



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee

Date: January 5, 2012

From: Rendall Nasset
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment

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Re: RCMP's Monthly Report – December 2011 Activities

Staff Recommendation

That the OIC's report entitled "RCMP's Monthly Report – December 2011 Activities" dated January 5, 2012, 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 – December 2011 Activities.

Noteworthy Files:

Movember comes to an End at Richmond Detachment

Movember is an annual campaign, which strives to raise awareness of men's health issues, including prostate cancer. It has received worldwide support since its inception in Australia, in 2003. Richmond Detachment's 2011 Movember campaign received great support from its employees and was successful in raising \$1,735.00 for the cause. The Detachment fundraising efforts included a "moustache" donation jar and bake sales. In addition, there were twenty faces, which had grown new moustaches to show their support.

Prolific Offender Caught in Stolen Vehicle

On December 5, 2011 a 34 year old male was charged with Possession of Stolen Property over \$5000, Possession of Break and Entering Tools, Flight from Peace Officer, and Dangerous Driving, all stemming from an incident which had occurred earlier that morning.

At 4:20 a.m. a resident of the 8000 Block of Colonial Drive, Richmond, reported that his truck had been taken from the front of his residence. In order to attempt to locate the stolen vehicle, the Richmond RCMP immediately broadcasted the auto-theft to on-duty officers. An hour later, the vehicle was seen by police heading towards the Dinsmore Bridge into Vancouver. The Vancouver Police Department (VPD) was subsequently contacted for assistance.

The RCMP stopped traffic on the bridge in order to facilitate the deployment of a spike belt, which was successful in deflating the tires of the stolen vehicle. However, the vehicle continued to travel with flat tires towards Vancouver. The driver abandoned the vehicle at the Cambie Street Sky Train station and fled on foot. The area was then cordoned off and a VPD dog handler tracked the suspect. At about 6:30 a.m. the suspect was located hiding under a retaining wall next to the Fraser River. He was taken onboard a nearby Coast Guard hovercraft and transported to Emergency Health Services on Mitchell Island for treatment of hypothermia.

The man, who is a prolific offender with no fixed address, is well known to police. He was taken into custody by VPD officers and turned over to the Richmond RCMP. He has been remanded in custody, awaiting his next court appearance on January 17, 2012.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On December 2, 2011, the Richmond RCMP and the City of Richmond's Law and Community Safety Department hosted the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to recognize the police volunteers who give tirelessly of themselves in service of their community. The event was attended by two Detachment members, dressed in red serge, and dignitaries, including his Worship Mayor Malcolm Brodic, who were on hand to extend their appreciation and congratulation to the participants. Two hundred and twenty volunteers, many of whom dedicated over 1000 hours of service in 2011, were honoured at the function. They included volunteers from the South Arm and Steveston Community Stations, Crime Watch, Victim Services, and Auxiliary Constables.

Charges Laid Against Prolific Property Crime Offender

Starting in late July 2011, the Detachment noted a sharp increase in the theft of cellular phones. As thefts of cellular phones were also quite prevalent in Vancouver, a joint investigation was undertaken with the Vancouver City Police, in an effort to apprehend the person responsible. The suspect's description and distinct modus operandi (MO) were consistent in each of the eight incidents reported in Richmond between July 31st and August 28th. It is alleged that the suspect contacted individuals selling their phones on Craig list¹, with the specific intent to steal their phones. He arranged to meet with the victims in order to purchase their phones. Once with the seller, he presented reasonable reasons for why he had to physically handle the phone, and when the phone was in his possession, he fled the scene without paying.

On November 18, 2011 VPD officers arrested the man they believe is responsible for these thefts. The suspect, a Vancouver resident and prolific offender, was arrested in Richmond, on numerous warrants, including one from the Richmond RCMP. The RCMP believe that this suspect may be responsible for more such crimes in Richmond, and have asked the public to contact them if they think they may have been a victim.

Pedestrian Fatality

On the morning of December 11, 2011, the Detachment received a report that a pedestrian had been struck while crossing No. 3 Road near Ryan Road. It appeared that the pedestrian was crossing the road, not using a crosswalk, when he was struck by a northbound vehicle. Richmond Fire Rescue and Emergency Health Services arrived at the scene of the accident and transported the 86-year-old Richmond resident to Vancouver General Hospital, where he later died of his injuries.

