



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

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Re: RCMP's Monthly Activity Report For July 2010

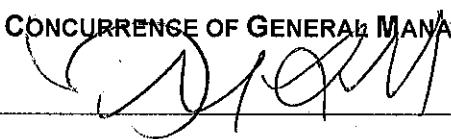
Staff Recommendation

That the RCMP's Monthly Activity Report be received for information.



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Origin

The Officer In Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment acknowledges and supports that the City of Richmond should be kept 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 Activity Report for July 2010.

Noteworthy Files:

Two Arrested After Fleeing From Stolen Car

On June 2nd members of Richmond RCMP's Property Crime Unit located a stolen vehicle being operated in the area of Number 6 Road and Westminster Highway. With the assistance of additional officers and the RCMP helicopter "Air One", the vehicle was contained to the surrounding area.

As the occupants of the vehicle exited and attempted to break into another vehicle, officers quickly moved in for the arrest. Both occupants of the vehicle fled on foot but were apprehended very shortly after with the assistance of the RCMP's Police Dog Services.

A 27-year-old male was arrested during this incident and was held in custody for court. Charges of Possession of Stolen Property Under \$5000 and Possession of Break-In Instrument have been recommended. A 33-year-old male was also arrested and held in custody. Charges recommended are two counts of Possession of Stolen Property Under \$5000, two counts of Breach of Probation, Breach of Recognizance, Possession of Break-In Instrument, Driving While Prohibited and Driving While Suspended.

Dial-a-Dopers Sent to Jail

On June 9th Richmond RCMP's Drug Target Team concluded a 2 month long investigation into the drug line. Police believe they have successfully dismantled the drug line and its ability to operate in Richmond. The drug line was suspected of supplying local addicts with Cocaine, MDMA and Heroin.

The drug line operated using the "Dial-a-Dope" technique in which local addicts would call a central phone number to have a drug dealer dispatched to the addict's location of choice. The dial-a-dope drug trafficking method is the source of most calls to police in which the public observe suspicious activity between two cars or observe a waiting person enter a car and then exit within minutes.

Through the course of the investigation the boss of the drug line was identified as 31-year-old Hoang Le. Police consequently executed a search warrant located in the 7000 block of Elm

bridge Way. Police located and seized approximately 18 grams of crack cocaine and several thousand dollars in Canadian currency.

Le attended court on June 10th and currently remains in custody pending her next court appearance. Le is currently facing several counts of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance and Possession For The Purpose of Trafficking. A 24-year-old female was also arrested and released with a first court appearance in August of 2010. Police are recommending charges of Possession For The Purpose of Trafficking for the female.

D.A.R.E. Grads Underway

On June 17th sixty grade five students from William Cook Elementary in Richmond received certificates from Richmond RCMP after graduating from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.)

D.A.R.E. is an internationally recognized program founded in Los Angeles in 1983, which seeks to provide children, and youth with the information and skills needed to live drug and violence free lives. The program teaches students a decision making model to help them avoid high-risk behaviour and make healthy, informed decisions throughout their lives. This enables students to grow up healthy, safe and secure.

D.A.R.E. works to establish positive relationships between local RCMP officers, students, teachers, parents and community partners. Specially trained RCMP officers who currently deliver the ten-week program to grade five students teach the D.A.R.E. Program. The officers undergo 80 hours of special training in areas such as child development, classroom management, teaching techniques and communication skills. Officers conduct lessons in subjects such as tobacco, alcohol and peer pressure. At the end of each D.A.R.E class a special graduation ceremony is held in which students pledge their commitment to stay drug and violence free.

Officers working in Richmond RCMP's Youth Section have taught the D.A.R.E. Program in both public and private schools in Richmond for the past five years. Currently there are nine officers in the Youth Section qualified to teach the D.A.R.E. Program.

Assault Charges Laid

On May 11th Richmond RCMP's Serious Crime Section arrested a caregiver from the Bethany Child Care Center for assault. On June 22nd two additional caregivers were arrested.

In October 2009 a parent was advised that her 18-month-old baby received minor injuries to her face while in care at the Bethany Child Care Center as a result of a fall.

