



To: Community Safety Committee

Date: June 8, 2011

From: Rendall Nasset  
Officer In Charge,  
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Report – May 2011 Activities

**Staff Recommendation**

That the OIC's report entitled "RCMP's Monthly Report – May 2011 Activities" dated June 8, 2011, be received for information.

(Rendall Nasset) Superintendent  
Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment  
(604-278-1212)

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## Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the OIC will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the community and has developed a framework to provide regular reporting cycles.

## Analysis

Below is the RCMP's Monthly Report – May 2011 Activities.

### Noteworthy Files:

#### **Robbery as a Result of a Craigslist Advertisement**

On Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Detachment officers responded to a motor vehicle collision that took place at 5300 No. 3 Road, at Lansdowne Mall. The vehicle had crashed through the mall entrance. As a result of this crash an innocent bystander was struck and suffered minor injuries.

Through investigation officers were able to determine the collision had taken place as a result of a robbery. An individual had negotiated a price on two iPads with an unknown individual through a craigslist advertisement. The two met at Lansdowne Mall and the male suspect showed the victim an iPad box. At this time the victim invited the suspect into his vehicle. The suspect then allegedly brandished a knife and demanded the victim give him the money, resulting in the victim then accelerating through the front of the mall entrance.

The Detachment would like to remind the public to exercise caution when engaging in craigslist transactions. Craigslist is a valuable community resource that is used responsibly and legally in the vast majority of cases. The following are some tips to help reduce getting scammed:

- Complete your transaction with someone who is local that you can meet in person.
- When meeting someone, never go alone and try to meet in a public setting like a cafe.
- Do not meet in a secluded place, or invite strangers into your home.
- Be especially careful when buying or selling high value items.
- Tell a friend or family member where you are going.
- Take your cell phone with you.
- Consider having a friend accompany you.
- Trust your instincts.

#### **Male Sentenced in Possession of Two Restricted Firearms**

On March 9, 2011 RCMP police officers observed two groups of individuals who are known to police at Richmond Center Mall. One of the responding officers arriving at the mall noted that several of the individuals were carrying duffle bags and the interaction between the two groups appeared to be suspicious in nature. Upon police arrival the two groups dispersed and one person was intercepted and a duffle bag in his possession was searched. This search resulted in

the discovery of two loaded semi-automatic firearms. Charges were forwarded to Crown for approval.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, a twenty-three year old male was convicted on two counts of Possession of a Prohibited or Restricted Firearm with Ammunition contrary to Section 95(1) of the Criminal Code of Canada. The male was sentenced to 16 months in jail, lifetime firearms prohibition, and 18 months probation.

### **Tip Sends Drug Trafficker to Jail for Seven Years**

An anonymous tip about a firearm resulted in seven years jail time and a 20-year firearms prohibition for a 37-year-old male. He was sentenced on May 5<sup>th</sup> after being convicted of Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking, contrary to Section 5.3 of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

On February 18, 2011, the Detachment received an anonymous tip that a male staying at a local hotel was in possession of a firearm. When police arrived they recognized the male as a prolific offender and was in possession of a large duffle bag containing approximately 30 kg of cocaine worth an estimate \$3 million dollars on the street.

This tip helped police get a dangerous individual and a large quantity of drugs off the street. Richmond Detachment thanks the individual for their role in making the community safer and reminds the public that if they see something suspicious to take the time to either call the police or contact crime stoppers.

### **Robbery with Firearm**

On Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at approximately 10:15 am, the Detachment was called to a robbery with a firearm, which took place at Bashirs Auto Cosmetics at the 5700 block of Minoru Boulevard in Richmond. At Bashirs Auto, a 2010 black Mercedes was stolen and the vehicle was spotted throughout the lower mainland and was located in the Chilliwack area. Officers of the Chilliwack RCMP Detachment, Lower Mainland District, Municipal Emergency Response Team, Lower Mainland District Police Dog Service and First Nations Policing attended and apprehended a 36-year-old male.

Police are considering several charges in relation to the investigation. Due to the quick thinking and collaboration of police detachments throughout the Lower Mainland, police were able to apprehend this individual right away.

