







To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** December 3, 2012
From: Rendall Nessel **File:** 09-5000-01/2012-Vol
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment 01 (12.36)
Re: RCMP's Monthly Report - November 2012 Activities

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – November 2012 Activities" (dated December 3, 2012, from the OIC RCMP) be received for information.


(Rendall Nessel) Superintendent
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Staff Report

Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge (OIC) will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the community of Richmond.

Council's Term goals for 2011-2014 identify Community Safety as a high priority to ensure that public safety services, service delivery models and resources are effectively targeted to the City's specific needs and priorities.

Analysis

Below is the RCMP's Monthly Report – November 2012 Activities.

Community Policing

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On November 30, 2012, the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held at the Delta Airport Hotel in Richmond. Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Inspector Eric Hall, Sergeant Hooper and Crime Prevention officers along with the volunteers attended this event. The Volunteer Appreciation dinner recognizes the dedication of the volunteers who commit their time to give back to the community. The volunteers assist in the Community Police offices, helping with public enquiries and participating in initiatives such as Speed Watch, Lock Out Auto Crime, Distracted Drivers, bike and foot patrols and Business Watch. These volunteers make initiatives such as these successful and help to reduce the crime in Richmond. In total the number of volunteers at the Detachment is 250, which includes the Airport, Auxiliary Constables, Victim Services and volunteers from the three Community Policing offices. The total number of hours that the volunteers for the City of Richmond contributed from October 2011 to October 2012 is 26,246 hours.

Block Watch

Break and enter email alerts and letters are sent out to Richmond residences and businesses with information about neighbourhood break-ins. This includes tips to educate home and business owners on crime prevention techniques to help prevent future break and enters. Richmond residents and businesses are directed to the crime prevention web pages where they may register their email addresses to receive email alerts about future break and enters.

Email Alerts November 2012

	Email Alerts	Letters Sent Out
Residential	46	240
Commercial	44	46

Community Police Stations**Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock Out Auto Crime Statistics**

CPS	YTD	# Of Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock out Auto Crime Deployments	Vehicles Viewed For Signs Of Auto Crime Only	Vehicles Scanned Through Stolen Auto Recovery (SAR)	Vehicles Issued A Crime Prevention Notice	Patrol And Admin Hours
City Center	May-Nov	51	10,528	6,856	3,741	251
South Arm	Jan – Nov	113	24,444	16,443	9,041	540
Steveston	Jan – Nov	163	33,208	410 ¹	4,650	716
Year to Date Totals		327	68,180	23,709	17,432	1,507

Richmond Detachment Speed Watch Statistics

CPS	YTD	# Of Speed Watch Deployments	Total Vehicles Checked	Over 10 Km/h	Admin Hours For Office Duties	Number of Warning Letters Issued
City Center	May – Nov	80	49,702	8,261	670	2,978
South Arm	Jan – Nov	85	43,006	5,368	619	2,347
Steveston	Jan – Nov	48	32,093	19,633	315	1,065
Year to Date Totals		213	124,801	33,262	1,604	6,390

Richmond Detachment Distracted Drivers Statistics

CPS	YTD	Deployments	Number of Letters Sent
City Center	May to November	51	268
South Arm	January to November	53	403
Year to Date Totals		104	671

¹ SAR equipment available in October only

Volunteer Bike Patrols

The main objectives of the Volunteer Bike Patrol is to observe and report suspicious activity, abandoned houses, grow operations, graffiti and distracted drivers.

CPS	YTD	Deployments	Hours
City Center	January to November	50	795

Volunteer Foot Patrols

CPS	YTD	Deployments	Hours
City Center	Opened May 22 to November	30	220

Business Watch Program

The new Volunteer Business Watch program was launched on July 12 at the City Centre Community Police Station. Volunteers go door-to-door to businesses delivering Crime Prevention information packages which include a Business Watch newsletter and brochure. Volunteers offer to install a height strip for the business and ask the business for their email address. The business email addresses are added to the Commercial Break and Enter Email Alert distribution groups and receive an email should a commercial break and enter occur in their neighbourhood.