In April of this year information was received that the injuries were a direct result of the baby being picked up and dropped. During the course of the investigation additional allegations have since been received and the investigation is continuing in this regard.

Three counts of Assault have been approved for 30 year old Christine Moyles, one count of Assault for 45 year old Michele Stamatou, both care givers at the child care center and one count of Assault for 71 year old Charlotte Rafter, manager of the child care center. Court dates have been sent for July 6th.

24-Year-Old Male Arrested For Skimming Cards

Another skimming sight has been shut down due to the quick action of Richmond RCMP's Economic Crime Unit.

On June 22nd Richmond RCMP's Economic Crime Unit received information of a possible skimming site at a local restaurant. The initial investigation revealed that the same employee was working during all card compromises. Further investigation allowed investigators to identify the male responsible. Shortly after 6 p.m. Richmond Economic Crime Unit arrested a 24-year-old male in relation to this incident. A hand held skimmer was located on the male during arrest. Charges recommended at this time are Possession of Credit Card Forging Instrument and Unauthorized Possession of Credit Card Data. The male was released from custody and faces his first court appearance September 9th, 2010.

The Richmond RCMP continues to target credit card skimmers and would like to remind the community of the following tips regarding payment card protection:

- Never lose sight of your payment card. Keep an eye on how your card is handled by employees at all times.
- Retain bank statements and scrutinize personal information or account information.
- Examine ATM's or pin pads prior to use for obvious signs of tampering and cameras.
- Take note of any suspicious persons nearby ATM's and always protect your PIN.
- Keep personal information private and never provide any credit card information over the phone unless it is a trusted, reputable business.

Armed Robbery At Liquor Store

Richmond RCMP is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the suspects involved in an Armed Robbery at the Comfort Inn Airport Beer and Wine Store located in the 3000 block of Number 3 Road.

On June 17th around 10:00 a.m. Richmond RCMP received a report of an Armed Robbery at the Comfort Inn Airport Beer and Wine Store. One male entered the store and distracted the employee behind the counter while the second male made his way behind the counter. The second male produced a knife and demanded that the cash register be opened. The employee opened the cash register and the suspect removed the cash. The suspects fled the scene immediately after.

Richmond RCMP was on scene within minutes and conducted extensive patrols of the area with the assistance of the RCMP Police Dog Services but yielded negative results. Forensic

Identification Services also attended to process the scene for evidence. No one was injured during this incident.

The first suspect is described as a Caucasian male, 5'10, 40 to 50 years old, heavy build with balding brown hair, wearing a denim jacket, white t-shirt with black stripes, blue jeans and white running shoes.

The second suspect is described as a Caucasian male, 5'10, 40 to 50 years old, slim build, brown hair, wearing a white and red baseball cap, denim jacket, black t-shirt, black jeans and black work shoes.

Armed Robbery At Yaohan Center

On June 26th at approximately 12:30 p.m. an Armed Robbery at Chinese Painting Canada Limited in the Yaohan Center Mall in Richmond.

Two Caucasian males entered the store wearing yellow security jackets and produced a handgun.

The valuable that was stolen is a 14th or 15th Century painting from the Ming Dynasty by painter Lan Ying. At this time it is not known if this is the original painting, however it has been passed down for many generations and is valued at approximately \$150,000. There were two jade Buddha statues of unknown value and a Chinese calligraphy art. The writing is also part of the family heritage and was written by Shi Kai Yuan, the first elected President of China. The owner estimates the value to be approximately \$50,000. One statue is a Buddha figurine and the other is a Chinese warrior. Both are made from white jade stone and are two feet tall.

The suspects fled prior to police arrival and no one was injured during this incident. The suspects are of similar description, both Caucasian males, 5'9 wearing sunglasses, baseball hats and yellow security jackets. It is also believed that a vehicle was driven by a third individual who was responsible for driving the suspects to and from the Yaohan Center. This vehicle is described as a newer model van, light coloured, possibly silver, possibly a Honda Odyssey or a Dodge Caravan.