### **Joint RCMP/Liquor Control and Licensing Inspections**

On April 15, 2011, the Detachment in partnership with the Liquor Control and Licensing inspector, conducted a licensed premise on the Industry Bar and Grill at 1450-8260 Westminster Highway. The Liquor Control and Licensing Branch received a complaint from a concerned parent stating that her 16-year-old son had been drinking there the previous week. A licensed premise check resulted in minors being found inside. Plainclothes police officers and a Liquor

Control and Licensing inspector entered the business at approximately 10:20 pm and counted over 80 patrons inside.

Two minors were spoken to in the bar, one of whom was holding a glass of beer and confirmed to be 17 years old. Officers also observed large groups of young looking patrons exiting the establishment upon realizing that police were present. The Industry Bar and Grill possesses a liquor-primary license and one of their terms and conditions is not to sell, serve or supply liquor to a minor and to verify a customer's age by asking for two pieces of identification.

The Liquor Control and Licensing inspector recommended a \$5,000 penalty for minors in the premises. On May 12, 2011, the owner of the Industry Bar and Grill attended the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch office and signed a waiver agreeing to pay the penalty.

### **Disturbing Theft of Disability Parking Passes**

The Detachment has been called to several cases of theft from motor vehicles in the 3700 block of No. 3 Road. Disability parking passes are being stolen from vehicles in this area, which puts the victim who requires this pass for their disability in a bad predicament. Police believe the motive is to sell these passes on the street. The Detachment Property Crime Unit has stepped up enforcement in the area.

The Detachment has reminded through a news release to inform potential buyers that people with disability passes also have an identification card. Under the Motor Vehicle Act and Regulations it is an offence to use disabled permit in a designated zone when not transporting a disabled person. The public has been encouraged to phone and report any incidents.

### **Human Remains Located**

On June 6<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11:00 am the Detachment attended to the 17000 block of Portside Road in response to a report of suspicious circumstances. An employee from Fraser River Pile and Dredge reported that he located a jawbone while inspecting a pile of sand that had been brought into the area for construction. The jawbone was located on the top of the sand pile with the teeth intact. The coroner was contacted and able to confirm that the jawbone is that of human remains.

An area search was conducted and no further remains were located. The jawbone was seized and will be examined by forensics and compared to DNA samples and dental records. At this time it is difficult to determine where the human remains originate from as the sand is from various locations along the Fraser River. Investigators are doing everything they can to identify the individual involved and bring some closure to family members and a missing persons investigation.

**Auxiliary Constables**

As of the end of May, Richmond had a strength of 40 Auxiliary Constables. From January to May 2011, Auxiliary Constables recorded 2,899 volunteer hours as indicated in the following table:

<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Community Policing Duties</b>	<b>Training and Administrative Duties</b>	<b>Patrol Ride-Along Duties</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>January to May</b>	1,068	1,076	755	2,899

**Summary of Auxiliary Constable Duties for May 2011:**

In May, the Auxiliary Constables concentrated on community policing programs, such as Coastal Watch Presentations, Steveston/Dykes/Parks Foot Patrols, Home Security Checks, Safety Talks, and SAFE Schools and Speed Watch in addition to assisting regular members with training support and General Duty shifts. Several Auxiliary Constables were trained by Transport Canada to conduct Boating Safety Inspections.

Auxiliary Constables participated in Police Week events and displays, school fairs, Heart and Stroke Big Bike Event, Night Market, Jimmy Ng Memorial Road Hockey Tournament, SOS Children's Village Run and supported Richmond Fire Rescue with their Safe Kids Week event.

**Community Policing Unit****Summary of Crime Prevention/Community Policing Unit Duties for May 2011:**

In May, the Crime Prevention Unit concentrated on instructing DARE Classes, attending DARE graduation, Salmon Festival committee meeting, presenting to two residents of Courtyard Gardens with a certificate from Her Majesty the Queen in honour of their 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays, teaching lectures on law to Asian residents in ESL classes, hosting the Police Week at Richmond Center Mall, presenting to 40 local residents at Brighthouse Library on personal and home safety and attending the grand opening of the Hamilton Community Center expansion.

