for Team Two, and Detective Stegman.
- Watch Commander Reports
  - **Sergeant Barrow**

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

Officer:	Ramos (K41) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38)/ Wilkens (K50) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	16	16/6
Traffic Stops	2	15
Moving Citations	2	8
Parking Citations	2	10
Vacation/Security	29	62
Checks		
FI-Field Interview	0	1
Traffic Accident Reports	1	0
Cases	6	3
Arrests	0	0
Calls for Service	59	40

- BRIEFING/TRAINING:
  - Reviewed Supplemental Traffic Enforcement Hot Sheet
  - Reviewed November 2012 Crime List
  - Reviewed PC 245 – Assault with a Deadly Weapon
  - Reviewed different types of “speed limits.”
  - Reviewed definitions of marked and unmarked crosswalks
  - Reviewed PC 242 – Battery
  - Reviewed PC 240 – Assault
  - Reviewed KPD Policy #1018 – Smoking and Tobacco Use
  - Reviewed KPD Policy #1020 – Complaints

- Reviewed KPD Policy #1028 – Request for Change of Assignment
- Reviewed KPD Policy #1030 – Employee Commendations
- Reviewed KPD Policy #1030 – Fitness for Duty

**SERGEANT'S REVIEW:**

- Reviewed participation requirements for the Victim Compensation Program.

**SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:**

Officer Wilkens has started her Infield Training with Field Training Officer (FTO) Wilson and will continue for several more weeks before switching to another FTO.

Several of the property crimes in recent months have occurred when a Kensington resident has left windows, doors to their homes, or vehicles unlocked. A recent arrest of an individual revealed he would just walk through town trying vehicle doors to see if they were unlocked. If a vehicle's door was locked he would just move to the next vehicle on the block. The suspect did not care if the vehicle was parked in the driveway of a residence or on the street. Several of the vehicles just had coins or small amounts of money taken.

We have also taken residential burglaries with rear windows or doors left open or unlocked. Through investigation we have also found that when the suspects found a window or door locked they just moved to another entry point that had been left unlocked.

I would encourage residents to lock your homes and vehicles and if you have an alarm set it even if you are gone for only a few minutes.

- **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**
- 2012-7424 – On 12-03-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Yale Court for a reported Vehicle Tampering.
- 2012-7418 – On 12-03-2012, Officer Wilson responded to the 800 block of Coventry Road for a reported Vehicle Vandalism. A fire hydrant was thrown onto the windshield of a parked vehicle.
- 2012-7542 – On 12-10-2012, Officer Wilson responded to the 100 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported Vandalism of an outside garage door opener key pad.
- 2012-7533 – On 12-10-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Highland Blvd for a reported Arson.
- 2012-7555 – On 12-11-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Lenox Drive for a reported Theft of property from the front yard area.
- 2012-7556 – On 12-11-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Sunset Drive for a reported Identity Theft.

- 2012-7574 – On 12-12-2012, Sergeant Barrow, Detective Stegman, Officers, Ramos, and Wilkens, responded to the 00 block of Stratford Drive for a reported Residential Burglary. Some of the items taken were recovered and a suspect was taken into custody during the investigation of this case.
- 2012-7647 – On 12-16-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Kingston Drive for a reported Identity Theft.
- 2012-7649 – On 12-16-2012, Officer Ramos responded to the 100 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported Vandalism of an outside garage door opener key pad.
- 2012-7650 – On 12-16-2012, Officer Wilson responded to the 00 block of Anson Way for a reported Petty Theft from the front yard of a residence.
- 2012-7676 – On 12-18-2012, Detective Stegman, Officers Wilson, Ramos, and Reserve Officer Armanino conducted a probation search in the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue in the City of Albany. The probation search was conducted after a suspicious person contacted by Officer Wilson in regards to several vehicle burglaries and petty thefts from vehicles.
- 2012-7823– On 12-27-2012, Officer Wilson/Wilkens responded to Central Avenue and San Luis Street in El Cerrito for an outside assisted and covered El Cerrito PD in a cruelty to animal and drug possession investigation.

**TRAFFIC STATISTICS:**

8 moving citations were issued on Colusa Ave.  
 16 moving citations were issued on Arlington Ave.  
 1 moving citation was issued on Purdue Ave.  
 2 moving citations were issued on Oak view Ave.  
 1 moving citation was issued on Franciscan Way.  
 1 moving citation were issued on Cowper Ave

**•• Sergeant Hui**

**TEAM #2 STATISTICS**

Sergeant Hui (K42)  
 (1600-0400)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Turner (K46) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	12	15
Traffic Stops	16	40
Moving Citations	10	8
Parking Citations	17	7
Vacation/Security Checks	28	58

FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	5	3
Arrests	0	0
Traffic Accident Reports	1	0
Calls for Service	58	43

Officer Martinez took 36 hours of vacation time.