The Detachment's Road Safety Unit received assistance from the Lower Mainland District Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Services, in examining the scene of the accident. It appears that neither alcohol nor speed are contributing factors in the collision. As this was the second pedestrian fatality in Richmond in less than a month, the Richmond RCMP is stressing to drivers and pedestrians the importance of practicing road and pedestrian safety.

¹ Craig list is an on-line site used for buying and selling goods and services.

Richmond RCMP Helps Stock the Shelves at Christmas

For less fortunate members of the community, Christmas-time can pose many challenges in providing both food, and shelter for themselves, and their families. For people who find themselves in this situation, the assistance from local food banks can often help alleviate some of this hardship.

This year, Richmond Detachment challenged itself to reach the goal of donating at least 1000 pounds of food to the Richmond Food Bank Society. The “1000 pound Challenge” as it was named, was successful in attaining the quantity of food it set forth, and the donation was reportedly worth between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Rescue Team Successful in Pet Rescue.

On the morning of December 23, 2011 the Richmond RCMP and Richmond Fire Rescue responded to the call from an elderly Richmond resident, who reported that her 17-year-old Border Pomeranian was stuck in a water-filled ditch.

The resident was unable to call out to her dog, named Teddy, as he is blind and deaf. When she discovered that her dog was deeply stuck, she called 911 for assistance. An officer from the Richmond RCMP arrived at the dog-owner’s residence and called Richmond Fire Rescue to assist with removing the dog from the water-filled ditch. Once they arrived, they quickly assessed the situation, and two firefighters, donning dry suits, made their way into the ditch and successfully pulled Teddy out. The dog, which was in a hypothermic state, was carried by a firefighter into the owner’s residence. The firefighter bathed Teddy in a hot bath and placed him in front of a fireplace to recover.

A few days later, the responding officer, and firefighters, returned to the residence to check on Teddy’s recovery and were greeted by a very happy and grateful pet owner.

Auxiliary Constables

Richmond Detachment finished 2011 with 40 Auxiliary Constables. The table below highlights since 2009 the number of Auxiliary Constables:

Staffing Levels

Year	# Of A/Cst’s
2009	54
2010	51
2011	42
2012	40

In 2011, Auxiliary Constables recorded a total of 7,057 volunteer hours, as detailed in the tables outlined below. This works out to an average of 191 hours per active Auxiliary Constable.

Community Policing Duties

Time Period	Community Events	Crime Prevention Programs	Foot, Bike and Kubota Patrols	Total Hours
Jan - Dec	1,491	1,137	303	2,930

In 2011, Auxiliary Constables provided a police presence and support for many Community Events including large events as Winter Fest, Police Week, Jimmy NG Tournament, Ships to Shore, Canucks arrivals & departures at YVR, Salmon Festival, Kids SAFE, Maritime Festival, and Christmas in Steveston, as well as many more events that were sponsored by community centres and non-profit groups throughout Richmond.

Crime Prevention Programs included Block Watch, Business Watch, Coastal Watch, Safety Talks, Home Security Checks, Lock it or Lose it, Pedestrian Safety, SAFE Schools, Speed Watch, and YVR Patrols.

Additionally, Auxiliary Constables conducted patrols in targeted areas across Richmond by foot, on bike, or with the Kubota off-road vehicle. These patrols included Downtown, Steveston, Hamilton, and the various pedestrian dykes, trails and parks across Richmond.

Assisting Regular Members

Time Period	General Duty Patrol	Other Sections or Duties (e.g. Traffic)	Emergency Call-Outs	Total Hours
Jan - Dec	1,361	323	95	1,779

General Duty Patrol is when Auxiliary Constables ride along with Regular Members, providing assistance as required and directed during normal shifts. Frequently, Auxiliary Constables are on the road on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as during events such as Canada Day, Halloween, and New Year's Eve.

Additionally, Auxiliary Constables will also provide assistance for other sections, such as Bike Team, Traffic, Youth, Police Dog Service or YVR; or on specific duties, such as Night Market, 'Beat' Patrols or Liquor/Bylaw Enforcement Teams.

Auxiliary Constables are available 24/7 to assist as required by the detachment. In 2011, there were 2 Emergency Call-outs, including the plane crash on Sea Island. 9 Auxiliary Constables were on-duty within and hour of the call-out, and most remained on-scene throughout the night assisting with traffic control and scene security.

