

# **Report to Committee**

To:

Community Safety Committee

Date:

April 3, 2017

From:

Will Ng, Superintendent

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Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP

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Re:

RCMP's Monthly Activity Report - March 2017

#### **Staff Recommendation**

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Activity Report – March 2017," dated April 3, 2017, from the Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP, be received for information.

Will Ng, Superintendent

Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP

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#### Staff Report

#### Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond community. This monthly activity report for the RCMP provides information on each of the following areas:

- 1. Activities and Noteworthy Files
- 2. Analysis of Crime Statistics
- 3. Auxiliary Constables
- 4. Block Watch
- 5. Community Police Stations and Programs
- 6. Crime Prevention Unit
- 7. Road Safety Unit
- 8. Victim Services
- 9. Youth Section

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

# **Analysis**

### Activities and Noteworthy Files

### Search Warrant

On March 1, 2017, Richmond RCMP officers executed a second Search Warrant at the Wee Medical Wellness Center at 8050 Anderson Road. The second search yielded marihuana and marihuana based products including baked goods, and confectionaries. The RCMP executed a Search Warrant on January 24, 2017 previously under similar circumstances. The storefront had been openly selling marihuana based products to the public and did not have a business license.

#### Discovery of a Body

On March 2, 2017, Richmond RCMP responded to the 20,000 block of Fraserwood Way for the discovery of a body. Officers confirmed that the body is a deceased male and the death is suspicious. The matter is under investigation.

# Analysis of Crime Statistics

### Arson

In March 2017, there was one incident of arson, which is no change from February 2017 and a 50 per cent decrease from March 2016. Arson at this time is within the five-year statistical average range.

#### Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)

There were nine assault serious events, which is a 12.5 per cent increase from February 2017 and an 18 per cent decrease from March 2016. Assault serious is within the five-year statistical average range.

#### Auto Theft

There were 27 auto theft incidents, which is no change from February 2017 and a 28 per cent decrease from March 2016. Auto theft is within the five-year statistical average range.

#### Drugs

There were 59 drug incidents, which is a decrease of 21 per cent from February 2017 and a 13 per cent increase from March 2016. Drug incidents are within the five-year statistical average range.

#### Residential Break and Enter

There were 50 break and enters, which is no change from February 2017 and no change from March 2016. Residential break and enters are within the five-year statistical average range.

#### Sexual Assault

There were five sexual assault offences, which resulted in a 25 per cent increase from February 2017 and a 50 percent decrease from March 2016. Sexual offences are within the five-year statistical average range.

#### Shoplifting

There were 56 shoplifting thefts, which is a 14 per cent increase from February 2017 and a 37 per cent decrease from March 2016. Shoplifting is within the five-year statistical average range.

#### Theft from Auto

There were 195 thefts from auto incidents, which is a six per cent increase from February 2017 and a 24 per cent decrease from March 2016. Theft from auto is within the five-year statistical average range.

#### Violent Crime

There were 114 violent crime incidents, which is an 18 per cent increase from February 2017 and an eight per cent increase from March 2016. Violent crime is above the five-year statistical average range and would be considered minimally high in March. There was no particular crime type that was elevated. In addition, no patterns were identified. The year-to-date numbers for violent crime are down from 2016.

#### **Auxiliary Constables**

In March 2017, the Richmond RCMP Detachment (the Detachment) had a total complement of 38 auxiliary constables, who provided 255 volunteer hours. There was a 32 per cent increase of hours from February 2017 and a 26 per cent reduction from March 2016.

Figure 1 compares the monthly hours of service provided by month from 2013 to 2017.

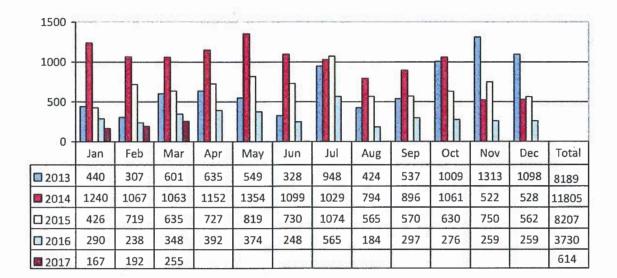


Figure 1: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours

#### Auxiliary Constable Activities

Auxiliary Constables attend events in the community to promote a positive police presence, support regular RCMP members and provide traffic and crowd control. During the month of March auxiliary constables participated in:

- Crime Prevention Neighborhood Blitz
- Crime Watch
- Distracted Driving and Cell Watch
- Home Security Checks
- Pathways Initiative
- School Sports Program

# **Block Watch**

At the end of March 2017, the Block Watch program had 435 groups totaling 9982 participants. Currently, the program includes 576 captains, which is an increase of one captain, one group, and 18 participants.

# Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations continue to enhance the Detachment's policing service by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursued safety initiatives to enhance crime prevention program awareness, community engagement, police accessibility and to reduce anxiety and fear levels related to crime. The demographics of the programs vary from month to month reflective of weather conditions, seasonal initiatives, events and the availability of the volunteers.

# During the month of March volunteer highlights included:

- Deployed 25 foot/van patrols totalling 203 hours and three bike patrols totalling 20 hours;
- Conducted 18 Fail to Stop deployments which resulted in 574 warning letters;
- Conducted Speed Watch on 3,959 vehicles at various locations in Richmond;
- Conducted Lock Out Auto Crime on 9,570 vehicles at various locations in Richmond;
- Issued 29 warning letters and checked 3,524 vehicles during the Distracted Drivers Campaign on March 9, 2017;
- Advised the owner of a vehicle parked at a community center that the insurance decal was missing while on van patrol on March 14, 2017;
- Issued 133 warning letters and checked 11,317 vehicles at various locations in Richmond during a Distracted Drivers/Cell Watch blitz on March 21, 2017; and
- Checked 10,310 vehicles during Operation Hang Up deployment. There were a total of 57 distracted drivers involving texting and/or talking on cell phones.

#### Distracted Drivers

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year of the number of letters sent to registered owners.

Total Feb Mar May Jun Jul Sep Jan Apr Aug 

Figure 2: Distracted Drivers Letters Sent

#### Lock-Out Auto Crime

Figure 3 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicles notices issued.

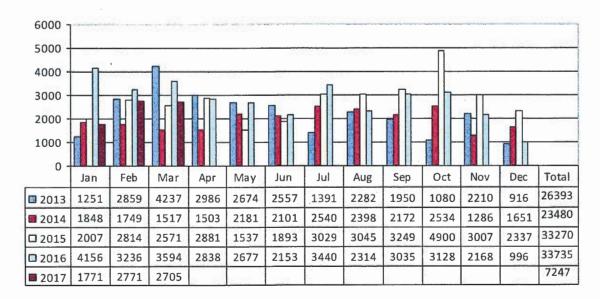


Figure 3: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice

# Speed Watch

Figure 4 provides a comparison by year of the number of letters sent to registered owners.

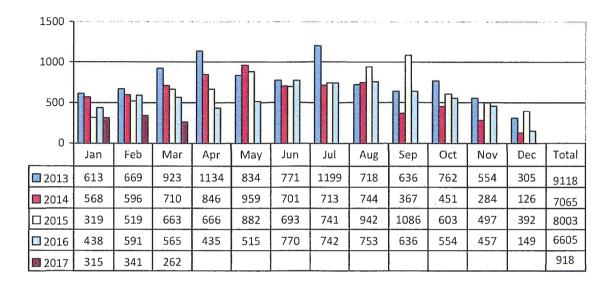


Figure 4: Speed Watch Letters Sent

#### Crime Prevention Unit

Crime Prevention reduces crime and enhances community engagement through public awareness and dialogue initiatives. During the month of March, the Crime Prevention unit participated in the following events/activities:

- On March 3, 2017, an emergency drill was coordinated with leaders from the Richmond Muslim Community and Greater Vancouver Jewish Community at the Jewish Community Center in Vancouver with the goal of creating partnerships.
- On March 7, 2017, attended the Pathways Clubhouse Breakfast to raise funds for mental health programs.
- On March 28, 2017, participated in traffic safety deployments with the volunteers and auxiliary constables.
- On March 29, 2017, participated in a neighborhood deployment with volunteers in the Broadmoor area to provide residents with information on community policing programs.
- Developed tactical site assessments for all mosques and synagogues in Richmond to assist police in responding to emergency situations at these facilities.

# Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit makes Richmond's roads safer through evidence-based traffic enforcement, investigation of serious vehicle collisions and public education programs. The statistics below compare March 2017 data to both January 2017 and February 2017.

