

March 2011 Police Department Report

April 8, 2011

- Department Personnel

Sergeant Khan is currently on Workman's Comp medical leave and will be retiring on medical disability on May 31st.

Reserve Officer Rodney Lafitte resigned his position in preparation for his move to Louisiana.

- Commendations and Correspondence- None this month

- 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 #10-002 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 will be presented to the Board at a future KPPCSD Board meeting.

- Department Investigation 11-001 was initiated on 02-24-11 on an allegation of discrimination. The investigation was completed by Chief Harman on 02-28-11 and administrative action was taken.

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

- The Ring Time Report for March documented 56 "911" calls received

with 4 having a ring time over 20 seconds.

The first occurred on 03-04-11, at 2:11 PM with a ring time of 24 seconds. This was a fire call in which the dispatcher spoke to the caller for 3 seconds.

The second occurred on 03-09-11, at 11:42 AM and was for 27 seconds. The dispatcher spoke to the caller for 3:21 minutes but no call for service was generated.

The third occurred on 03-18-11 at 8:44 PM and was for 31 seconds. This was a fire call in which the dispatcher spoke to the caller for 18 seconds.

The final one occurred on 03-30-11, at 10:56 PM and was for 58 seconds. The caller spoke to the dispatcher for 1:46 minutes but no call for service was generated.

The average ring time for the month of March was 7.1 seconds.

- 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 2-02-11, Chief Harman attended the West County Police Chief’s meeting in Hercules.
 - On 2-07-11, Chief Harman attended the Kensington Community Council meeting.
 - On 02-11-11, Chief Harman attended the CSDA Membership meeting in Sacramento.
 - On 2-14-11, Officer Wilson and Reserve Officer Foley attended the Kensington Public Safety Council meeting.
 - On 2-23-11, Chief Harman attended the Contra Costa County Police Chief’s Association meeting held in Martinez.

Later that evening, Chief Harman, Sergeant Hui, and Officer Wilson attended the Richmond Elk's Club's Police Officer Appreciation Night Awards Dinner, at which Officer Rodney Martinez received the Kensington 2010 Officer of the Year Award.

- Community Criminal Activity
 - This section of the Watch Commander's Report has been prepared by Sergeant Hull however, next month Sergeant Hull will prepare Team One's report and Sergeant Hui will prepare Team Two's report.
- Watch Commander Reports
 - **Sergeant Hull**

TEAM #1 STATISTICS

A.S. Hui (K42)
(1400-0200)

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Medina (K35) (1800-0600)	Ramos (K41) (0730-1730)
Days Worked	13	14	12
Traffic Stops	35	54	29
Moving Citations	22	43	17
Parking Citations	15	7	1
Vacation/Security	23	59	2
Checks			
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Cases	1	1	0
Self Initiated Cases	0	0	0
Arrests	1	0	0
Calls for Service	54	15	7

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

Sgt. Hull (K17) wrote 8 traffic citations, 3 parking tickets.

(1400-0200)

Officer:	Stegman (K32) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	15	15
Traffic Stops	39	13
Moving Citations	30	7
Parking Citations	7	21
Vacation/Security Checks	36	64
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	0	6
Self Initiated Cases	1	1
Arrests	1	0
Calls for Service	34	30

Officer Martinez took 12 hours of Vacation.

Officer Ramos took 45 hours of Vacation.

Reserve Officer Lafitte issued 1 moving citation.

Reserve Officer Turner assisted with two cases, issued 5 moving citations and 5 parking tickets.

Reserve Officer Armanino assisted with two cases, issued 14 moving citations and 2 parking tickets.

Reserve Officer Colon issued 5 moving citations and 7 parking tickets.