Training and Administrative Duties

Time Period	Training	Detachment and Program Support	Program Meetings	Court Time	Total Hours
Jan - Dec	1,145	840	355	10	2,349

In 2011, training for Auxiliary Constables included operational requirements such as our Incident Management Intervention Model (IMIM) and Emergency Medical Response Training (EMRT). As well, many courses made available to enhance the skills and knowledge of all our Auxiliary Constables, such as: ICBC Programs (Speed Watch & Lock it or Lose it), SAFE School Project, National Security Awareness, Business Security Assessments, Transport Canada Boating Safety, and Firearms Safety Training.

In addition, 3 Auxiliary Constables completed the week-long Police Mountain Bike Course, and 1 member completes the week-long CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Course. These extended courses are a significant commitment, as they require the Auxiliary Constables to take a week's leave from their day jobs to volunteer to participate.

It should be noted that in late 2011, Auxiliary Constables provided significant support during the move of the Richmond Detachment. Auxiliary Constables volunteered as guards and escorts during the move, as well as escorting non-cleared workers for many weeks afterwards in the new building. Auxiliary Constables also volunteered to work 33 full-day shifts to man the temporary Community Police Office in front of the old detachment during the month of October.

Community Policing

Crime Prevention Unit

For December 2011, 65 Residential Break and Enter Alerts and 7 Commercial Break and Enter Alerts were sent to Richmond residents and businesses with information regarding neighbourhood break and enters. This includes tips to educate the public on crime prevention techniques to help prevent future break and enters as well as an email sent to inform Richmond residents about a phoney door-to-door salesman scam alert. Richmond residents and business owners are encouraged to register their email addresses at www.Richmond.ca/blockwatch.

Road Safety Unit**Richmond Detachment Traffic Statistics**

Name	Act	Example	Oct	Nov	Dec
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	1208	1196	1005
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	419	473	581
Driving Suspension	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	13	54	34
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	22	17	22
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	3	4	1

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

Month	Vehicles Viewed For Signs Of Auto Crime Only	Vehicles Scanned Through Stolen Auto Recovery (SAR)*²	Vehicles Issued A Crime Prevention Notice³	Patrol And Admin Hours
January	4,898	4,368	530	96
February	2,265	1,657	608	60
March	3,261	1,630	1,082	80
April	3,356	2,529	828	54
May	3,681	2,391	1,290	82
June	2,197	1,342	855	58
July	1,825	1,289	536	48
August	1,898	989	909	51
September	2,329	1,481	848	52
October	3,558	2,258	1,300	70
November	4,046	2,894	1,152	74
December	2,851	1,441	1,410	61
TOTAL	36,165	24,269	11,348	786

² A complete description of all categories has been previously circulated in the June Monthly Activity Report.

³ 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
June	20	7,633	1,076	132	572
July	15	8,532	2,371	114	551
August	7	3,679	1,024	54	157
September	16	8,957	1,233	102	403
October	16	8,029	682	108	456
November	9	6,007	1,444	68	213
December	12	6,749	1,025	86	297
TOTAL	160	84,079	14,696	1,100	4,679

Richmond Detachment Distracted Drivers Statistics for 2011⁴

Month	Deployments	Number of Letters Sent
January		Started Feb. 1st
February	7	50
March	10	73
April	7	64
May	9	57
June	10	52
July	14	78
August	10	70
September	7	37
October	9	40
November	3	9
December	4	8
TOTAL	90	538

⁴ A complete description of all categories has been previously circulated in the June Monthly Activity Report.

Volunteer Bike Patrol

Month	Deployments	Hours
January	2	54
February	3	102
March	4	102
April	5	123
May	9	188
June	8	136
July	19	163
August	18	116.5
September	17	152
October	4	36.5
November	3	52.5
December	3	18
TOTAL	95	1,243.5

Youth Section

In December 2011, D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduations were held in 14 schools in Richmond. D.A.R.E is a ten-week program taught by police officers from Richmond Detachment’s Youth Section, to grade 5 students. The program aims to teach youth the dangers of drug and gang involvement.

D.A.R.E: September – December 2011

Number of schools involved	14
Number of classes taught	21
Number of students attending D.A.R.E.	643

Victim Services

In December of 2011, Victim Witness Services provided support to 35 new clients in addition to an active caseload of over 134 ongoing files. Victim Services assisted 18 crime and trauma scenes over this time period. Medical related sudden deaths, robberies and fatal motor vehicle accidents dominated calls for service. Of note, Richmond Victim Services is providing assistance on 3 different fatal pedestrian crashes to the surviving family members and the drivers.