The Moving Violations category refers to violations such as unsafe lane change and unsafe passing. The Vehicle category refers to motor vehicle regulation defects such as no insurance and no lights. The Other category refers to other motor vehicle infractions such as miscellaneous charges including fail to remain at the scene of accident and failing to stop for police.

Violation Tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Infraction	January 2017	February 2017	March 2017
Distracted Driving	55	58	123
Driver License	84	96	163
Impaired	19	37	21
Intersection offences	66	58	65
Moving Violations	86	117	129
Speeding	91	92	150
Seatbelts	0	5	4
Vehicle Related	45	27	42
Other	31	63	11
Total	477	553	708

Notice and Orders issued for the following infractions:

Infraction	January 2017	February 2017	March 2017
Distracted Driving	13	13	41
Driver License	20	29	40
Intersection	40	34	45
Moving Violations	74	63	86
Speeding	55	61	80
Seatbelts	2	2	1
Vehicle Related	91	86	90
Other	1	0	0
Total	296	288	383

# Parking Tickets:

Name	Act	Example	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017
Parking	Municipal Bylaw	Municipal parking offences	16	49	54

# Victim Services

In March 2017 Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided on-going support to 73 clients and attended 14 crime/trauma scenes. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 170 ongoing files.

In addition, Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving medical related sudden deaths, suicides, family conflict and property crime. Victim Services provides on-going emotional support and in some cases refers clients for long term assistance.

#### Youth Section

The Detachment's Youth Section focuses on strategies that contribute to safe and healthy behaviours essential to the development of productive and civic-minded adults. During the month of March Youth Section members:

- Graduated 21 fifth grade classes in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program;
- Deployed daily to crime hot spots throughout Richmond and engaged in proactive, high-visibility patrols;
- Delivered School Action for Emergency Plan (SAFE) program training to detachment personnel;
- Led an emergency evacuation and SAFE plan mobilization drill for the Richmond Jewish Day School;
- Monitored several hold-and-secure lock-down drills;
- Participated in a basketball game against McKinney Elementary students;
- Delivered multiple internet safety education lectures to elementary and secondary students and their parents;
- On March 30, 2017, Youth Section and Crime Prevention Unit members were recognized at a ceremony held at the BC Muslim School for enhanced patrols of the mosque and school in the wake of the tragedy on January 29, 2017 in Quebec.

#### **Financial Impact**

None.

#### Conclusion

The Officer in Charge, Richmond Detachment continues to ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.

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- Att. 1: Community Policing Programs Definition
  - 2: Crime Statistics
  - 3: Crime Maps
  - 4: March 2017 sample of police occurrences in Richmond

# **Auxiliary Constables**

- The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community policing activities related to public safety and crime prevention.
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/auxiliary.htm

#### Block Watch

- Community-based crime prevention program aimed at helping neighbors organize themselves to prevent crime.
- Residents can receive email alerts of neighbourhood residential break and enters by registering their email addresses at: <a href="mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca">blockwatch@richmond.ca</a>
- For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm

# Difference Maker Project

• The Difference Maker Project is an off-shoot of the School Sports Programs. Elementary school students are mentored by teachers, police officers and community ambassadors. This activity aims to encourage social and civic responsibility amongst elementary and secondary school aged youth through community projects.

### Distracted Driving Program

- Trained volunteers monitor intersections and observe distracted drivers.
- A letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle with information on the safety risks associated to the observed behaviour and applicable fine amounts.
- For more information, visit
   www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/programs.htm

# Fail to Stop

- Trained volunteers monitor areas that have been referred to the program by local businesses or residents where drivers are not making a full stop at the stop sign, or running a red light.
- An information letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle advising them the
  date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation
  ticket.

#### Lock Out Auto Crime

- Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC), volunteers patrol city streets and parking lots looking for automobile security vulnerabilities.
- Notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and contents secure.
- For more information, visit
- www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm

# Project 529

- This program allows riders to easily and securely register their bikes. This up-to-date database of bikes alerts its registrants if a fellow 529 bike is stolen.
- Project 529 is a unique, multi-national registry that holds a database of all registered and stolen bikes.

#### Speed Watch

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed.
- Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed.
- Volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle. The letter includes the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

### Stolen Auto Recovery

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, trained volunteers equipped with portable computers identify stolen vehicles.
- These volunteers recover hundreds of stolen vehicles each year throughout the Lower Mainland.

#### Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

• Trained volunteers patrol Richmond neighbourhoods reporting suspicious activities and providing a visible deterrent to crime and public order issues.

# MARCH 2017 STATISTICS RICHMOND RCMP

This chart identifies the monthly totals for founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic-related Criminal Code incidents. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents are included. Individual UCR codes are indicated below the specific crime type. For 2017, some inclusion criteria have been modified to improve accuracy and accommodate RCMP scoring regulations. For more information, contact Richmond Crime Analysts.

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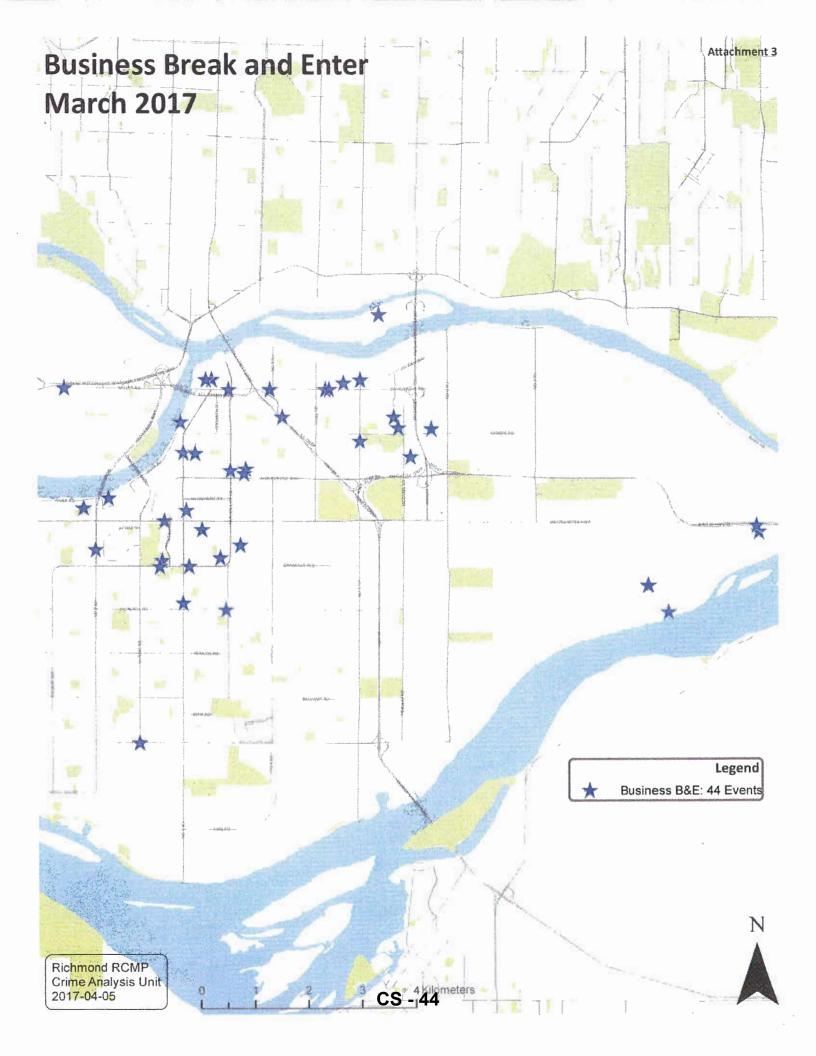
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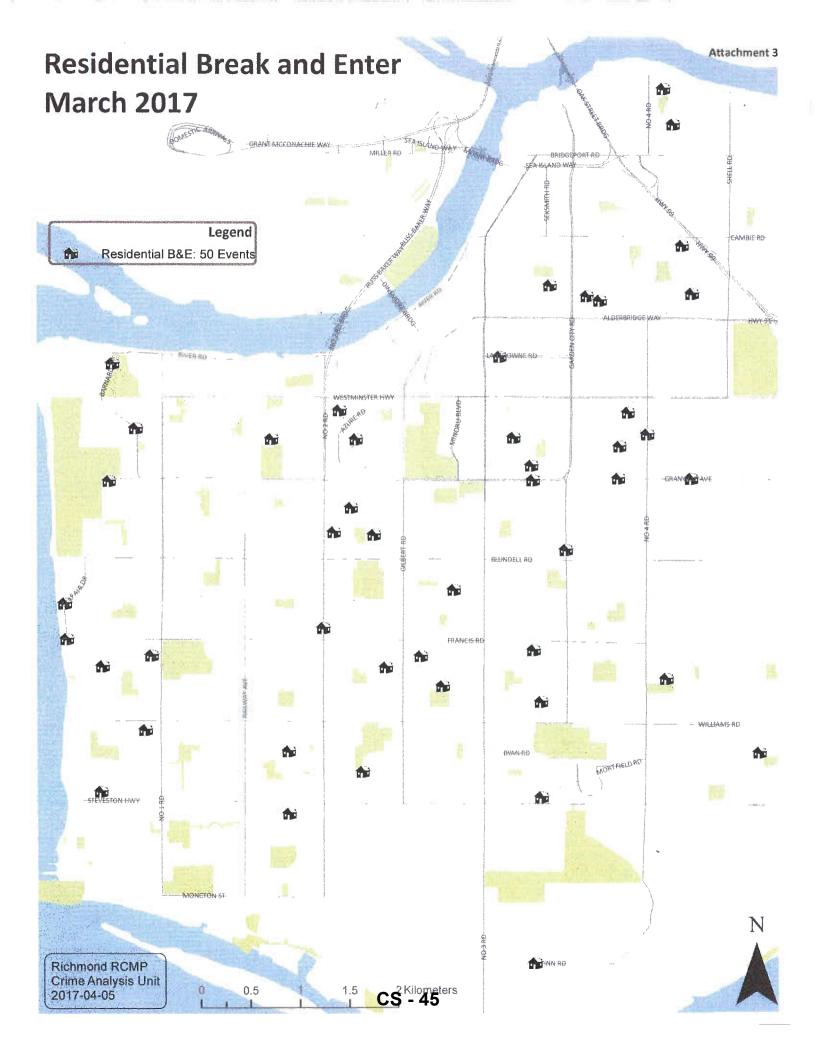
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Assault Common	35	38.6	34-43		127	112	-12%	-15
Assault Serious	9	9.8	8-12		27	29	7%	2
Sexual Offences	5	7.2	3-11		17	10	-41%	-7
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	699	670.6	591-750		2184	2116	-3%	-68
Business B&E	44	30.4	22-39		85	146	72%	61
Residential B&E	50	57.4	47-68		173	205	18%	32
Auto Theft	27	25.2	19-32		87	86	-1%	-1
Theft from Auto	195	201.0	156-246		723	621	-14%	-102
Theft UCR 2 11 - 10	103	108.0	91-125		315	324	3%	9
Shoplifting	56	67.4	52-83		229	153	-33%	-76
Fraud	94	66.6	51-83	13	236	256	8%	20
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	171	172.4	145-200		558	483	-13%	<b>-7</b> 5
Arson	1	3.4	1-6		7	7	0%	0
SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	984	939.0	825-1053		3071	2916	-5%	-155
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	59	55.8	47-65		158	167	6%	9