Officer Turner recovered 6 hours of comp time.

Sergeant Hui attended a 4 hour California Legislative Updates course.

#### BRIEFING/TRAINING:

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#### SERGEANT’S REVIEW:

- o Reviewed participation requirements for the Victim Compensation Program

#### SERGEANT’S SUMMARY:

During this past month, we were able to identify a suspect who has been stealing items from a variety of unlocked vehicles throughout town. The identification of this suspect, as well as the subsequent closure of several theft cases, was the combined result of our residents, Officer Wilson, Corporal Stegman, Sergeant Barrow, and the rest of the Kensington Police Department. I would like to thank all of these involved parties for their efforts.

Our residents provided a critical role in reporting these crimes. Many times, the theft of a few dollars in change go unreported because the resident felt the loss was insignificant. Several residents did report these crimes which allowed the Kensington Police Department to establish a basic timeline and pattern of frequented streets in which these crimes were occurring. With this knowledge at hand, Officer Wilson was able to contact a suspicious person walking on one of

our streets. Corporal Stegman and Sergeant Barrow diligently followed up with this lead and were able to determine this suspicious person was a suspect in twelve theft cases in Kensington. Corporal Stegman has submitted these cases to the Contra Costa County District Attorney's office for prosecution of this suspect.

I would like to encourage residents to continue reporting these types of crimes. I would also encourage residents to lock their car doors at night. The suspect involved in these twelve thefts specifically targeted unlocked vehicles.

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- 2012-7475– On 12/06/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Columbia Ave on a report of vehicle tampering.
- 2012-7486– On 12/07/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Stanford Ave on a report of a petty theft.
- 2012-7490 – On 12/07/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 300 blk of Grizzly Peak Blvd on a report of a vehicle burglary.
- 2012-7498 – On 12/07/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 400 blk of Wellesley Ave on a report of vehicle tampering.
- 2012-7683 – On 12/19/2012, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Kingston Rd on a report of a vehicle burglary.
- 2012-7698 – On 12/19/2012, Officer Turner responded to the 1500 blk of Valley Rd on a report of a theft from a vehicle.
- 2012-7699 – On 12/19/2012, Officer Turner responded to the unit blk of Beverly Rd on a report of a theft from a vehicle.
- 2012-7715 – On 12/20/2012, Officer Turner responded to the 1600 blk of Ocean View Ave on a report of vehicle tampering.

Reserve Officer:	Armanino (K47)
Days Worked	3
Traffic Stops	8
Moving Citations	3
Parking Citations	4
Vacation/Security	5
Checks	
FI-Field Interview	0
Cases	0
Arrests	0
Traffic Accident Reports	0
Calls for Service	7

•• **Detective Eric Stegman**

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

**12-7583 Arson**

On 12/10/12, KPD responded to an arson at 90 Highland Blvd (Hilltop Elementary School). This was the fourth in a group of similar incidents that have occurred since July. The suspect generally finds clothing on the school grounds or paper affixed to the walls, finds a secluded area in the school, and lights the items on fire, using unknown means. The suspect's choice of fuel (clothing and miscellaneous paper items), lack of use of accelerant, and the locations the fires are set, makes it unlikely the suspect's intent is to cause major damage to the school. As of this fourth incident, the total damage to school property has been minimal. KPD is working with administrators at the school to create a less conducive environment for the suspect. Please contact Detective Stegman if you have any information regarding these crimes. **This case has been suspended pending further leads.**

**12-7574 Burglary**

On 12/12/12, a residential burglary occurred on the unit block of Stratford Rd. The suspect entered a ground level window by removing a screen and entering an open window. A short time after KPD responded, I located some of the stolen property at a "cash for gold" store in El Cerrito. I recovered the stolen property and was able to identify the suspect that sold the stolen property to the business. On 12/21/12, Sgt. Barrow, Officer Martinez, Officer Wilkens, and I served a search warrant at the suspect's residence. We subsequently arrested the suspect for burglary and possession of stolen property. **This was submitted to the DA and the case is closed.**

**KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:**

**12-7486 Petty theft**

On 12/7/12 a theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred on the 200 block of Stanford Ave. The loss in this case was a vehicle registration tab from the passenger compartment, which had not yet been affixed to the car's rear plate. On 12/17/12, Officer Wilson conducted a consensual contact on a subject he believed was acting suspiciously. Officer Wilson completed a Field Identification Card and forwarded it to me. Through investigation I learned the subject Officer Wilson contacted was on probation for multiple petty and grand thefts. On 12/18/12 Officer Wilson, Officer Ramos, Officer Armanino, and I conducted a probation search at the subject's house. The subject was not home, but during the search we located the registration tab stolen from the victim's vehicle on Stanford Ave. in the suspect's bedroom.