	Deployments	Number of Businesses Visited	Hours
Started July 12	10	207	44
August	2	28	9
September	6	69	40
October	4	36	18
November	2	14	5
Total	24	354	116

Road Safety Unit

Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics

Name	Act	Example	Sept	Oct	Nov
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1,300	956	732
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	454	423	451
Driving Suspensions	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	44	50	34
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	26	41	18
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	2	5	0

Victim Services

In November, Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided services to 32 new clients in addition to having an active caseload of 133 ongoing files. During this period, Victim Services attended to 12 crime and trauma scenes. Robberies, threats, assaults and family dysfunction dominated the calls for service.

Noteworthy Files and Interesting Activities:

Richmond RCMP Officers Receive Ministry of Justice Award

On November 2, Constables Jagmeet Dandiwal and Harbir Sangha received this year's Ministry of Justice Community Safety and Crime Prevention Media Award for their efforts in promoting crime prevention and community safety programs to the Punjabi and South Asian communities.

Since June 2011, the two officers have been appearing regularly on Sher-E-Punjab Radio AM 1550's show Lok Sath with host Hanjit Singh Gill. The talk show is conducted in the Punjabi language and is broadcast live to thousands of listeners in British Columbia and parts of the United States. It is also broadcast live on the internet and is very well received among the Punjabi speaking communities throughout the world.

This initiative is unique to Richmond Detachment and nothing like this exists anywhere in the Lower Mainland. The focus of each show has been the various crime prevention programs and initiatives found at the Detachment. Topics of discussion have included youth gangs, bullying, identity theft and pedestrian safety. Both officers have been providing this valuable information on a voluntary basis, in addition to fulfilling their regular duties.

The two officers began this initiative in order to engage the Punjabi and South Asian communities to build partnerships within the community and do everything they can to keep the community safe. The two officers also wanted to dispel police related stereotypes within the community in order to strengthen the relationship with the Punjabi community.

Both officers were born and raised in India and offer a very unique perspective to listeners. Cst. Dandiwal immigrated to Canada in 2001 at the age of 19. He completed his Bachelors of Applied Arts (Honours) Degree in Psychology from Kwantlen University College and joined the RCMP in 2007.

Cst. Sangha immigrated to Canada in 2000 at the age of 20. He completed his Engineering Certification from the British Columbia Institute of Technology and became an Auxiliary Constable with the Surrey RCMP in 2005 and was sworn in as a regular member in 2008.

This crime prevention initiative will be continuing into 2013.

Three Charged in Armed Robbery

On November 6, at approximately 6:00 pm, the Detachment received a report of a robbery in progress at Ben Moss Jewellers in the Richmond Center Mall. According to witnesses, two suspects entered the mall, smashed the display cases at Ben Moss and fled with an undisclosed amount of jewellery. Once outside, one of the suspects, armed with a gun, attempted to carjack a vehicle but was unsuccessful. In his attempt to carjack a second vehicle, the suspect was apprehended by bystanders. A scuffle ensued in which the suspect fired a shot. No one was injured. One of the bystanders was bit by the suspect and received medical treatment. Police have recovered the handgun. The other two suspects were later located and arrested by officers from the Vancouver Police Department. Two of the males have been charged with armed robbery and wearing a disguise with the intent to commit an indictable offence. The third male was also charged with armed robbery and possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm.

Pedestrian Fatality

On November 14, at approximately 6:00 pm, the Detachment received a report that a pedestrian had been struck in the 2800 block of No. 3 Road. When police arrived on scene Richmond Fire Rescue and BC Ambulance Services were tending to the male who they found lying on the roadway. The male did not appear to have crossed the street in a crosswalk and was struck by a southbound vehicle. The male sustained serious injuries and was transported to the Vancouver General Hospital for surgery but succumbed to his injuries.

The Lower Mainland District Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Services assisted officers from Richmond's Road Safety Unit with the investigation. At this point investigators believe that the collision occurred at a fairly low speed. It does not appear that alcohol or drugs were factors in this collision. The investigation is continuing and it is unknown whether or not charges will be laid.