- 53 moving citations were issued on Arlington Avenue.
- 35 moving citations were issued on Colusa Avenue.'
- 34 moving citations were issued on Franciscan Way.
- 2 moving citations were issued on Lawson Road.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Grizzly Peak Blvd.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Westminster Avenue.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Beloit Avenue.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Yale Avenue.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-0788 – On 2/01/2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 600 blk of Canon Dr to a report of a resident who was not breathing.
- 2011-0847 – On 2/03/2011, Officer Medina responded to the 500 blk of Beloit Ave to a report of a stolen vehicle.
- 2011-0890 – On 2/05/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Highland Blvd and arrested a subject for violation of a court order.
- 2011-0899 – On 2/05/2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 300 blk of Arlington Ave to a report of a theft.
- 2011-0900 – On 2/05/2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 100 blk of Highland Blvd to a report of a verbal disturbance.

- 2011-0906 – On 2/06/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 blk of Highland Blvd to an ongoing dispute between neighbors.
- 2011-0920 – On 2/07/2011, Detective Barrow responded to the San Francisco Sheriff's Department and picked up a subject for a 2005 DUI warrant out of Kensington PD.
- 2011-0921 – On 2/07/2011, Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 300 blk of Coventry Rd to a report of a hit and run traffic collision.
- 2011-0926 – On 2/08/2011, Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 100 blk of Highland Blvd to a report of a stolen vehicle.
- 2011-0951 – On 2/09/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 1500 blk of Ocean View Ave to a report of a stalker.
- 2011-0989 – On 2/11/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Yale Ave to a report of a residential burglary.
- 2011-1042 – On 2/13/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Colon conducted a traffic enforcement stop that resulted in a warrant arrest on the 300 blk of Arlington Ave.
- 2011-1043 – On 2/13/2011, Sergeant Hull responded to the 100 blk of Lawson Rd to a report of damage to the roadway.
- 2011-1061 – On 2/14/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the unit blk of Franciscan Way to a report of a suspicious circumstance.
- 2011-1085 – On 2/15/2011, Officer Wilson and Reserve Armanino responded to the 600 blk of Beloit Ave to a report of a residential burglary.
- 2011-1086 – On 2/15/2011, Officer Wilson and Reserve Armanino responded to the 200 blk of Grizzly Peak Blvd to a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-1149 – On 2/19/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Colon impounded a vehicle from the 200 blk of Arlington Ave.
- 2011-1157 – On 02/19/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Colon impounded a vehicle from the unit blk of Arlington Ct.
- 2011-1160 – On 02/19/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Colon responded to the 200 blk of Grizzly Peak Blvd on the report of several suspicious juveniles.
- 2011-1250 – On 2/22/2011, Officer Wilson and Reserve Armanino responded to the unit block of Kensington Rd. to a report of a restraining order violation.
- 2011-1273 – On 2/24/2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 300 blk of Arlington Ave to a report of vandalism.
- 2011-1352 – On 2/27/2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 1600 blk of Oak View Ave to a report of an identity theft.
- 2011-1362 – On 02/28/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the 700 blk of Wellesley Ave to a report of a petty theft.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Verbal discussion; maintaining professional demeanor
- Reviewed Community Caretaking Doctrine

- Reviewed KPD Policy 510 – Vehicle Towing Policy
- Reviewed case law Miranda Vs. City of Cornelius (impounding vehicles)
- Reviewed KPD Policy 314 – Vehicle Pursuit
- Reviewed KPD Policy 320 – Domestic Violence

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

Congratulations to Officer Martinez as he was chosen to be the KPD representative to received recognition by the Richmond Elks Lodge Officer Appreciation Award.

This event honors seven officers from West Contra Costa County Law Enforcement Agencies; El Cerrito, Richmond, Kensington, San Pablo, Pinole, Hercules, and the Bay Station of the Contra Costa County Sheriff Department.

As the Kensington Police Department continues to establish a “Zero-Tolerance” environment toward traffic enforcement, I urge all resident to obey all rules of the road.

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2011-1311 Petty Theft

On 02-25-11, Officer Medina took a reported theft of a license plate. The plate has been found on a stolen vehicle and two suspects have been taken into custody by Walnut Creek Police Department. **This case may be connected to recent Kensington residential burglaries.** This case is under investigation.