Crime Statistics

Crime Stats – see Appendix “A”.

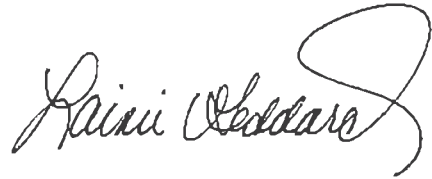
Crime Maps – see Appendix “B”

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Conclusion

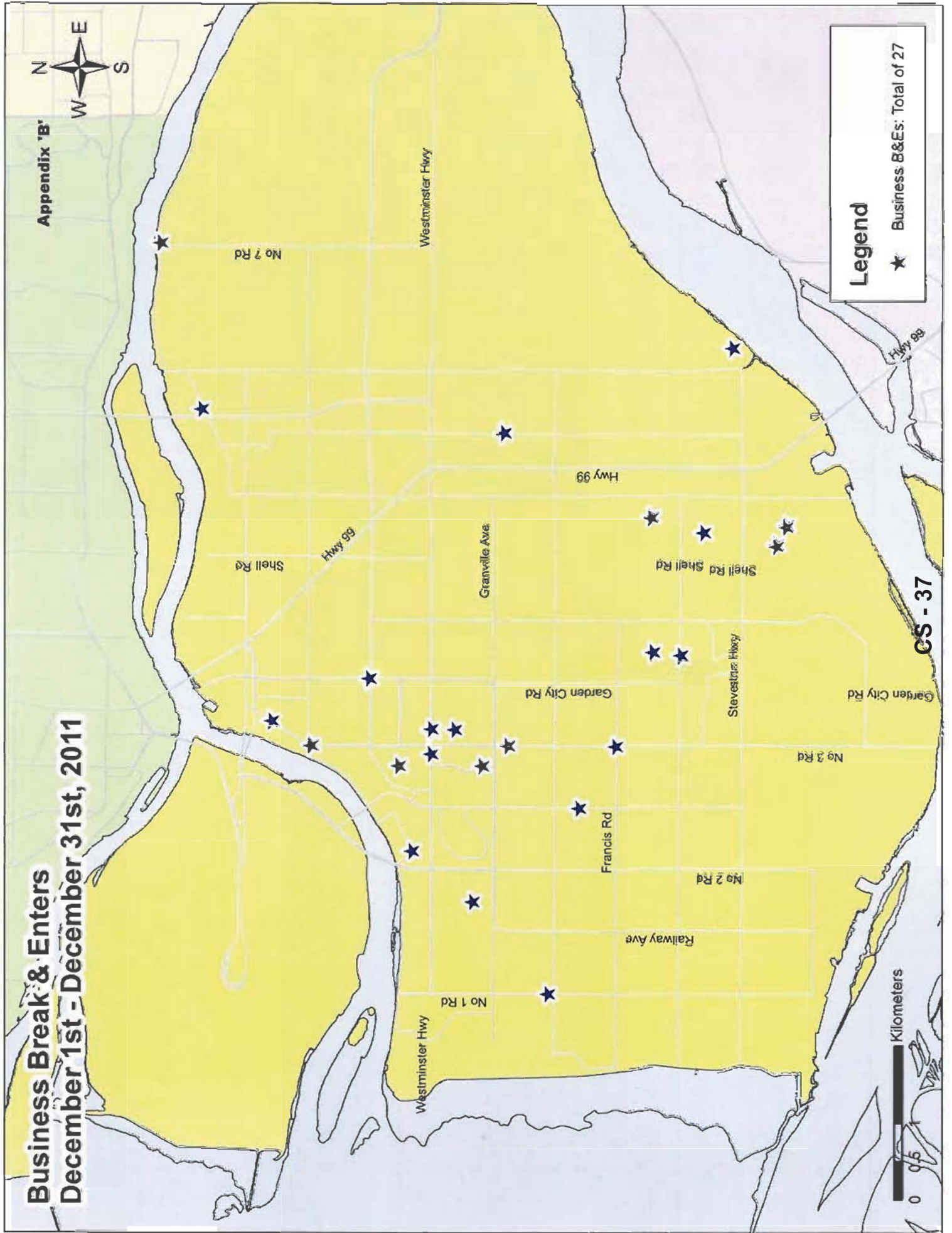
The Officer in Charge, Richmond Detachment has developed a framework and will continue to provide a monthly reporting cycle to the Community Safety Committee.