Man Injured in Shooting

On November 15, at approximately 5:00 pm the Detachment received reports of shots fired in the area of Garden City and Capstan Way. Witnesses reported that one person had been shot and that suspects had fled in a vehicle. Upon arrival police located the victim and determined that he had been shot once in the leg. The victim was transported to hospital for treatment and is in stable condition. The Detachments' Serious Crimes Unit is continuing with the investigation.

Fall Pedestrian Safety Campaign

On November 21, the fall pedestrian safety campaign commenced in Richmond at the Lansdowne Canada Line Station. Pedestrians in the area were greeted by officers and volunteers from the Detachment along with officers from the Transit Police and ICBC. Pedestrian safety brochures and reflective arm bands were given to the pedestrians with the ultimate goal of saving lives. The concern for pedestrian safety rises with the increased rainfall and reduced daylight hours making it harder for drivers to see.

This initiative included each Community Policing Office in Richmond: City Center, South Arm and Steveston, to target high density pedestrian traffic locations and hand out a pamphlet educating citizens on pedestrian safety as well as reflective arm bands. When the arm band is worn it makes the pedestrian more visible, especially at night. The safety event occurred between 8:00 and 9:00 in the morning and a total of 921 arm bands were handed out.

The pedestrian safety campaign is an annual event the Detachment participates in, partnering with the City of Richmond, Richmond Fire Rescue and ICBC to increase education, enforcement and initiatives in an effort to save lives. Driving in winter weather conditions increases the need to slow down, increase following distance and allow extra travel time. Pedestrian safety tips include the following:

- Remove headphones and refrain from using cell phones and other electronics when crossing the street. A pedestrian's full attention is required to see, hear and respond to what is happening around them.
- Make eye contact with drivers and pedestrians should keep their head up and look where they are walking. Pedestrians should not assume drivers see them.
- Be cautious and pay attention to traffic because drivers may not always stop or obey traffic control devices.
- Wear bright or light coloured clothing especially in bad weather or in low light wear reflective clothing.
- Walk facing traffic if there are no sidewalks and use the outside edge or shoulder of the roadway so that oncoming vehicles can be seen.
- When crossing the street look in all directions including over the shoulder checks for any vehicles that may be turning and approaching.
- Listen for vehicles that may not be visible but could be approaching from a driveway or corner or from a hill.
- Use crosswalks and do not cross on the "do not walk" signal.

Crime Statistics

Crime Stats – see Appendix "A"

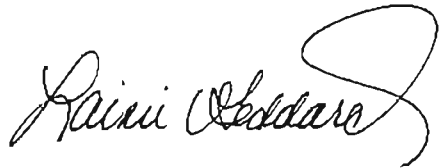
Crime Maps – see Appendix "B"

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report

Conclusion

The Officer in Charge, Richmond Detachment continues to ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community. The OIC will continue to provide monthly updates, which reflect the level of safety in Richmond.

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NOVEMBER 2012 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. 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			
	Nov-12	November	2011 YTD	2012 YTD	% Change	Change in # of Offences
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	111	123-156	1417	1228	-13.3%	-189
<i>Robbery</i>	6	8-14	124	124	0.0%	0
<i>Assault</i>	45	42-59	505	439	-13.1%	-66
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	12	5-16	136	120	-11.8%	-16
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	3	4-8	74	52	-29.7%	-22
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	865	564-741	6982	7276	4.2%	294
<i>Business B&E</i>	76	35-57	335	462	37.9%	127
<i>Residential B&E</i>	51	40-86	678	587	-13.4%	-91
<i>MV Theft</i>	46	19-41	277	277	0.0%	0
<i>Theft From MV</i>	324	120-234	1724	2039	18.3%	315
<i>Theft</i>	132	81-120	1254	1364	8.8%	110
<i>Shoplifting</i>	59	41-59	652	666	2.1%	14
<i>Metal Theft</i>	0	2-14	39	19	-51.3%	-20
<i>Fraud</i>	37	34-49	523	452	-13.6%	-71
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	170	155-197	2142	2209	3.1%	67
<i>Arson - Property</i>	5	6-10	64	41	-35.9%	-23
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	1146	867-1070	10541	10713	1.6%	172
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	62	83-117	1059	822	-22.4%	-237

