

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 03-02-11, Chief Harman attended the West County Police Chief's meeting in Hercules.
- On 03-12-11, Chief Harman and Acting Sergeant Kevin Hui attended the John Gioia community breakfast held at The Arlington.
- On 03-23-11, Chief Harman attended the Contra Costa County Police Chief's Association meeting held in Martinez.
- On 03-26-11, Chief Harman and Yolla Harman attended Sheriff David Livingston's Sheriff's Charity Ball in Alamo.

- 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

Sgt. Hull (K17) (1400-0200) Issued 2 moving citations, 2 parking tickets, and made 2 arrests.

Officer:	Stegman (K32) (0600-1800)	Wilson (K38) (1800-0600)
Days Worked	11	13
Traffic Stops	17	30
Moving Citations	17	22
Parking Citations	0	8
Vacation/Security Checks	27	53
FI-Field Interview	0	0
Cases	5	0
Self Initiated Cases	1	0
Arrests	9	0
Calls for Service	45	18

Officer Stegman attended a Patrol Rifle Instructor class (5 days).

Reserve Officer Colon issued 1 moving citations and 2 parking tickets.

Reserve Officer Lafitte issued 1 moving citation and 1 parking ticket.

Reserve Officer Turner assisted with 1 case, issued 21 moving citations and 1 parking tickets.

Reserve Officer Armanino assisted with 4 cases, issued 12 moving citations and 3 parking tickets.

Reserve Officer Foley issued 2 moving citations.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed KPD Policy 314 – Vehicle Pursuit Policy
- Reviewed KPD Policy 328 – Discriminatory Harassment
- Reviewed Divorce and your Guns pamphlet.
- Reviewed KPD Policy 320 – Domestic Violence

- Discussed Preliminary investigations for Coroner's Cases
- Discussed West Contra Costa County Family Justice Center
- Reviewed KPD Policy 304 – Shooting Policy

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

The District made several arrests of individuals who were responsible for numerous crimes in the hill areas of Berkeley and El Cerrito. I would like to recognize the good job demonstrated by Officer Stegman in the course of training Reserve Turner. While conducting a neighborhood canvass they discovered a residence where several subjects had been squatting since October 2010. Seven people were arrested from this address and most had extensive criminal histories.

The Kensington Police Department continues to work toward a zero tolerance policy for traffic enforcement. I would like to encourage everyone to obey the rules of the road.

Acting Sergeant Hui

TEAM #2 STATISTICS

A.Sgt. Hui (K42) (1400-0200) Issued 6 moving citations.

Officer:	Martinez (K31) (0600-1800)	Medina (K35) (1800-0600)	Ramos (K41) (0730-1730)
Days Worked	12	14	18
Traffic Stops	20	74	28
Moving Citations	12	57	16
Parking Citations	3	4	9
Vacation/Security	24	84	49
Checks			
FI-Field Interview	0	0	0
Cases	2	0	3
Self Initiated Cases	0	0	0
Arrests	0	0	0
Calls for Service	49	23	37

Officer Martinez took 36 hours of Vacation.

Officer Medina took 20 hours of Vacation.

BRIEFING/TRAINING:

- Reviewed KPD Policy 300 – Use of Force
- Reviewed KPD Policy 304 – Shooting Policy

- Reviewed KPD Policy 310 – Officer Involved Shooting
- Reviewed KPD Policy 314 – Vehicle Pursuit
- Reviewed case law: People v. Camino (Miranda)

SERGEANT'S SUMMARY:

I would like to recognize the hard work displayed by several officers who assisted with Officer Stegman's multiple arrests as well as other ongoing investigations.