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Business Break & Enters December 1st - December 31st, 2011

Appendix 'B'



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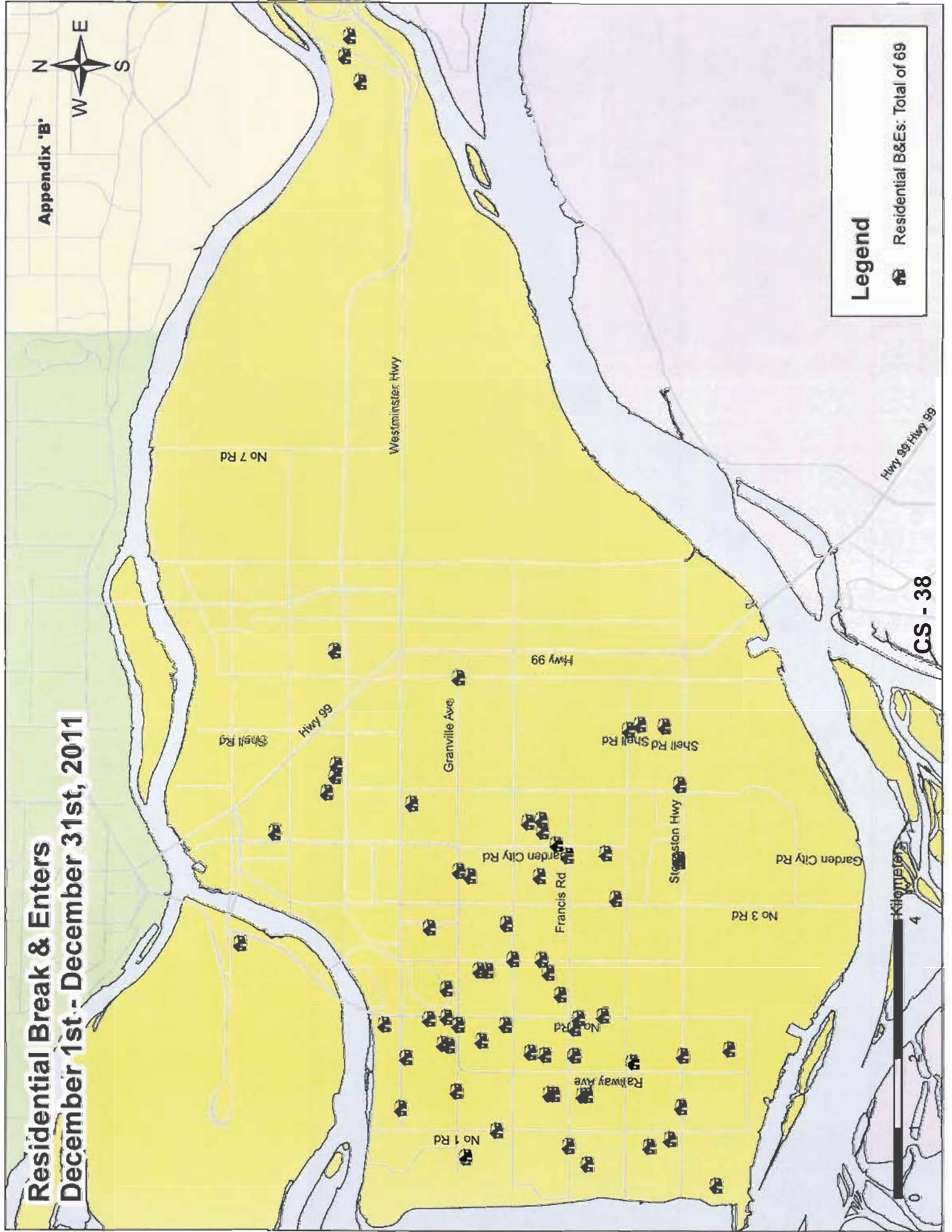
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Residential Break & Enters December 1st - December 31st, 2011

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 Residential B&Es: Total of 69

