



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

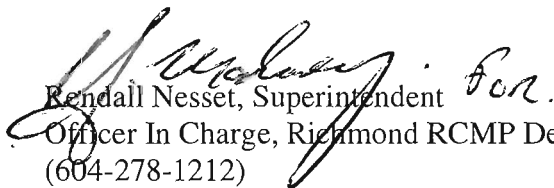
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**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** April 28, 2014  
**From:** Rendall Nasset  
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment **File:** 09-5000-01/2013-Vol  
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**Re:** **RCMP's Monthly Report – March 2014 Activities**

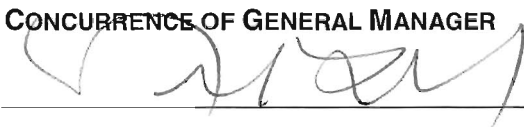

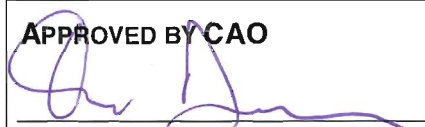
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### Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – March 2014 Activities" dated April 28, 2014, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP be received for information.

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

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<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b> 	

## 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 community of Richmond.

This report supports Council's Term Goal #1:

*To ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community to live, work and play in, through the delivery of effective public safety services that are targeted to the City's specific needs and priorities.*

### Analysis

Below is the RCMP's Monthly Report regarding March 2014 activities.

#### Noteworthy Files and Activities:

#### ***Robbery at Chinese Herbal Store***

On March 9, 2014 Richmond RCMP were called after a witness reported seeing what appeared to be a robbery taking place at a Chinese Herbal store inside the mall. When the police arrived they found three employees inside. Two of the employees had minor injuries but did not require hospitalization. Suspects were reported as wearing hoodies, robbing the business and breaking glass jars in the store. It was reported that the suspects escaped in an unknown vehicle after the robbery.

This incident is still under investigation but the Richmond RCMP is hopeful that more witnesses will come forward as the mall was extremely busy at the time of the robbery.

#### ***Serious Motor Vehicle Crash***

The Richmond RCMP is seeking the public's assistance regarding a four vehicle crash that occurred in the 7000 block of No. 4 Road on March 16, 2014. Three people were transported to the hospital. One of the drivers sustained life-threatening head injuries and had to be extricated from her vehicle by firefighters, and is still in critical condition. The other victims were released from the hospital later that day.

The Richmond RCMP Road Safety Unit is continuing its investigation into this crash and are seeking witnesses, including those who may have observed events leading up to the crash.

#### ***Arrest Made in Sexual Offence Series***

Richmond RCMP has made an arrest after an extensive investigation involving several sex related offences dating back to 2008. The 28 year old male, who appeared in court on March 20, 2014, has been charged with 11 criminal code offences relating to sexual assault, break and enter, theft and fraud. The crimes are alleged to have occurred over a six year period, spanning over four RCMP jurisdictions including Richmond, North Vancouver, Surrey and Burnaby.

The male is alleged to have used social media to befriend his victims by identifying himself online as a modeling agent. The male convinced his victims to meet with him for a photo shoot in exchange for money and gifts. Richmond RCMP investigators are aware that other victims

may have come into contact with the male and have not yet spoken with police. A tip line has been set up for those individuals.

***Credit Card Fraud***

On March 21, 2014, Richmond RCMP Economic Crime Unit members executed a Search Warrant at the 8000 block of Lansdowne Road. Members located a credit card factory inside the unoccupied apartment. The primary suspect was arrested earlier that day. The suspect is an immigrant from Taipei, Taiwan and has been living illegally in Canada since 2005. The suspect remains in custody and is currently awaiting sentencing at Surrey Pre-Trial. Following criminal proceedings, the suspect faces deportation from Canada.