Con Artist Scams Elderly Male

Being the victim of crime is always unpleasant but it can be particularly difficult for the elderly. In today's day and age most households are "on-line" in an attempt to learn and explore our world. Unfortunately the Internet can also bring crime right into our homes. There are a variety of confidence tricks or con games that people will utilize in an attempt to make money from unsuspecting victims. The perpetrators are usually very polished and may seem sincere, however their intentions are not good.

Recently an 80-year-old male in Richmond was scammed out of approximately \$80,000 after falling in love with a woman over an Internet dating site. The male is now \$30,000 in debt and was considering selling his home until family members intervened. The elderly male had been communicating with a woman for the past year on the Internet but never actually met the woman

in person. The woman stated that she lived in London, England and that she wanted to come to Canada to live with the male and become a licensed Practical Nurse. The woman continually brought up different reasons why she needed money sent to her and the elderly male would comply, sending approximately \$1,500 at a time. The Richmond RCMP says this is an example of why it is important to provide senior citizens with information they need to recognize common or known types of crimes targeted specifically at them. The Richmond RCMP would like to provide the following tips on ways to protect you from becoming victims of a scam:

- Be alert. Don't hesitate to question or verify transactions made involving money or personal information.
- Never feel pressured to make decisions you are unsure of.
- Discuss the matter with family members or friends prior to making a decision.
- Be aware of unsolicited calls or emails regarding your finances.
- Be very careful with your personal and financial information.
- Never forget that if it seems too good to be true, it likely is.

2010 Pulling Together Canoe Journey

On July 5th participants in the 2010 Pulling Together Canoe Journey arrived on the shores of Garry Point Park in Richmond. The Richmond RCMP participated in this year's canoe journey, which included a large youth group from the Aboriginal Community Development Center. The youth are celebrating the tenth anniversary of Vision Quest by organizing the Pulling Together Canoe Journey. Municipalities, the Canadian Navy and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans are participating along with municipal police, RCMP and many Aboriginal and First Nation organizations.

The Pulling Together Canoe Journey began ten years ago with the vision of having police officers paddle canoes alongside Aboriginal people, paddling the traditional highways and visiting Aboriginal communities along the way in hopes of building bridges between Aboriginal people and law enforcement officers. The RCMP says this is a perfect opportunity to bridge the gap that can exist between Aboriginal youth and the police.

In the past the RCMP and other police agencies have organized this event. This year the Renfrew Collingwood Aboriginal Youth Canoe Club has organized the journey. This canoe club is a youth led program based in Vancouver that offers Aboriginal youth opportunities to participate in traditional canoeing practices. Through this program Aboriginal youth between that ages of 10 to 29 increase their cultural knowledge and enhance their leadership roles, encouraging them to become more involved in their communities.

Twenty canoes, each holding ten persons, started this journey on July 3rd in Port Moody. Two RCMP canoes participated this year. Over the course of the Journey around 350 people will travel through five traditional territories and seven cities. The journey ended on July 9th when the participants spent their last day with the Semiahmoo First Nations.

19-Year-Old Male Arrested For Assaulting Officer

On July 7th shortly after 6 p.m. a Richmond RCMP officer was assaulted while conducting a traffic stop at Alderbridge Way and Westminster Highway. Earlier in the day the vehicle had been flagged by ICBC as possibly being operated by a prohibited driver. Upon stopping, the driver exited his vehicle and began fighting with the officer. The officer successfully subdued the driver and placed the male under arrest. The officer received injuries to one hand while the driver was transported to Richmond General Hospital with a fractured arm and facial injuries. The RCMP says traffic stops are never routine and this is a perfect example. Police officers never know what they may encounter when pulling over a vehicle.

A 19-year-old male was arrested during this incident and will be facing his first court appearance on September 14th. Police are recommending charges of Assaulting a Peace Officer, Drive While Prohibited and Obstructing a Peace Officer.

Traffic Section

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	Apr	May	June
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1676	1696	1942
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	537	728	836
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	104	98	95
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	43	32	45
MTIs	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	0	3	5

Victim Services Unit

Casework:

- 50 new client files from June 1- June 30.
- 172 Ongoing cases.
- 19 Crises call outs requiring attendance at the scene of the crises.