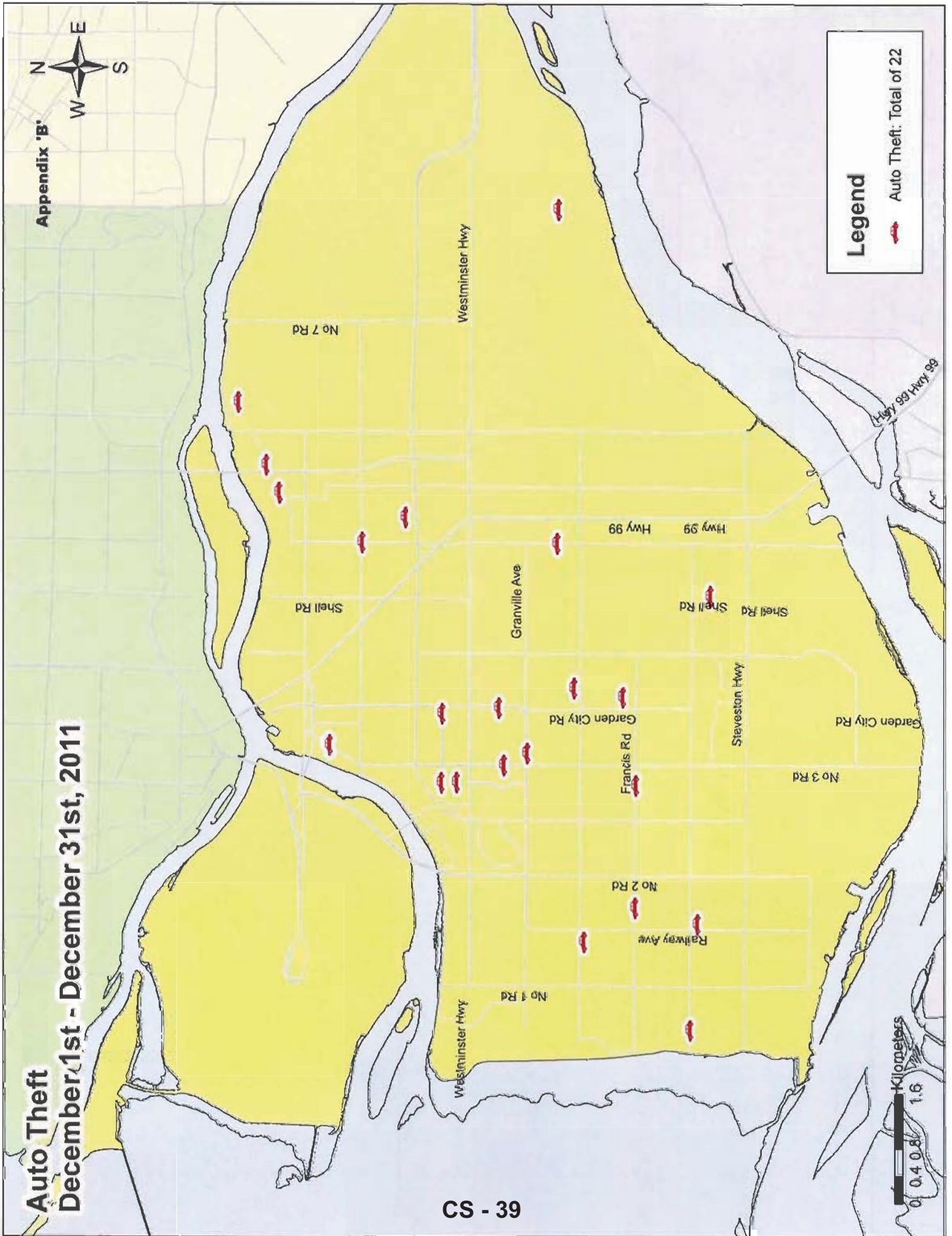
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Auto Theft

December 1st - December 31st, 2011

Appendix 'B'