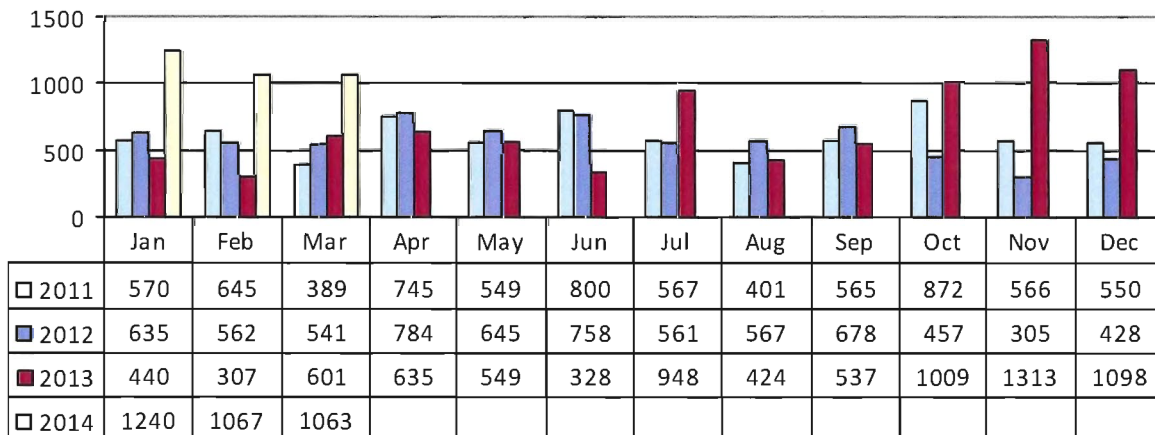
Auxiliary Constables

The primary mandate of Richmond’s Auxiliary Constables is to support community police activities relating to public safety and crime prevention, including support of community and special events, as well as participating in a variety of crime prevention programs within the City of Richmond.

**Total Volunteer Hours** (includes community policing activities, as well as hours spent in training, court, and on ride-alongs and call-outs):

- As of March 2014, Richmond Detachment has 27 active Auxiliary Constables, 17 new cadets in training, and 6 members currently on extended leaves of absence.
- Richmond's Auxiliary Constables have volunteered 3,370 hours to date in 2014. Figure 1 compares the monthly hours of service for the years since 2011.

**Figure 1: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours**



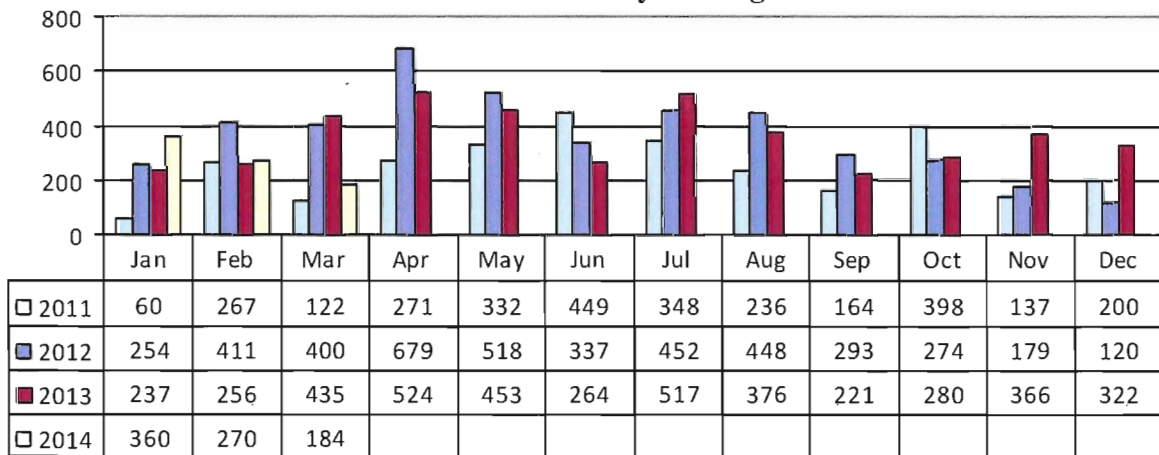
The significant increase in total hours since October 2013 is primarily due to the hours of training of the new Troop of 17 A/Cst Cadets, who recently graduated.

**Community Policing Hours** (includes all Crime Prevention Programs and Community Events):

The primary mandate of Richmond's Auxiliary Constables is to support community police activities relating to public safety and crime prevention, including support of community and special events, and participation in a variety of crime prevention programs.

As of March, Richmond's Auxiliary Constables have contributed 814 hours to Community Policing duties in 2014. Figure 2 compares the monthly hours of service for the years since 2011. The total is lower than the previous months due to many of the auxiliaries putting their focus on assisting getting the new troop ready for graduation.

**Figure 2: Auxiliary Constable Volunteer Hours  
Community Policing**



**Community Policing activities for March 2014 included:**

- Memorial Service for Ted Lorenz, former Fire Chief of Richmond and long-time Steveston volunteer - attended event to provide traffic direction and parking control
- Safety Patrols - provide a police presence in off-road areas, such as parks, trails & dykes with patrols on ATV's
- YVR Foot Patrols - assisted travellers, and provided an enhanced police presence in and around the terminals
- Property Crime Reduction programs - assisted Property Crime Unit with ongoing programs to reduce theft occurrences in Richmond
- School Sports events - members participated in sports events held at Elementary schools to increase communications between youth and police

Auxiliary Constables also continue to provide assistance to Regular Members with Traffic and General Duty shifts, primarily on Friday and Saturday nights.