As the weather warms up and we near summer, we will see an increase in solicitors. I would like to remind residents that solicitors are required to possess a Contra Costa County business license in order to solicit in Kensington (with the exception of religious organizations and political organizations). One of the reasons a business license is required is to ensure that the person soliciting is representing a legitimate company. Often times, people will pose as solicitors in an attempt to obtain your personal or financial information. I encourage residents to notify KPD of any solicitors in their neighborhood so that we can verify they are representing legitimate businesses.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- 2011-1372 – On 3/01/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 blk of Coventry Rd to a report of a vehicle theft.
- 2011-1386 – On 3/01/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Armanino responded to the 200 blk of Amherst Ave on the report of an identity theft.
- 2011-1433 – On 3/03/2011, Officer Medina responded to the 1500 blk of Oak View Ave on the report of a suspicious circumstance.
- 2011-1442 – On 3/04/2011, Officer Martinez towed a vehicle on the 100 blk of Colusa Ave because the driver had a suspended license.
- 2011-1469 – On 3/05/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Lafitte responded to the 600 blk of Canon Dr on an outside assist to Berkeley PD.
- 2011-1476 – On 3/05/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Lafitte responded to the 300 blk of Berkeley Park Blvd on the report of a downed power line.
- 2011-1485 – On 3/05/2011, Officer Medina and TAS Hui responded to the 200 blk of Arlington Ave on the report of a missing person.
- 2011-1487 – On 3/06/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Amherst Ave on the report of an auto burglary.
- 2011-1509 – On 3/07/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Willamette Ave on the report of residential fire alarm activation.

- 2011-1618 – On 3/12/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Armanino responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on the report of an unresponsive subject in the park.
- 2011-1656 – On 3/14/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the unit blk of Windsor Ave on a trespassing complaint.
- 2011-1667 – On 3/15/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the unit blk of Highgate Ave on the report of a residential burglary.
- 2011-1699 – On 3/17/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Trinity Ave to a request for a civil standby.
- 2011-1806 – On 3/21/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the unit blk of Arlington Dr on the report of a fallen tree.
- 2011-1821 – On 3/22/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 blk of Lake Dr on the report of annoying phone calls.
- 2011-1833 – On 3/23/2011, Officer Stegman responded to a phone report of lost property on the 500 blk of Coventry Rd.
- 2011-1912 – On 3/26/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the unit block of Highland Blvd on the report of an arson.
- 2011-1914 – On 3/26/2011, Officer Ramos responded to 300 blk of Berkeley Park Blvd on the report of stolen property.
- 2011-1953 – On 3/28/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Armanino responded to the 200 blk of Arlington Ave on the report of harassing phone calls.
- 2011-1957 – On 3/28/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Armanino responded to the 200 blk of Arlington Ave on the report of a forged check.
- 2011-1991 – On 3/30/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Grizzly Peak Blvd to a report of harassing phone calls.
- 2011-2002 – On 3/31/2011, Officer Martinez and Officer Medina responded to the unit blk of Arlmont Dr on the report of a female screaming in the area.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

- 63 moving citations were issued on Arlington Avenue.
- 51 moving citations were issued on Colusa Avenue.
- 12 moving citations were issued on Franciscan Way.
- 3 moving citations were issued on Coventry Road.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Berkeley Park Boulevard.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Windsor Avenue.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Yale Avenue.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Sea View Ave.
- 1 moving citation was issued on Central Ave.

•• **Detective Keith Barrow**

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2011-1656 Trespassing, Possession of Burglary Tools, Receiving Stolen Property, and Auto Theft.

On 03-14-11, KPD Officers were conducting a follow-up investigation and contacted seven individuals at a residence located in the 00 block of Windsor Avenue. The residence was vacant and being remodeled. A stolen vehicle was located in the driveway that was linked to thefts in the cities of Berkeley and El Cerrito. The seven individuals were arrested for trespassing, possession of burglary tools, receiving stolen property, and auto theft. **This case 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.

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. **The Contra Costa DA declined prosecution citing insufficient evidence and "can't prove knowledge".**

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. These cases are under investigation.

2010-6538 Petty Theft

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

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.

2010-5319 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.

2010-1457 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 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.

INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY:

In the month of March the District of Kensington sustained 1 identity theft, 1 non-injury vehicle accident 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, 1 Auto Burglary, 1 Theft from an unlocked vehicle, 1 Stolen Vehicle, 0 Petty Theft, 0 Vandalisms, 0 Embezzlement, 0 Elder Abuse, 2 Frauds, 0 Forgery, 0 Attempted Grand Thefts, 0 Grand Thefts, and 1 Homicide.

•• **Chief Harman**

First an update on the on going traffic issues in the community.

Following the March 10th KPPCSD Board meeting, in which the Board directed Jerry Fahy of the County's Public Works Department to install the solar powered radar sign at 34 Arlington, Samane Nili contacted the Contra Costa County Public Works Director in protest, halting the installation. Ms. Nili had a scheduled meeting with the Public Works Director set for March 21st to discuss her concerns.

On March 24th, I was informed by Jerry Fahy that he was instructed to look at two other possible locations for the sign, which he intended to do the week of March 28th. He indicated that once he investigates other possible locations and meets with the Public Works Direct and Supervisor John Gioia, he will provide me an update on the radar sign.

As you can see from the Sergeant's reports, we are continuing with our traffic enforcement efforts with 134 traffic citations issued during the month.

Starting Monday April 11th, Officer Ramos begins his 80-hours POST certified Motorcycle Officer training course. This course is the most difficult POST course to successfully complete in law enforcement. Good luck Manny!

Between Saturday, March 12th and Wednesday, March 16th, Kensington PD experience the busiest 5 days in the history of the department. Unfortunately, on Saturday, March 12th, we responded to the park on a report of an unresponsive subject. The subject was found deceased and we began our death investigation. On Monday, March 14th, at 9 AM, we were notified by the Coroner's Office that the preliminary investigation indicates that our victim was the victim of homicide.

This would be the first homicide in Kensington in 26 years. Detective Barrow was notified and responded from out of state to coordinate the investigation. Officer Stegman and Reserve Officer Turner were conducting a neighborhood check on Windsor, and came across what they believed at the time to be a residential burglary in progress. A perimeter was set and the search of the house resulted in the arrest of 7 individuals for trespassing. Recovered in driveway of the residence was a vehicle stolen out of Discovery Bay. In the vehicle we recovered property stolen out of Berkeley and El Cerrito. The suspects were identified as being responsible for the thefts and are believed to be responsible for several of the thefts that have been occurring in Kensington since December.

On Tuesday, March 15th, as we continued our preliminary homicide investigation and the investigation of the 7 suspects arrested Monday, we received a report of a residential burglary. While investigating the burglary, we received a report of a suspicious person in a vehicle in the park. We located the subject, who was in

possession of a vehicle stolen out of San Francisco, and who was connected to the suspects we arrested the day before.

These investigations were all occurring during the time we had a sergeant off on disability, two officers off sick for the week, and one officer unavailable for duty.

I would like to recognize Sergeant Hull, Acting Sergeant Hui, Detective Barrow, Officer Martinez, Officer Stegman, and Reserve Officers Armanino, Colon, Foley, and Turner for their efforts and outstanding dedication to service during this time. Not only did they begin the homicide investigation, make 8 arrests, recover two stolen vehicles, recover stolen property, and identify the suspects responsible for the thefts occurring in three jurisdictions, but they also continued to provide patrol coverage logging long shift hours.

Finally, we need your help. During the course of conducting these investigations, we spoke to people that reported hearing and seeing unusual activity but did not call the police. Examples include a witness that reported hearing yelling and screaming coming from the park the night of the homicide. Another witness reported that, "suspicious people have been going in and out of that house for weeks", referring to the house where the seven arrests were made. Finally, the most disturbing, a witness reported seeing the suspects breaking into a vehicle and then a residence, and watched while the resident chased the suspects down the street, and never called the police.

We can not do it alone. We need you to call when you see or hear something unusual. All of our patrol efforts, community policing, and Neighborhood Watch, will not prevent or reduce criminal activity if you do not call us.

Please call us. Let us determine whatever you thought was unusual, was not, because as the above examples demonstrate, your information could be very important.