**Dare Stats for Richmond 2010/2011 School Year**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Public and Private</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b># Of Students</b>
Term 1 Sept – December	14 schools	19	564
Term 2 Jan – March	17 schools	21	607
Term 3 April – June	12 schools	22	537
<b>Total</b>	<b>43 schools</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1708</b>

### Drug Abuse Resistance Education

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) was first piloted in the Richmond Public School System in the 2003/2004 school years. It was taught at several elementary schools to both Grade 5 and 6 students. Based on the success of the program, the school district mandated that all Richmond Grade 5 students would receive DARE training. The program was implemented district-wide in the 2004/2005 school year. After the rollout in the public school system, the program was also offered to the private schools within Richmond. In 2005/2006 the Program was officially launched at the private schools.<sup>1</sup>

### Road Safety Unit

#### Summary of Road Safety Unit Duties for May 2011:

In May, the Road Safety Unit concentrated on:

- May 4<sup>th</sup> - Train safety operation with CN Police and 52 violations were issued.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> - Truck check at Highway 99 and Steveston Highway with the Integrated Road Safety Unit (IRSU) and Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE). Fourteen violations and 5 trucks were removed from the road.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - Intersection safety operation with media and ICBC in attendance. Fourteen violations and one 24 hour suspension were issued.

### Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	Mar	Apr	May
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	914	1300	1445
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	578	572	542
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	41	20	38
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	9	13	18
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	8	2	5

<sup>1</sup> As mentioned in previous reports.

**South Arm Community Police Station****Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock out Auto Crime Statistics for 2011**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Vehicles Viewed For Signs Of Auto Crime Only</b>	<b>Vehicles Scanned Through Stolen Auto Recovery (SAR)*</b>	<b>Vehicles Issued A Crime Prevention Notice</b>	<b>Patrol And Admin Hours</b>
<b>January</b>	4,898	4,368	530	96
<b>February</b>	2,265	1,657	608	60
<b>March</b>	3,261	1,630	1,082	80
<b>April</b>	3,356	2,529	828	54
<b>May</b>	3,681	2,391	1,290	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,461</b>	<b>12,575</b>	<b>4,338</b>	<b>372</b>

*\*3 Stolen vehicles have been recovered in just over 2 years.*

**Stolen Auto Recovery (SAR)**

Volunteers are given a palm pilot, which has been downloaded with a complete list of all stolen vehicles in British Columbia. During patrols by volunteers vehicle plates are compared to the list on the palm pilot and when there is a match the volunteer calls the Detachment to report the recovery. At no time do the volunteers become involved with either the vehicle or its passengers. Regular members are called to investigate.<sup>2</sup>

**Crime Prevention Notices**

Notices are issued by a community volunteer and left on every car in the parking lot. They are supplied by ICBC and look like a ticket. The notice will have the issuer's name, crime prevention tips, location and date written on it as well as a list of questions that have been checked yes or no for example:<sup>3</sup>

- Does the vehicle have an anti-theft device (such as an alarm, immobilizer or steering wheel lock)?
- Are there any Personal belongings in plain view?
- Is the vehicle locked?
- Have all suitable steps been taken to prevent auto crime?

<sup>2</sup> As mentioned in previous reports.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

### Richmond Detachment Speed Watch Statistics for 2011

Month	# Of Speed Watch Deployments	Total Vehicles Checked	Over 10 Km/h	Admin Hours For Office Duties	Number of Warning Letters Issued
January	6	2,728	375	54	204
February	13	6,281	950	76	390
March	13	6,207	1,098	80	311
April	12	6,321	1,060	92	347
May	21	12,956	2,358	134	778
<b>TOTALS</b>	65	34,493	5,841	436	2,030

### Richmond Detachment Distracted Drivers Statistics for 2011

Month	Number of Letters Sent
January	Started Feb. 1st
February	50
March	73
April	64
May	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	234