## Community Policing

### ***Highlights***

The City Center Community Police Station received requests to do Speed Watch from the City of Richmond's Transportation Department for the 23000 Block of Westminster Hwy, 12000 Block of Jack Bell Drive and at the intersection of Alder and Alberta Road which were all completed this month. Also, a local resident at No. 6 Road and Westminster Highway put in a request which was completed this month.

The community police stations put a focus on pedestrian safety this month. On March 10, 2014, a Pedestrian Safety presentation was given at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, and another for the Punjabi Women's Group at the South Arm Community Centre on March 17, 2014.

### ***Block Watch***

There were 91 letters sent to victims and their neighbours, informing them that a residential break and enter had occurred in their neighbourhood, and encouraging residents to start a Block Watch group. Similarly, 7 Business Link letters were sent to Richmond businesses that experienced a break and enter during this period. Both residential and Business Link break and enter letters offer crime prevention tips and direct Richmond residents and business owners to the crime prevention web pages and encourage them to register for the email alerts.

There were 63 residential and 8 business break and enter email alerts sent this period to registered Richmond residents and businesses respectively. These emails inform home and business owners that a break and enter has occurred, provide crime prevention information and direct residents and business owners to the crime prevention web pages.

### ***Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery and Lock Out Auto Crime Statistics***

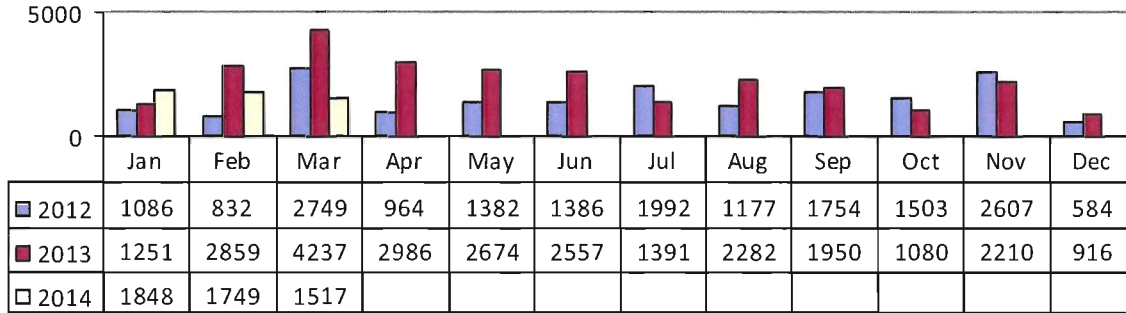
Notices supplied by ICBC are issued by a community volunteer, and left on every car in a local parking lot. The notice has the Community Police Station name, crime prevention tips, location and date, written on it as well as a list of questions that have been checked "yes" or "no". These notices indicate to the reader what issues need to be addressed in order to keep his or her vehicle safe.

Example questions:

- Does the vehicle have an anti-theft device? (e.g: 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?

Figure 3 provides a comparison by year for vehicles viewed or issued a notice.

**Figure 3: Richmond Detachment Stolen Auto Recovery/Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Viewed/Issued a Notice**

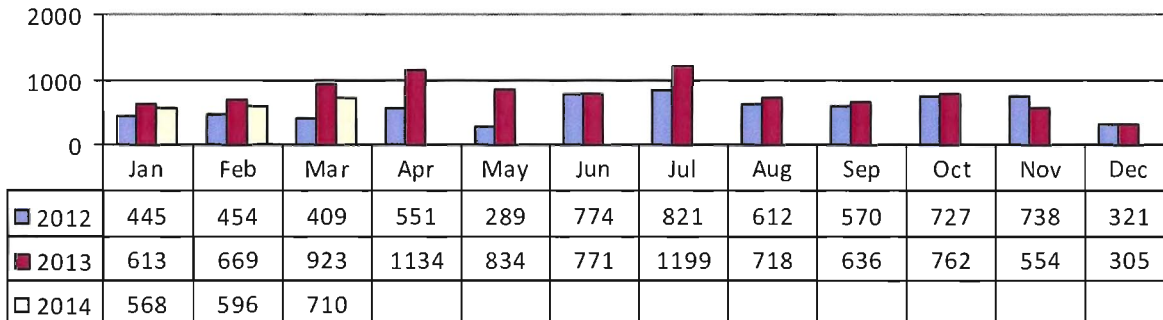


***Richmond Detachment Speed Watch Statistics***

Speed Watch promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed in school zones and on roadways. Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed. The volunteers record the licence plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the vehicle’s registered owner when there is an infraction. The letter includes the date, time, and location and what the penalties would be if the driver had received a violation ticket.