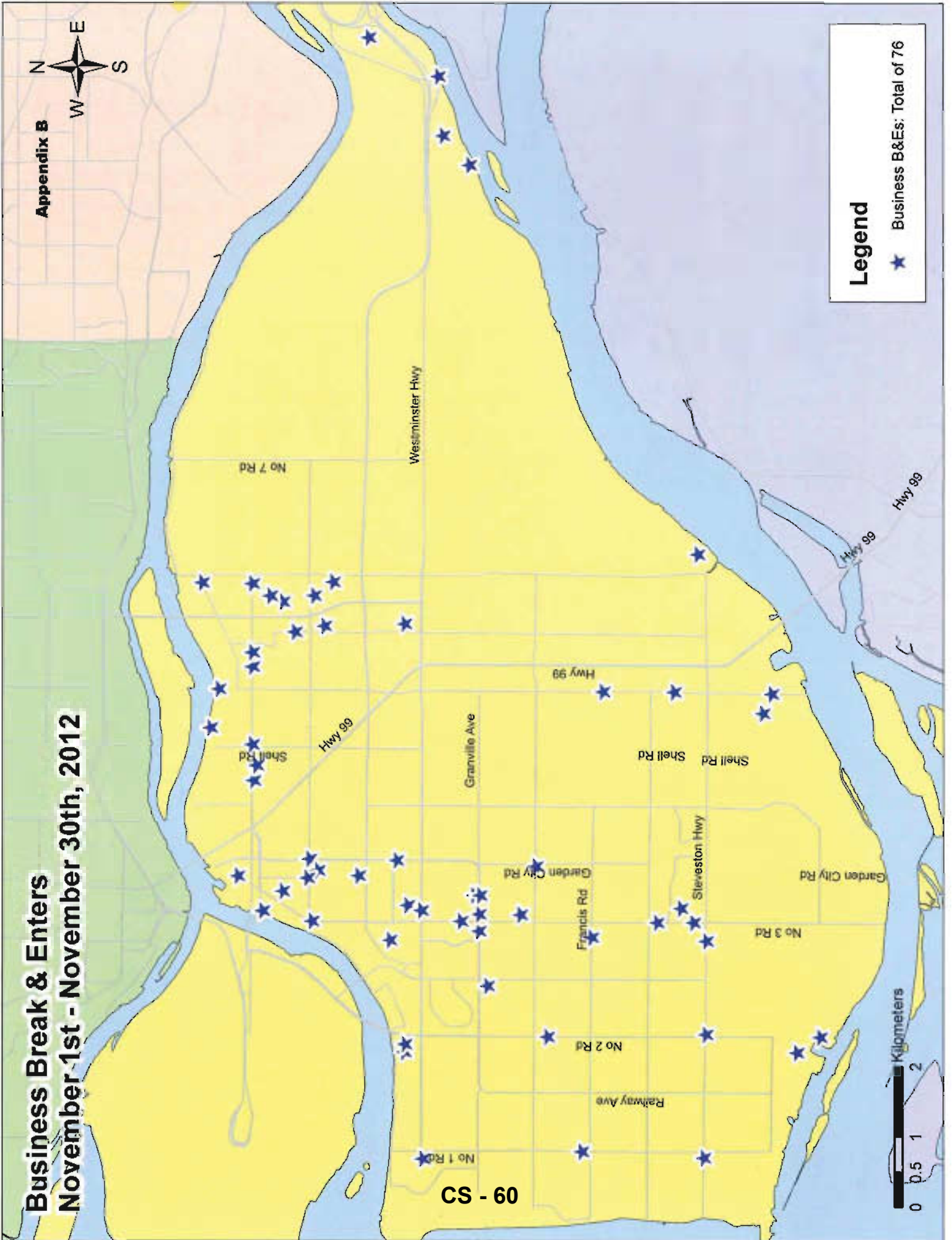
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Business Break & Enters November 1st - November 30th, 2012