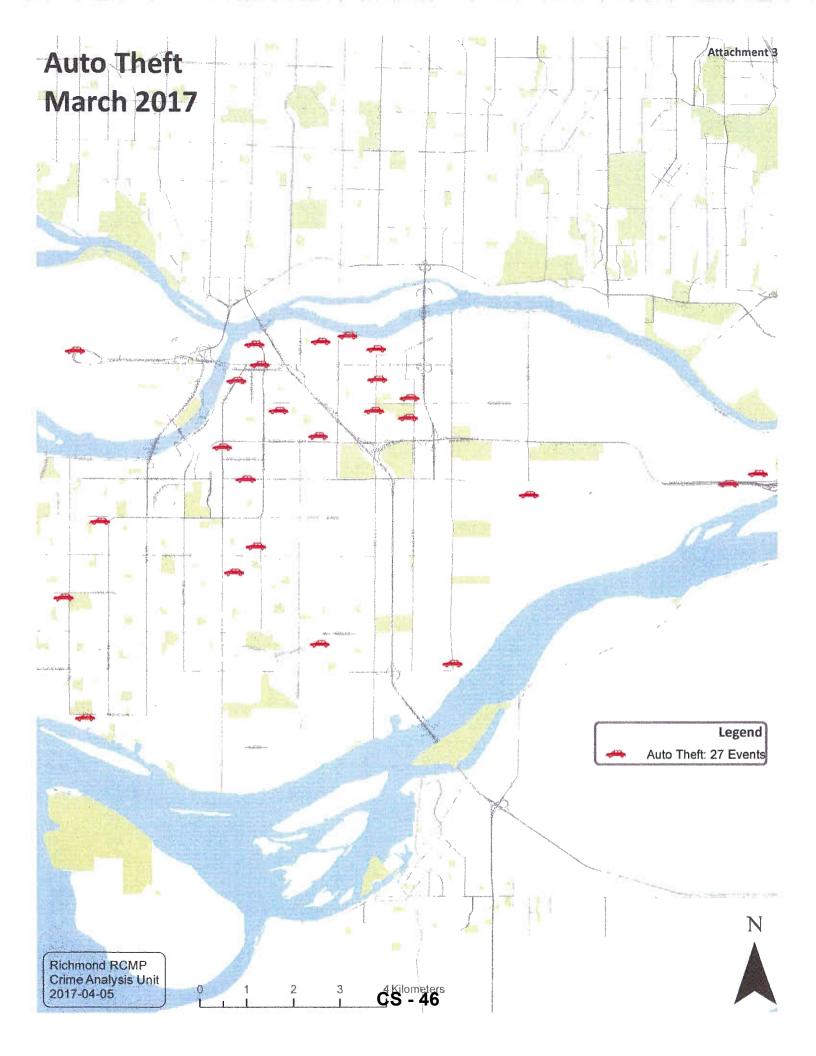
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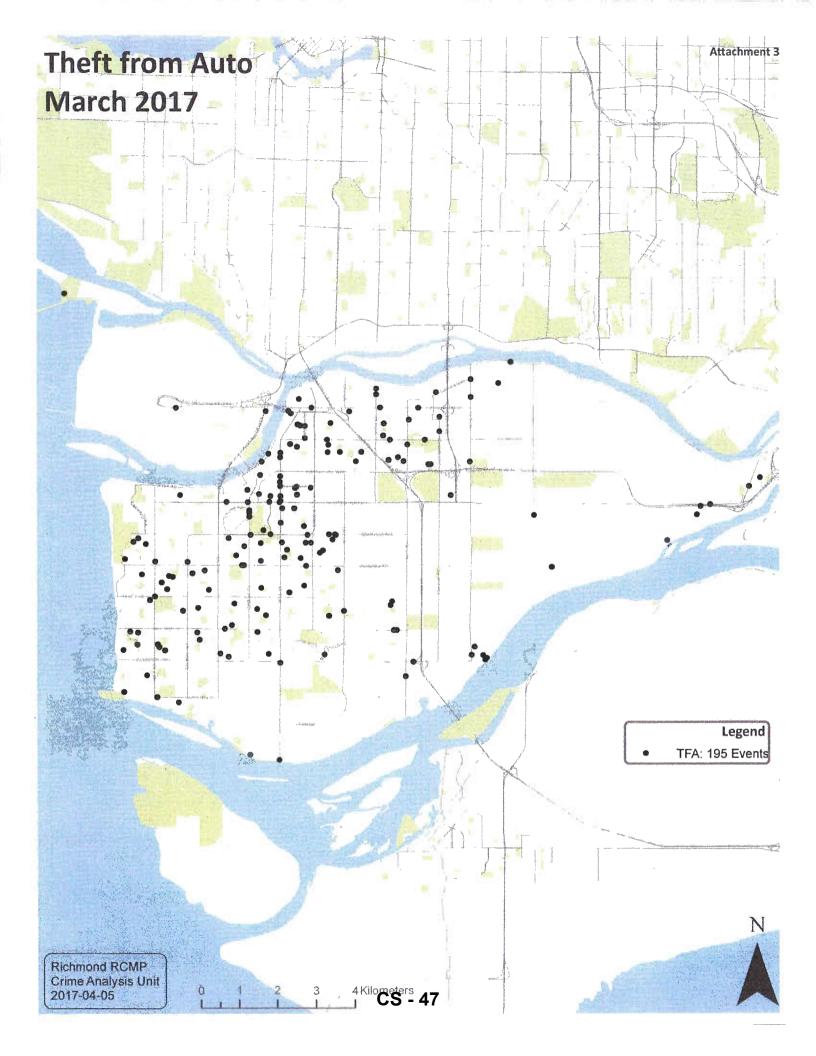
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