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

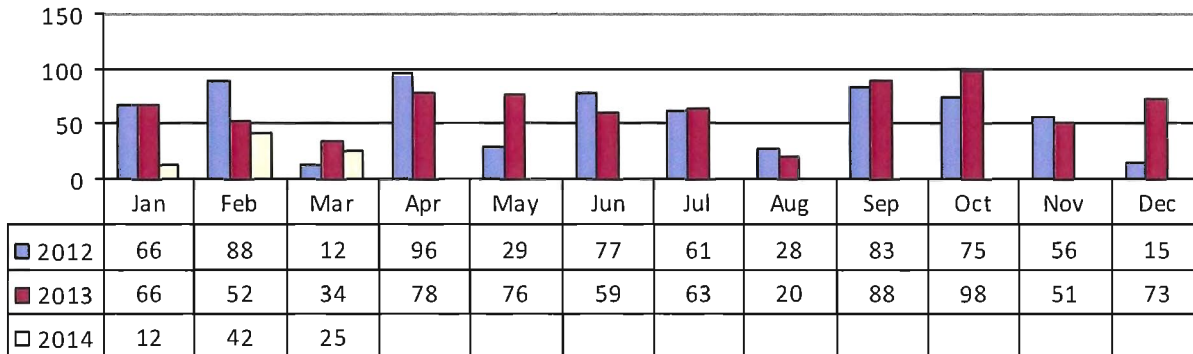
**Figure 4: Richmond Detachment Speed Watch Vehicles Viewed with Letters Sent**



***Richmond Detachment Distracted Drivers Statistics***

While volunteers are doing bike/foot patrols or on Speed Watch duty, they note drivers that are on their cell phones; talking or texting, using other electronic devices, reading a newspaper or putting on makeup. The registered owner of the vehicle is sent a letter with the date, time and location. Also included in the letter is the type of driving infraction and amount the fine would be had the driver received a violation ticket. Figure 5 provides a comparison by year for the number of letters sent.

**Figure 5: Richmond Detachment Distracted Drivers  
Number of Letters Sent**



***Community Police Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program***

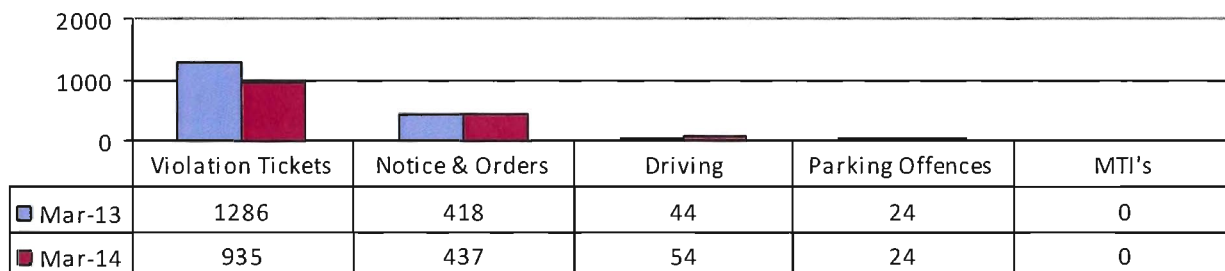
In March 2014, there were 10 bike patrols totalling 62 hours as well as 15 foot/van patrols totalling 151 hours. The volunteers assisted the public with directions and general questions, witnessed minor vehicle collisions and offered assistance, reminded jaywalkers to use the crosswalks, noted any distracted drivers, and used palm pilots to run licence plates to see if any vehicles were stolen. They visited local parks and schools, to make sure that everything was secure and looked for possible grow ops and abandoned houses.

Road Safety Unit

***Road Safety Unit Service Demand – Month to Month Comparison***

Figure 6 compares the Road Safety Unit tickets, categorized by type, for March 2013 and March 2014. In March 2013 there were a total of 1,772 tickets compared to March 2014 which had a total of 1,450, a decrease of 16.7%. This decrease is due to members in the traffic section focusing attention on MVI's (motor vehicle incidents) which occurred in March.

**Figure 6: Service Demand Month-to-Month Comparison**



Victim Services

From March 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014, Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided services to 43 new clients and attended 9 crime and trauma scenes, in addition to maintaining an active caseload of 135 ongoing files. Victim Services responded to a number of complicated files this month involving issues of mental health and substance abuse, as well as a number of medical related sudden deaths.