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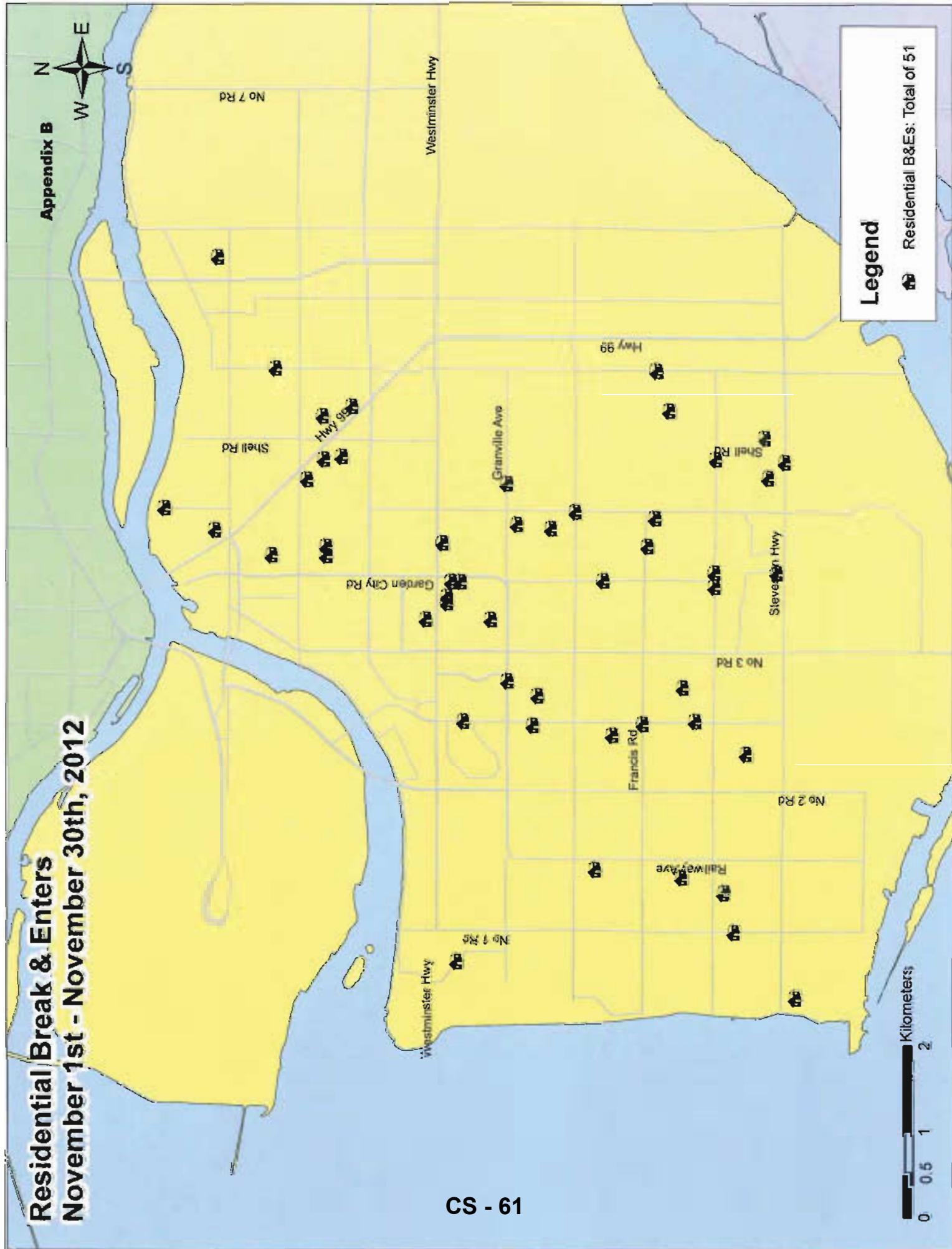
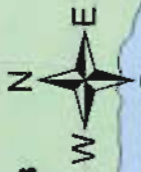
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
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Residential Break & Enters November 1st - November 30th, 2012