#### Distracted Drivers

Volunteers of the South Arm Crime Prevention Unit position at various locations in Richmond and observe drivers that are driving while distracted. This may include talking, using electronic devices, reading a newspaper, putting on makeup and dogs sitting on laps. The volunteer then writes the date, time, locations and what the driver is doing. A letter is then sent to the owner of the vehicle bearing the license plate that was recorded by the volunteer. The letter, which serves as a warning/information, indicates the date, time and location of the distraction with a list of possible fines had there been a violation ticket issued by a police officer.<sup>4</sup>

#### Victim Services

In May of 2011, Victim Witness Services provided support to 25 new clients in addition to an active caseload of over 133 ongoing files. Victim Services aided 13 crime and trauma scenes over this time period. Robberies, sudden deaths and assaults dominated calls for service. Of significant note, Victim Services responded to an unusual number of mugging style robberies of young adults who were utilizing public transit this month. Victim Services spent over 20 hours in court this month supporting witnesses through the trial process.

<sup>4</sup> As mentioned in previous reports.



### **Crime Statistics**

Crime Stats – see Appendix “A”.

Crime Maps – see Appendix “B”

### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

### **Conclusion**

The Officer in Charge, Richmond Detachment has developed a framework and will continue to provide a monthly reporting cycle to the Community Safety Committee.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lainie Goddard".

Lainie Goddard  
Manager, RCMP Administration  
(L.4767)



## MAY 2011 STATISTICS

This chart identifies the monthly totals for all founded Criminal Code offences, excluding Traffic Criminal Code. 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 offences are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) offences are included.

The Average Range data is based on activity in a single month over the past 5 years. The only exception is Metal Theft, which only has 4 years of available data. If the current monthly total for an offence is above average, it will be noted in **red**, while below-average numbers will be noted in **blue**.

Year-to-Date percentage increases of more than 10% are marked in **red**, while decreases of more than 10% are **blue**. Please note that percentage changes are inflated in categories with small numbers (e.g.: Sexual Offences).

	CURRENT MONTH	5-YR AVERAGE RANGE	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS		
	May-11	May	2010 YTD	2011 YTD	% Change
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b> (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	<b>156</b>	<b>147-189</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>-15.4%</b>
<i>Robbery</i>	<b>23</b>	6-12	42	63	<b>50.0%</b>
<i>Assault</i>	58	56-60	248	224	-9.7%
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	<b>9</b>	14-20	67	61	<b>-9.0%</b>
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	7	3-7	35	30	<b>-14.3%</b>
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b> (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	<b>680</b>	<b>703-815</b>	<b>3595</b>	<b>3277</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>
<i>Business B&amp;E</i>	<b>29</b>	43-64	233	161	<b>-30.9%</b>
<i>Residential B&amp;E</i>	46	21-61	234	320	<b>36.8%</b>
<i>MV Theft</i>	<b>20</b>	41-59	206	164	<b>-20.4%</b>
<i>Theft From MV</i>	<b>249</b>	145-222	1029	870	<b>-15.5%</b>
<i>Theft</i>	<b>105</b>	111-139	553	515	<b>-6.9%</b>
<i>Shoplifting</i>	<b>42</b>	48-57	312	299	<b>-4.2%</b>
<i>Metal Theft</i>	<b>7</b>	8-22	29	20	<b>-31.0%</b>
<i>Fraud</i>	42	41-75	255	264	3.5%
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	<b>223</b>	<b>152-210</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>-17.5%</b>
<i>Arson - Property</i>	<b>4</b>	5-16	40	23	<b>-42.5%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b> (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	<b>1059</b>	<b>1053-1163</b>	<b>5357</b>	<b>4747</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>
<b>DRUGS</b> (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	<b>74</b>	<b>71-154</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>-17.5%</b>

\* Metal Theft only has 4 years of available data.