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Crime Statistics

Crime Stats – see Attachment 1

Crime Maps – see Attachment 2

**Financial Impact**

None

**Conclusion**

For the month of March 2014, policing in Richmond has been relatively steady but quiet, with nothing serious to note. The Richmond RCMP continues to ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.



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Attachment 1: Crime Stats  
Attachment 2: Crime Maps





### MARCH 2014 STATISTICS

This chart identifies the monthly totals for all founded Criminal Code incidents, 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 offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents 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	5-YR AVERAGE RANGE	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS			
	Mar-14	March		2013	2014	% Change	Change in # of Incidents
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b> (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	<b>110</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>86-124</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>31</b>
<i>Robbery</i>	7	7	4-11	21	22	4.8%	1
<i>Assault</i>	37	39	35-43	107	105	-1.9%	-2
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	13	10	7-13	27	31	14.8%	4
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	<b>13</b>	5	3-7	15	18	20.0%	3
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b> (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	<b>691</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>572-661</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>2032</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>240</b>
<i>Business B&amp;E</i>	<b>25</b>	36	27-46	140	95	-32.1%	-45
<i>Residential B&amp;E</i>	<b>74</b>	48	33-62	212	237	11.8%	25
<i>MV Theft</i>	<b>22</b>	30	23-37	65	77	18.5%	12
<i>Theft From MV</i>	<b>214</b>	160	137-183	399	657	64.7%	258
<i>Theft</i>	98	97	91-102	301	298	-1.0%	-3
<i>Shoplifting</i>	<b>58</b>	71	66-76	227	164	-27.8%	-63
<i>Fraud</i>	61	51	41-62	136	150	10.3%	14
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	<b>153</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>137-171</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	<b>76</b>
<i>Arson - Property</i>	5	4	1-8	3	13	333.3%	10
<b>SUBTOTAL</b> (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	<b>954</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>795-956</b>	<b>2486</b>	<b>2833</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>347</b>
<b>DRUGS</b> (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	<b>45</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>63-83</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>-15.4%</b>	<b>-26</b>

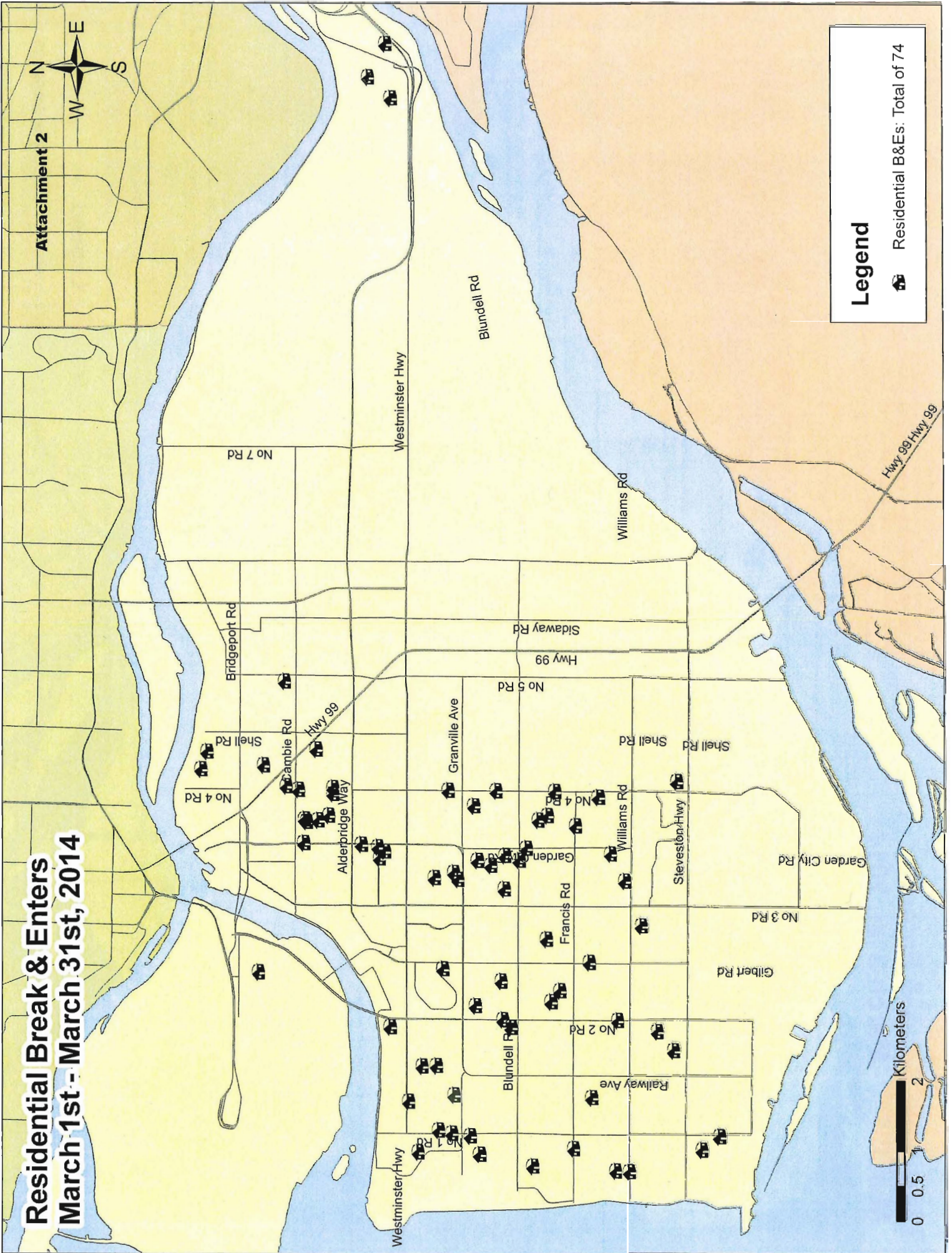
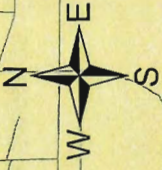
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# Residential Break & Enters March 1st - March 31st, 2014