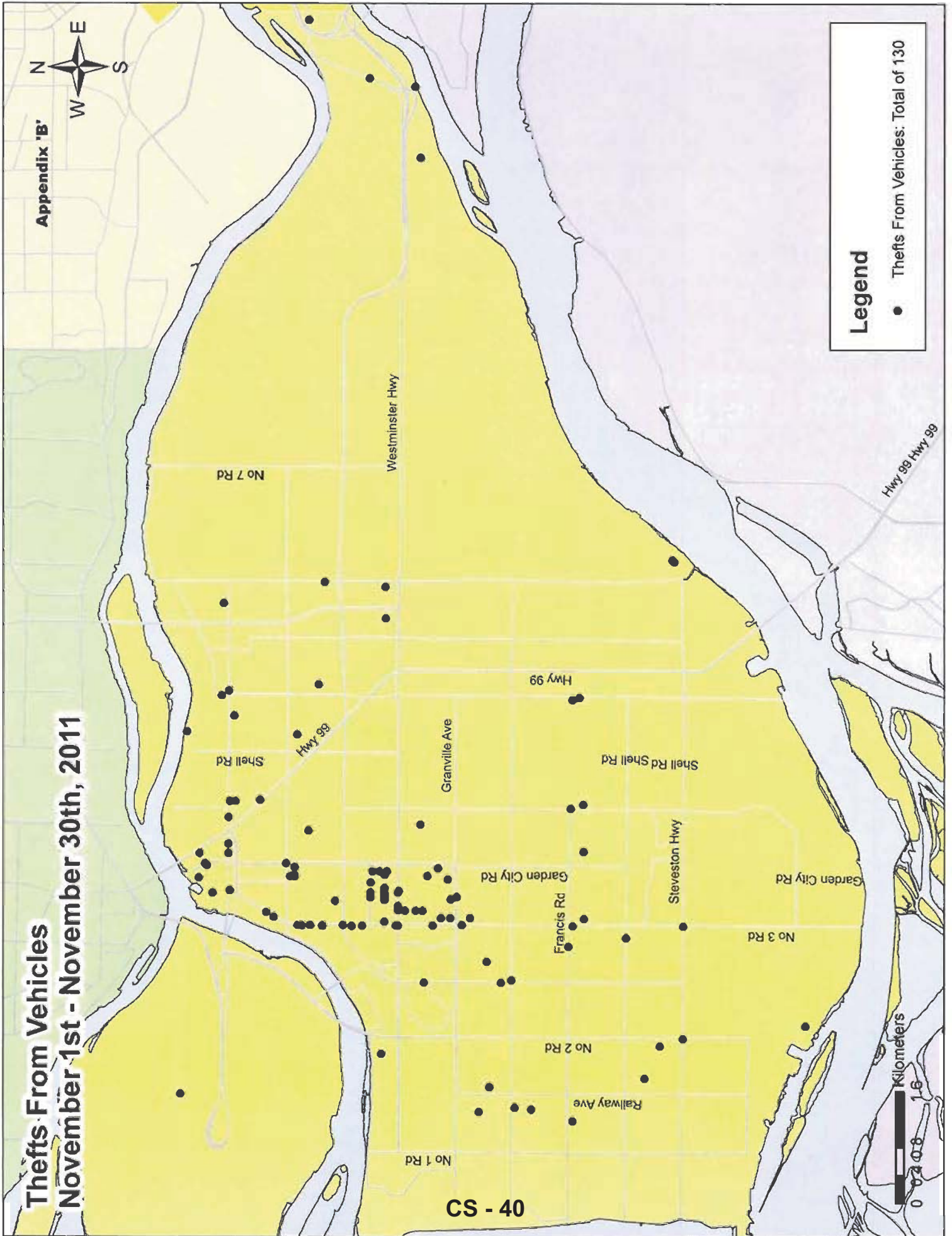
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- Auto Theft: Total of 22



Thefts From Vehicles November 1st - November 30th, 2011

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- Thefts From Vehicles: Total of 130

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DECEMBER 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		
	Dec-11	December	2010 YTD	2011 YTD	% Change
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	124	125-160	1718	1541	-10.3%
<i>Robbery</i>	15	9-13	116	139	19.8%
<i>Assault</i>	41	46-61	636	546	-14.2%
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	8	9-18	135	144	6.7%
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	9	2-11	71	83	16.9%
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	618	613-835	8339	7600	-8.9%
<i>Business B&E</i>	27	21-80	527	362	-31.3%
<i>Residential B&E</i>	70	43-71	573	748	30.5%
<i>MV Theft</i>	22	31-55	480	299	-37.7%
<i>Theft From MV</i>	130	148-260	2408	1854	-23.0%
<i>Theft</i>	129	104-140	1243	1383	11.3%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	66	31-65	694	718	3.5%
<i>Metal Theft*</i>	5	1-9	61	44	-27.9%
<i>Fraud</i>	44	38-58	605	567	-6.3%
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	190	166-206	2468	2332	-5.5%
<i>Arson - Property</i>	7	3-9	93	71	-23.7%
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	932	915-1190	12525	11473	-8.4%
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	51	70-90	1189	1110	-6.6%

* Metal Theft only has 4 years of available data.

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