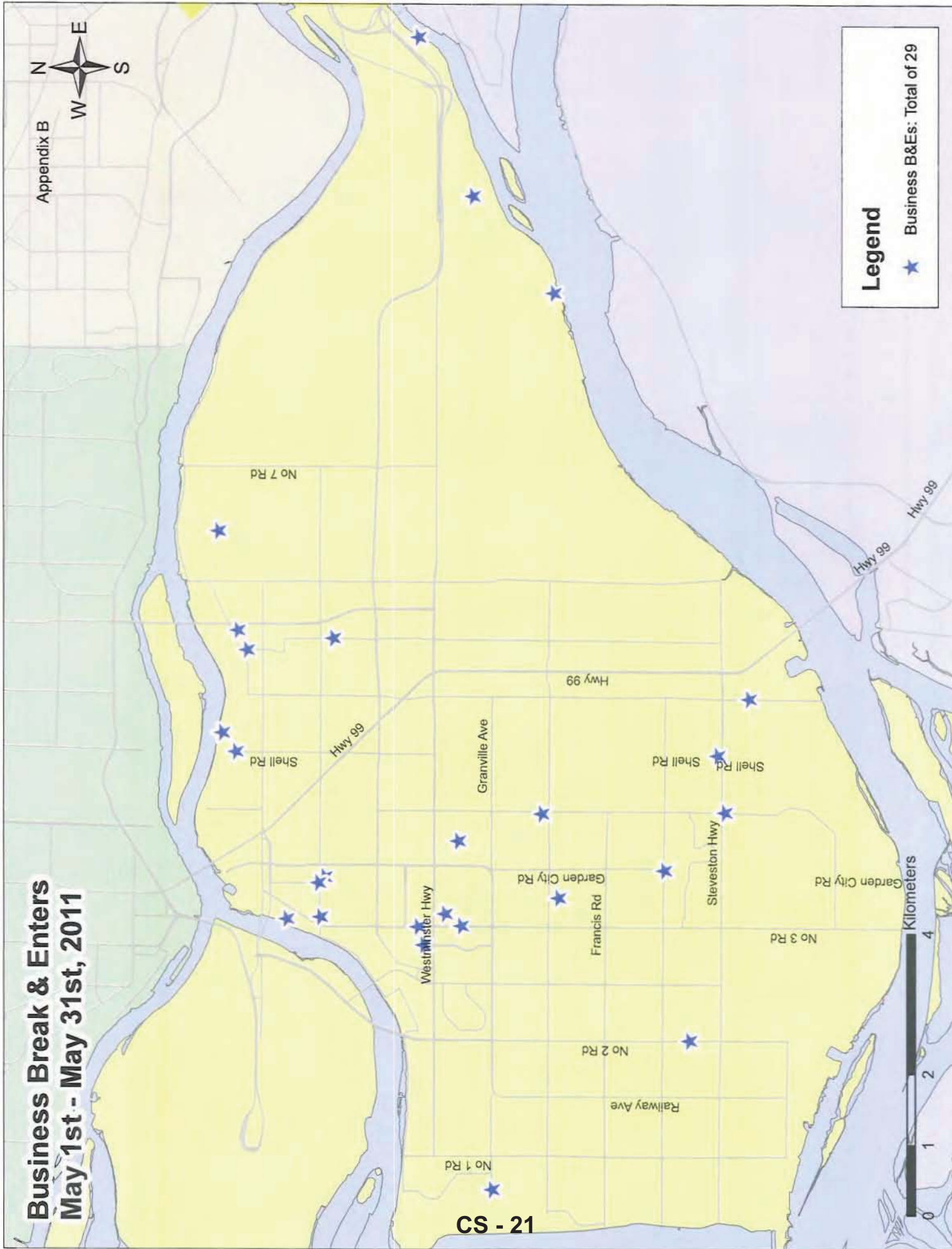
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# Business Break & Enters May 1st - May 31st, 2011