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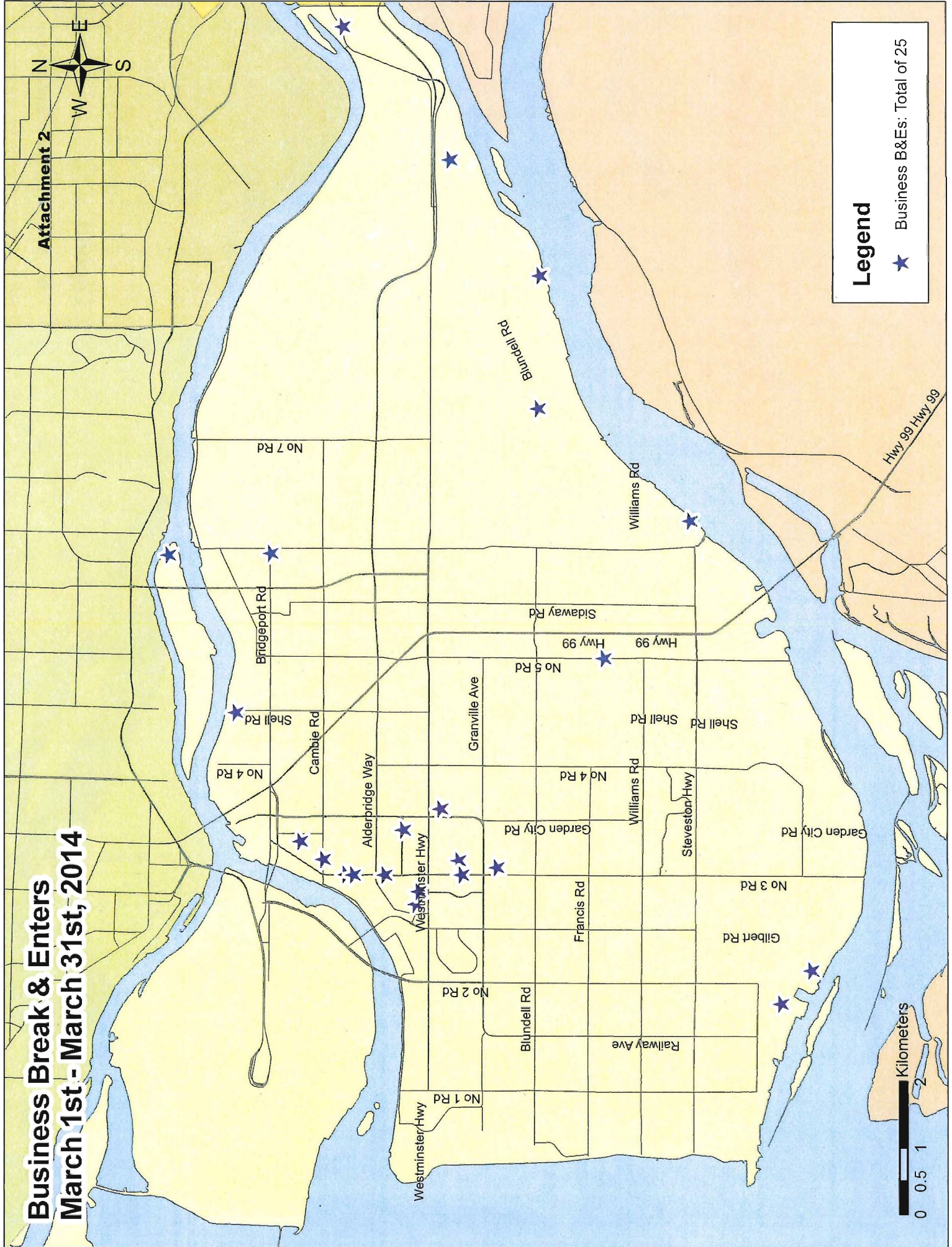
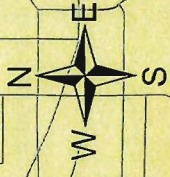
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# Business Break & Enters March 1st - March 31st, 2014