Youth Section:

- The Richmond RCMP Youth Section continues to deal with counterfeit currency circulating in school. The RCMP is conducting investigations in an effort to determine the source of this counterfeit currency.

Crime Statistics


Crime Stats – see Appendix “A”.
Analysis of Sexual Offence Files – see Appendix “B”

Financial Impact

None.

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.



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JUNE 2010 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.

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).

The arrows in the right-hand column reflect the overall trend (increasing/decreasing/stable) of the past two years. See the following pages for more detailed trend lines.

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH		SAME MONTH, PREVIOUS YEAR		YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			2-YEAR TREND
	Jun-10	May-10	% Change	Jun-09	% Change	2009	2010	% Change	
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	140	199	-29.6%	149	-6.0%	906	907	0.1%	→
<i>Robbery</i>	8	13	-38.5%	10	-20.0%	37	52	40.5%	→
<i>Assault</i>	60	61	-1.6%	53	13.2%	327	318	-2.8%	→
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	12	16	-25.0%	19	-36.8%	91	79	-13.2%	→
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	5	2	150.0%	3	66.7%	24	41	70.8%	↗
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	736	740	-0.5%	625	17.8%	3949	4384	11.0%	↘
<i>Business B&E</i>	58	53	9.4%	43	34.9%	247	286	15.8%	↗
<i>Residential B&E</i>	31	33	-6.1%	28	10.7%	252	267	6.0%	↘
<i>MV Theft</i>	48	41	17.1%	31	54.8%	233	262	12.4%	→
<i>Theft From MV</i>	179	168	6.5%	128	39.8%	1030	1208	17.3%	→
<i>Theft</i>	100	121	-17.4%	111	-9.9%	631	670	6.2%	→
<i>Shoplifting</i>	59	56	5.4%	50	18.0%	376	373	-0.8%	→
<i>Metal Theft</i>	4	7	-42.9%	8	-50.0%	39	32	-17.9%	↘
<i>Fraud</i>	69	59	16.9%	52	32.7%	283	341	20.5%	↗
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	253	226	11.9%	270	-6.3%	1245	1328	6.7%	→
<i>Arson - Property</i>	8	12	-33.3%	11	-27.3%	48	49	2.1%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1129	1165	-3.1%	1044	8.1%	6100	6619	8.5%	↘
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	93	134	-30.6%	202	-54.0%	629	622	-1.1%	→

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VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	133	140	-5.0%	152	-12.5%	1058	1040	-1.7%	→
<i>Robbery</i>	8	8	0.0%	10	-20.0%	47	60	27.7%	→
<i>Assault</i>	59	60	-1.7%	43	37.2%	370	377	1.9%	→
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	8	12	-33.3%	14	-42.9%	105	87	-17.1%	→
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	4	5	-20.0%	2	100.0%	26	45	73.1%	↗
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	745	736	1.2%	761	-2.1%	4710	5129	8.9%	↘
<i>Business B&E</i>	32	58	-44.8%	74	-56.8%	321	318	-0.9%	↗
<i>Residential B&E</i>	49	31	58.1%	41	19.5%	293	316	7.8%	↘
<i>MV Theft</i>	37	48	-22.9%	44	-15.9%	277	299	7.9%	→
<i>Theft From MV</i>	226	179	26.3%	178	27.0%	1208	1434	18.7%	→
<i>Theft</i>	116	100	16.0%	116	0.0%	747	786	5.2%	→
<i>Shoplifting</i>	57	59	-3.4%	45	26.7%	421	430	2.1%	→
<i>Metal Theft</i>	3	4	-25.0%	11	-72.7%	50	35	-30.0%	↘
<i>Fraud</i>	80	69	15.9%	54	48.1%	337	421	24.9%	↗
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	257	253	1.6%	249	3.2%	1494	1585	6.1%	→
<i>Arson - Property</i>	11	8	37.5%	24	-54.2%	72	60	-16.7%	→
TOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1135	1129	0.5%	1162	-2.3%	7262	7754	6.8%	↘
CDSA - DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	111	93	19.4%	158	-29.7%	787	733	-6.9%	→

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RICHMOND RCMP - Analysis of sexual offence files reported between 2008-06-01 & 2010-05-31