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## Legend

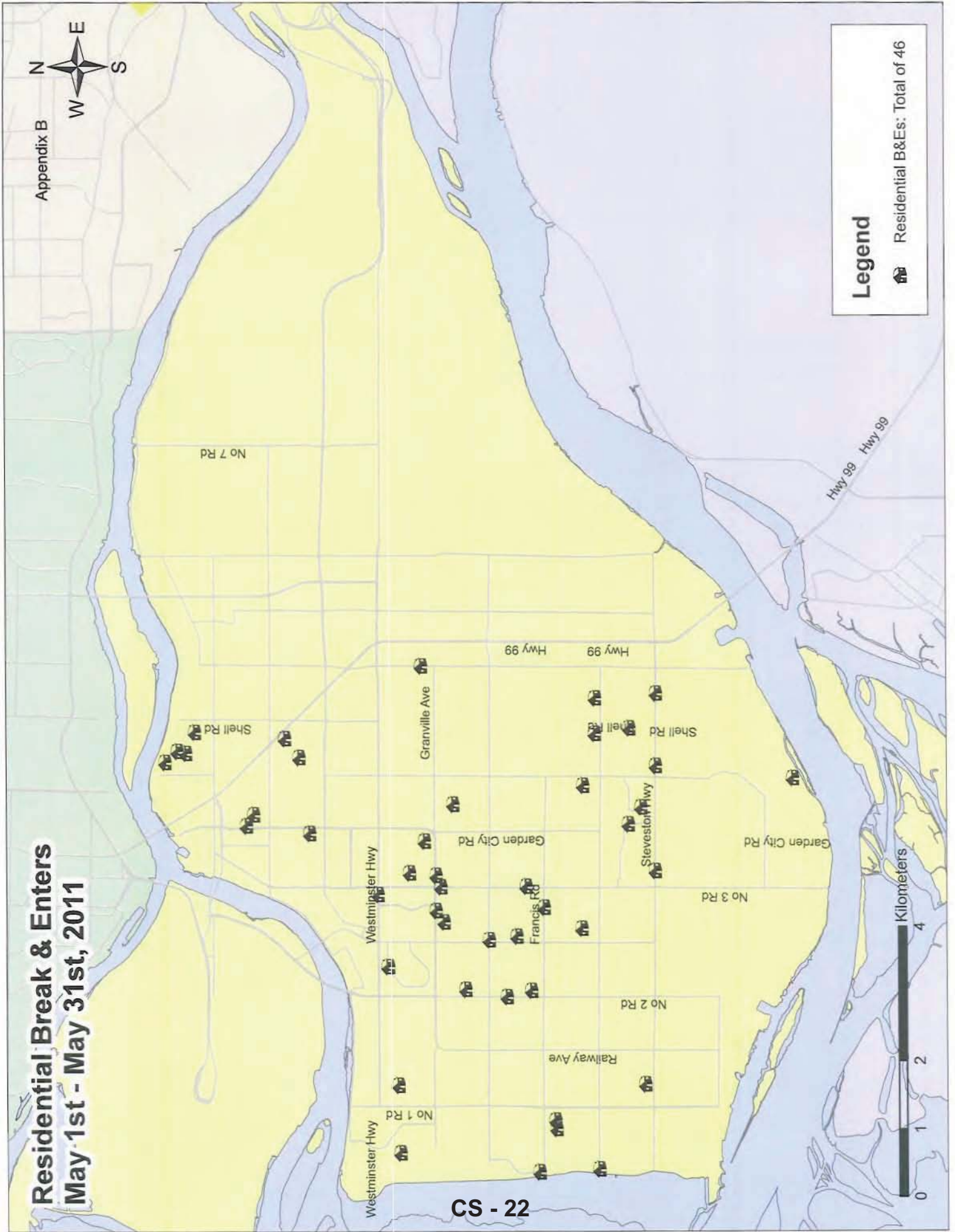
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# Residential Break & Enters May 1st - May 31st, 2011

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## Legend

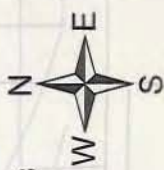
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# Auto Theft