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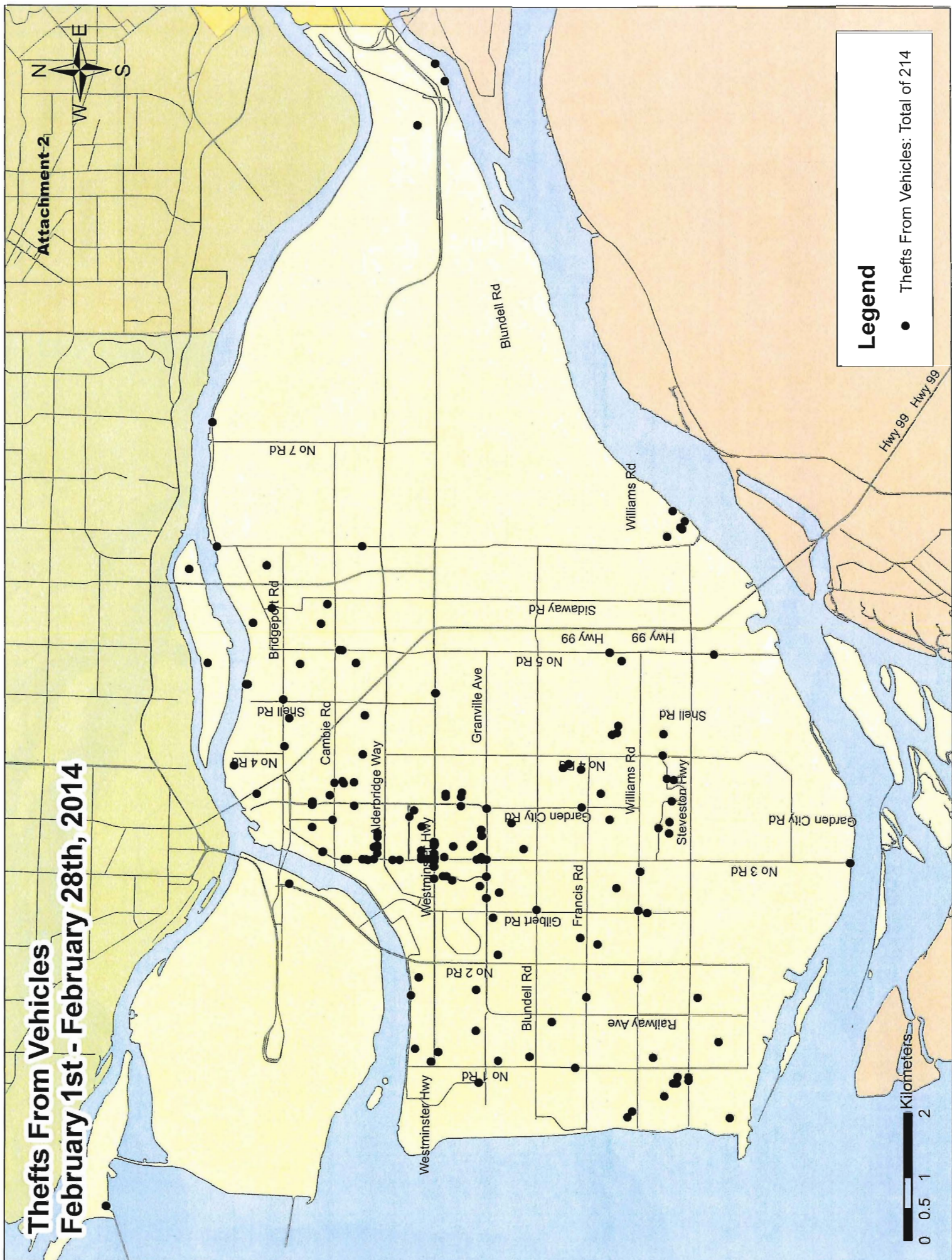
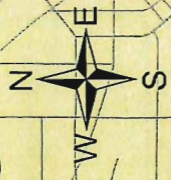
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- ★ Business B&Es: Total of 25