During the months of November and December KPD took over 20 reports

involving people having their unlocked cars rifled through. In many instances the theft, if any, consisted of only change and small amounts of currency. During a subsequent interview, the suspect admitted to multiple other petty thefts where he had stolen change and other valuables out of unlocked vehicles in Kensington. Through this suspect's possession of stolen property, his admissions and knowledge of specific crimes that had been reported, and the repetitiveness and consistency of the suspects Modus Operandi in many of the crimes reported to KPD, I was able to link the suspect to 12 separate thefts in Kensington. **These cases will be sent to the DA for prosecution.**

### **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 is TBD.

### **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 court runs for filling cases, and retrieve court notifications.
- Updated the KPD Case Review Log.
- Reviewed the "Trak Flyer" messages and maintained the flyer board.
- I assisted WESTNET and ECPD on 12/20/12 with a stolen vehicle task force operation.
- On 12/4/12 and 12/19/12 I conducted KPD range training/ qualifications.
- From 12/10/12 to 12/21/12 I assisted with Officer Wilken's in house training.



# KPD Crime Statistics

## KPD Monthly Crime Statistics

December 2012

<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	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Burglary	1	0	0	1	1
Larceny Theft	9	0	5	4	0
Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Part 1 Totals</b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>1</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	4	1	3	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	0	0	0	0	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>All Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>18</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>

Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	1
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	0

## KPD Crime Statistics

Year to Date 2012

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b>	<b>Reported</b>	<b>Open/ Pending</b>	<b>Suspended</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Arrest</b>
Homicide	1	1*	0	1	1
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	3	0	1	2	0
Assault	2	0	0	2	1
Residential Burglary	30	9	13	8	5
Larceny Theft	46	3	30	13	1
Vehicle Theft	10	2	7	1	0
Arson	5	0	5	0	0
<b>Part 1 Totals</b>	<b><u>97</u></b>	<b><u>14</u></b>	<b><u>56</u></b>	<b><u>27</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>

<b>Other Crimes</b>					
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	19	8	11	0	0
Fraud	2	1	0	1	0
Forgeries	0	0	0	0	0
Restraining Order Violations/ Stalking/ Criminal Threats	7	0	0	7	3
Sex Crimes (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Assault/ Battery (other)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	23	2	21	0	0
Drugs	5	0	0	5	7
Warrant	12	0	0	12	11
Hit and Run Felony	0	0	0	0	0
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	8	2	4	2	0
Other Misdemeanor Traffic	6	0	0	6	7
<b>Other Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>82</u></b>	<b><u>13</u></b>	<b><u>36</u></b>	<b><u>33</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>

<b>All Crime Totals</b>	<b><u>179</u></b>	<b><u>27</u></b>	<b><u>92</u></b>	<b><u>60</u></b>	<b><u>36</u></b>
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Traffic Accidents (Non Injury)	27	**
Traffic Accidents (Injury)	4	**

\* 2011 case

\*\* Not all months/ teams reporting

•• **Chief Harman**

The month of December provided two perfect examples of the importance of having a detective assigned to conduct follow up investigations of crimes reported to our patrol force.

The first occurred on December 7<sup>th</sup>, following the reported theft of a registration tab from an unlocked vehicle. After receiving information of a contact with a suspicious person contacted by Officer Wilson during his patrol duties, Detective Stegman, along with other KPD officers conducted a probation search of the identified suspicious individual's residence and located the stolen tab. The interview of the suspect led to his confessing to at least 12 other thefts from vehicles in Kensington.

The second occurred during the initial patrol investigation of a residential burglary. While patrol officers were still conducting the initial investigation, Detective Stegman began contacting several businesses outside the District that buy gold and was able to locate one that had purchased the victim's jewelry from the burglary suspect. Not only was some of the victim's stolen property recovered, but the suspect in the burglary was arrested and is being prosecuted for the crime.

It was only four years ago that I made the position of detective for the first time at the Kensington Police Department and although questioned at the time, I believe the increased success in identifying, arresting, and prosecuting those that commit crimes in Kensington during the past four years have made the department that much more valuable to the community.

Thank you for your continuing support.