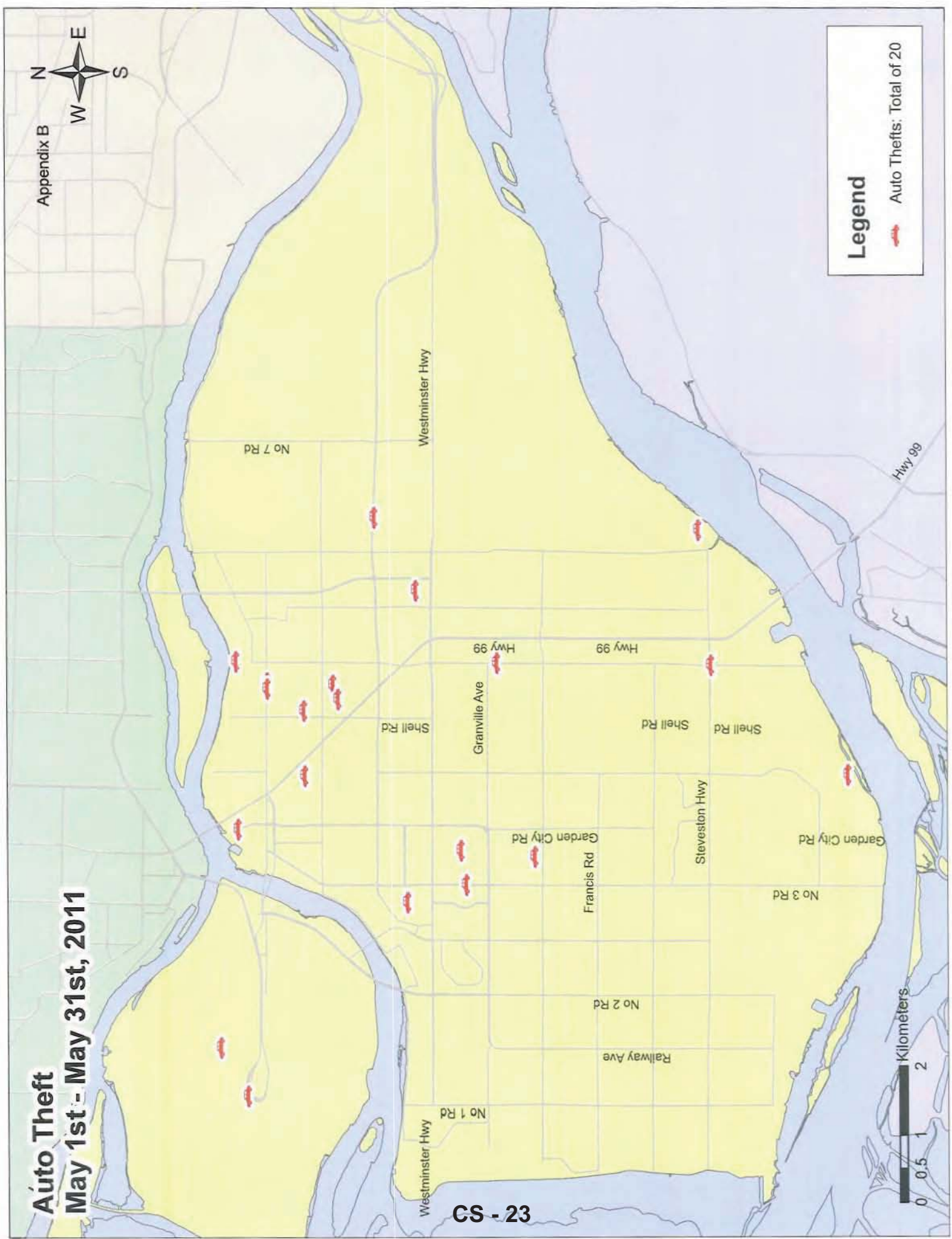
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**Legend**

- Auto Thefts: Total of 20



# Thefts From Vehicles May 1st - May 31st, 2011

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Vancouver

Burnaby

Delta

No 7 Rd

Westminster Hwy

Hwy 99/Hwy 99

Hwy 99

Granville Ave

Shell Rd

Hwy 99

Shell Rd

Steveston Hwy

Garden City Rd

Garden City Rd

No 3 Rd

Francis Rd

No 2 Rd

Railway Ave

No 1 Rd

Kilometers



## Legend

- Thefts From Vehicles: Total of 249