2011-921 Hit and Run

On 02-07-11, Officers Wilson and Turner responded to a hit and run vehicle collision. Due to Officer Wilson and Turner's preliminary report I was able to contact the suspect in the town of San Pablo. Officer's Wilson and Turner did a great job on this case. **This case has been completed and criminal charges will be filed with the Contra Costa DA.**

2011-1363 Residential Burglary

On 02-28-11, Officers responded to a residential burglary. The preliminary investigation has not been completed.

2011-1085 Residential Burglary

On 02-12-11, Officers responded to a residential burglary. The unknown suspect(s) opened a basement window and took two bicycles. This case is under investigation.

KPD INVESTIGATIONS INFORMATION:

2011-45, 46, 47, 48 50 and 50 Auto Burglary

During the month of January KPD took five reported auto burglaries with the point of entry made by window smash. These cases are under investigation.

2011-159 Residential Burglary

On 1-6-11, a resident reported their front door had been kicked open and property was stolen. The burglary had taken place during the hours of 1400 PM to 1600 PM. This case is under investigation.

2010-6538 Petty Theft

On 12-07-10, a resident reported the theft of a garden fixture. **This case has been suspended due to lack of investigative leads.**

2010-6692, 6786 and 6867 Stolen Vehicle

On 12-15-10, 12-18-10 and 12-21-10 three vehicles were stolen. All three of the vehicles have been recovered by KPD. **Two suspects have been identified and we will be filing charges with the Contra Costa DA.**

2010-6417 Possession of Methamphetamine

On 12-01-10 I arrested a wanted suspect from Kensington Police department case number **2010-1560**. After the suspect was arrested I found a small amount of Methamphetamine. The case was filed with the Contra Costa County District Attorneys Office. **The District Attorney declined prosecution citing interest of justice as the suspect had been sentenced to state prison for the other crimes committed within Kensington.**

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. We were unable to determine at what point the property disappeared or under what circumstances. **Case suspended.**

2010-5890 Stolen Vehicle

On 11-09-10, Kensington Police Officers took a reported vehicle theft. A relative of the victim took the vehicle and returned it ten days later. **The case was filed with the Contra Costa County District Attorneys Office. The District Attorney 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.

2010-3491 Identity Theft.
Case under investigation.

2010-2872 Residential Burglary.
Items taken from an unlocked downstairs room with a door leading to the rear yard. This case is under investigation.

2010-2199 And 2701 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.

2010-1560 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 suspect pled to four years in state prison with special circumstances to the terms of his plea agreement.**

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

- Made several court runs for filling cases, and citation drop off's.
- 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 February the District of Kensington sustained 1 identity theft, 0 non-injury vehicle accidents and 1 Hit and Run Vehicle Accident, 0 Injury Hit and Run Accident, 0 Injury Accident, 2 Residential Burglaries, 0 Attempted Residential Burglaries, 0 Commercial Burglary, 0 Auto Burglaries, 0 Theft from an unlocked vehicle, 1 Stolen Vehicle, 0 Petty Theft, 0 Vandalisms, 0 Embezzlement, 0 Elder Abuse, 0 Fraud, 0 Forgery, 0 Attempted Grand Thefts and 4 Grand Thefts.

•• **Chief Harman**

As you can see from Sergeant Hull's monthly report, we have continued to increase traffic enforcement in the District by all of our officers. The breakdown of citations issued and locations is as follows:

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Jerry Fahy, of the Contra Costa Public Works Traffic Section will be at the March 10th, KPPCSD Board meeting to follow up on last month's discussions regarding traffic mitigation efforts by the County on both the Arlington and Franciscan Way.

Are our efforts to increase traffic enforcement to make Kensington a safer community working?

Officer Wilson received an e-mail from a resident who was responding to his Neighborhood Watch Update. In the e-mail the writer stated, "Thank you Officer Wilson, and good for the PD for ticketing speeding. You will make believers out of all of us if the conversation I overheard in the pharmacy is an indication. A woman was talking to another telling her to be careful about the speed limit and not to worry about the cars behind her because they were all having to obey that law as well. Love it."

I think they are...