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# Thefts From Vehicles February 1st - February 28th, 2014

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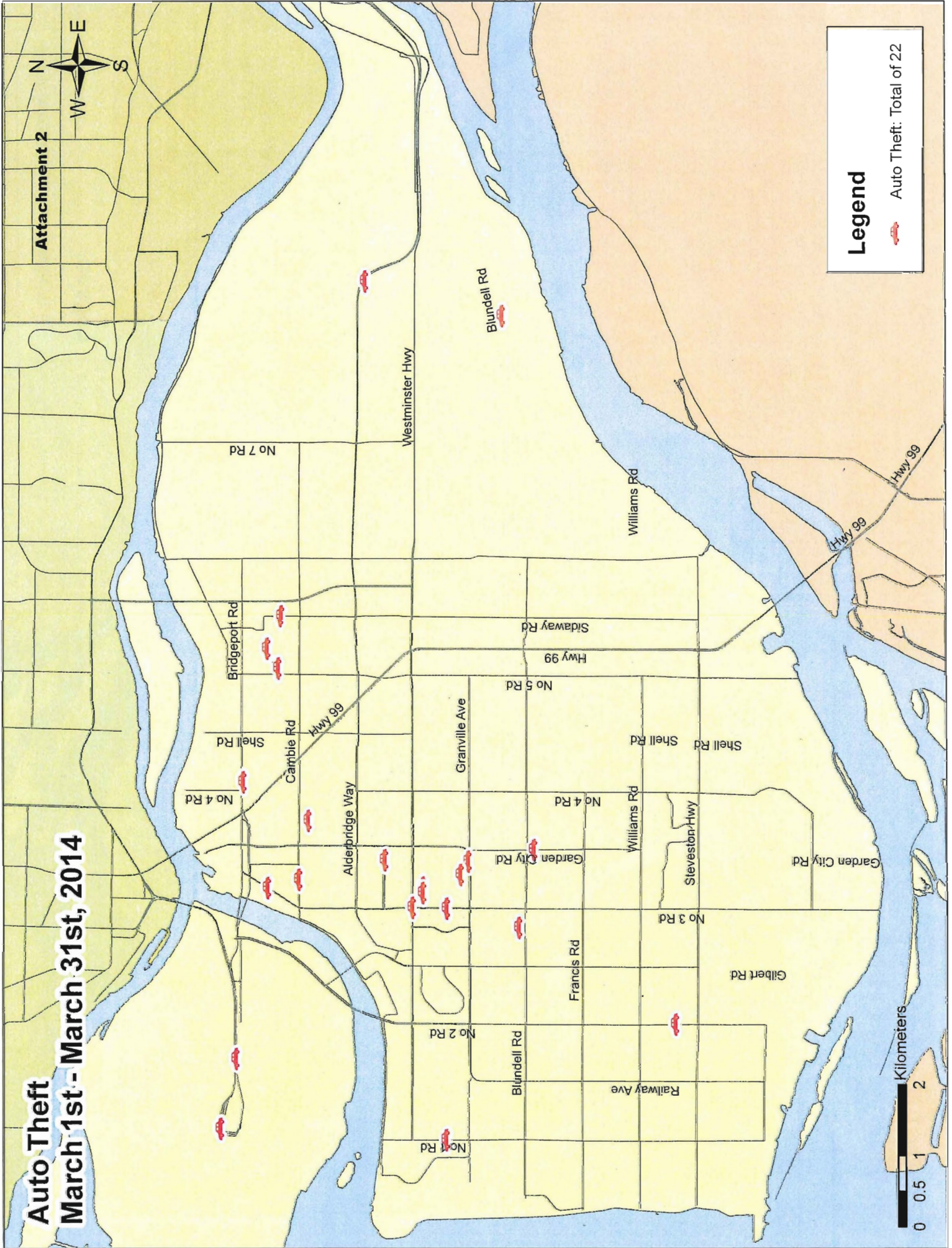
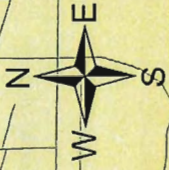
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- Thefts From Vehicles: Total of 214



# Auto Theft March 1st - March 31st, 2014

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 Auto Theft: Total of 22

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