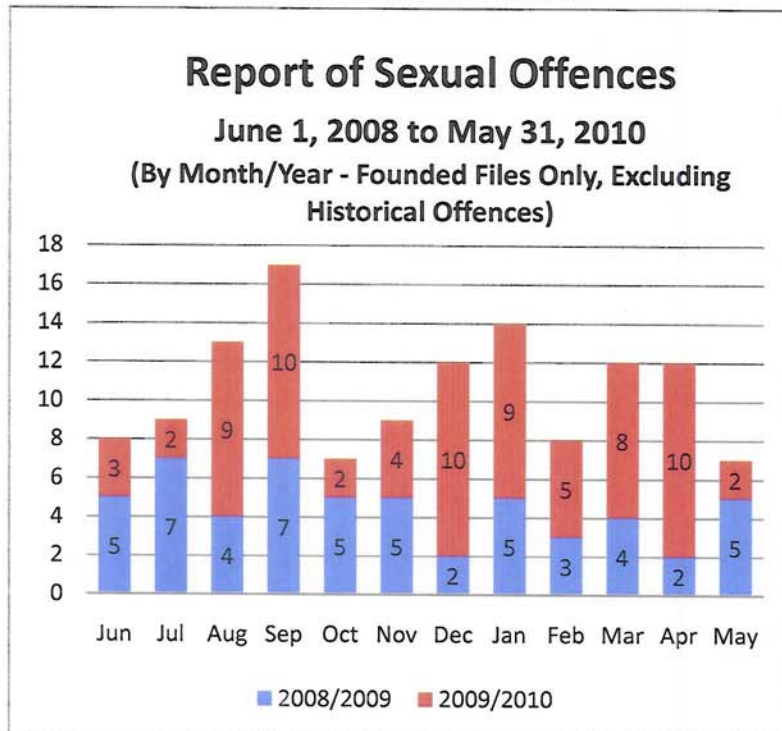
Methodology:

PRIME was queried for all sexual offences reported between June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2010. The following codes were included in the PRIME search: Sexual Assault – Aggravated (1310), Sexual Assault W/Weapon or CBH (1320), Sexual Assault (1330), Sexual Interference (1345), Invitation to Sexual Touching (1350), Sexual Exploitation (1355), Sexual Exploitation – Disability (1356). Analysis includes all four lines of UCR scoring. Records identified as *ZZZ codes*, *Unfounded*, and *Unsubstantiated* were removed from consideration. This is consistent with the methodology used to develop the monthly statistical reports provided to the City.

Findings:

135 reports of sexual offences occurred between June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2010. The breakdown of sexual offence types for the period is as follows: SEXUAL ASSAULT - 102; SEXUAL INTERFERENCE – 31; SEXUAL EXPLOITATION – 1; and SEXUAL ASSAULT W/WEAPONS OR CBH – 1.

Seven of these reports were for historical sexual offences, which occurred between January 1969 and January 1995, leaving 128 reports for sexual offences that occurred within the period noted. Upon further analysis, an additional five files were found to be historical reports. These offences were not removed, as they would have initially fallen within the catchment period assessed through previous reports provided to the City. It must be noted that there may be some variation between the original monthly statistics provided by the analyst and these statistics, due to changes in coding that occurred after the record was created in PRIME.



Since June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2010, the Richmond RCMP Detachment received between 2 and 10 reports of sexual offences per month. A total of 54 reports of sexual offences occurred between June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2009, with an increase to 74 between June 1, 2009 and May 31, 2010. The average for this two-year period was 5 reports per month. **Statistical analysis using two standard deviations indicates that a reporting rate of up to 10 reports per month is consistent with what is considered to be within the “normal” range for this period.**

Analysis:

Statistical analysis demonstrates that the monthly reporting rate for sexual offences has not exceeded what is considered “normal” for the last two years. Approximately 70% of the reported offences involved interactions between acquaintances or family members. In only a few of these examples was one suspect responsible

for multiple offences. The remaining 30% of the offences involved a Subject of Complaint (SOC) unknown to the victim. These files will be analyzed further to determine if there are similarities between the offences/SOC. All findings will be reported to the Serious Crimes Unit.

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