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 Residential B&Es: Total of 51

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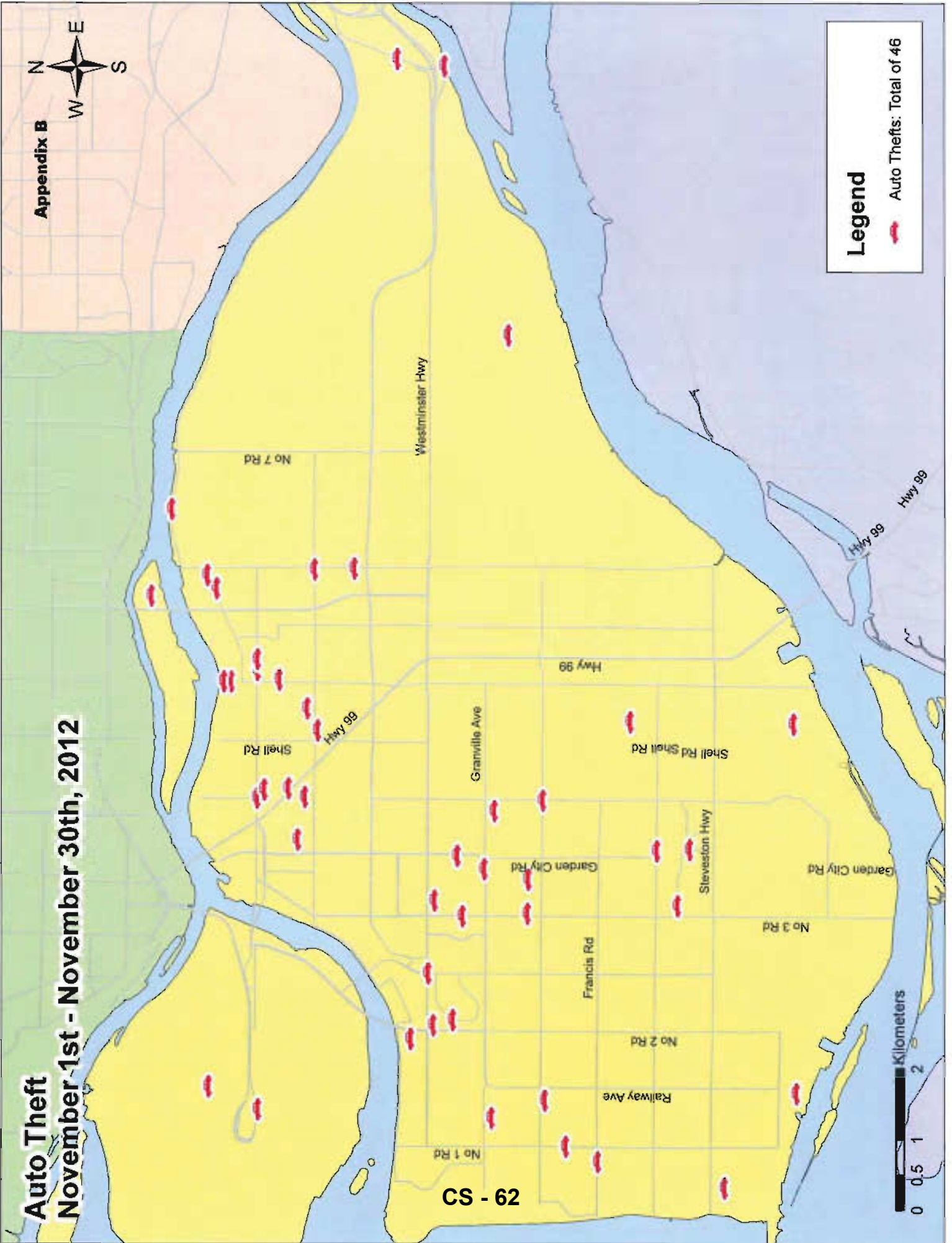
Auto Theft

November 1st - November 30th, 2012


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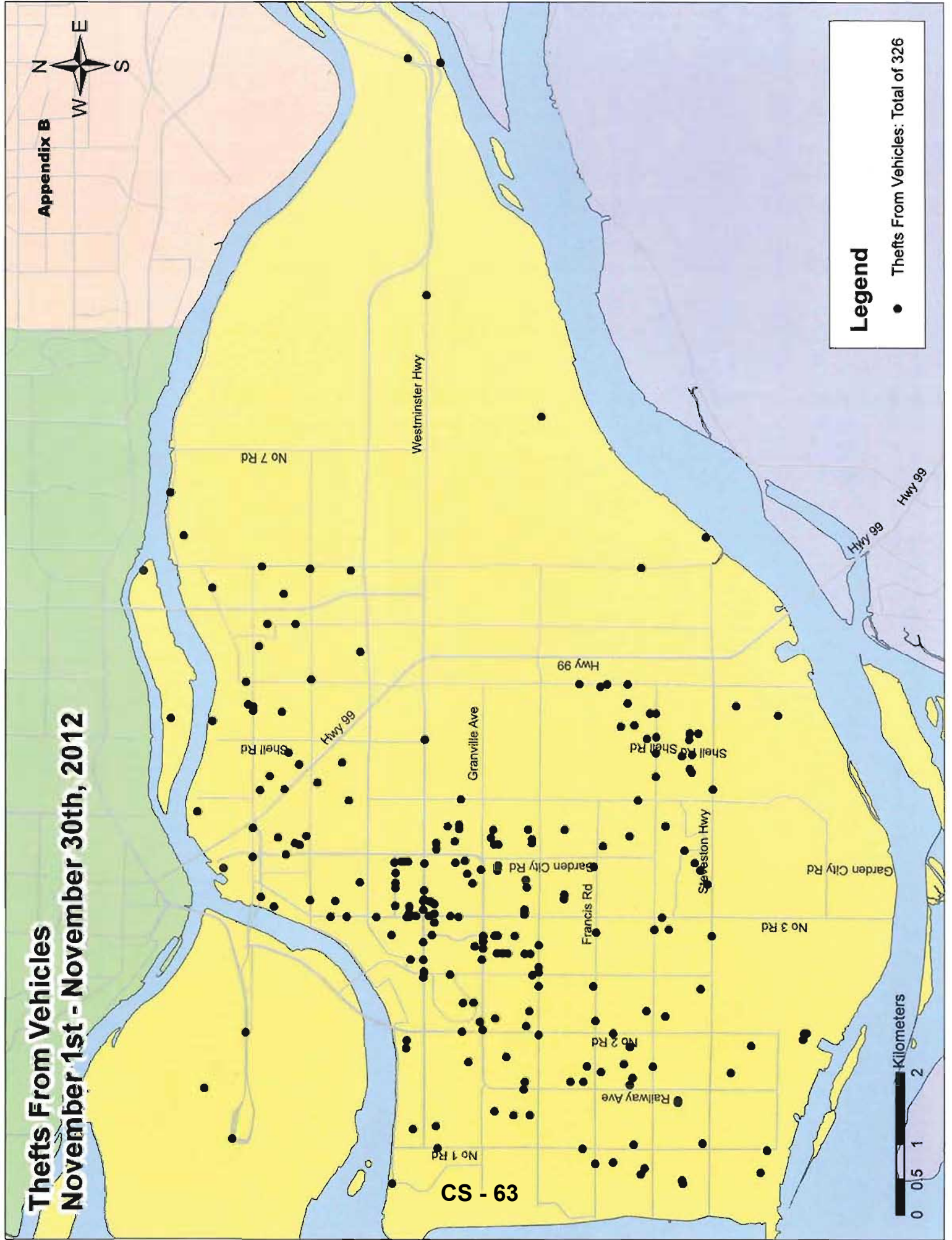
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 Auto Thefts: Total of 46

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Thefts From Vehicles November 1st - November 30th, 2012

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