



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Rendall Nasset, Superintendent
Officer In Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment
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Re: RCMP's Monthly Report - July Activities

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled "RCMP's Monthly Report – July Activities," dated August 4, 2015 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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CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER 	
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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 Richmond community. This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

Analysis

Below is the RCMP's monthly report for July 2015 activities.

Noteworthy Files and Activities

Fatal Vehicle Crash

The Detachment responded to a two vehicle crash on Grant McConachie Way near Aviation Avenue that occurred on Saturday, July 4 at approximately 9:41 pm. The two vehicle crash left one person deceased and another person in critical condition. A red 1983 Porsche 911 Cabriolet travelling eastbound along Grant McConachie Way was struck from behind by a black 2008 Mercedes Benz. The impact caused the Porsche to veer off the road and go airborne before striking a tree. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage.

The driver of the Porsche, a 50 year old male from Delta, was transported to local area hospital and is in critical condition. The passenger of the Porsche, a 42 year old female visiting from Costa Rica, was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The driver of the Mercedes Benz, a 24 year old male from Vancouver, was transported to local area hospital suffering from serious, but non-life threatening injuries. Both drivers are expected to survive.

The Detachment's Road Safety Unit is investigating along with assistance from the Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service (ICARS). Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash.

Forensic Sketch Released in Sexual Assault

On July 20 just before 11:30 pm the Detachment responded to the area of No. 3 Road and Bennett Road for a young woman who had been sexually assaulted. The woman was walking alone when she was grabbed from behind by a male suspect. She fought back and as a result, the suspect threw her on the ground and fled on foot. The woman's screams drew the attention of two good samaritans who assisted her. The Lower Mainland Police Dog Services Unit was called to assist in a search of the area. A forensic sketch (Attachment 3) has been released through a media release on July 22 and the suspect, who is currently at large, is described as:

- Caucasian male
- 6'2" (188 cm) or taller

- 40+ years of age
- Stocky build
- Short white/grey hair with receding hair line
- Clean shaven with a round long face
- Possible blue eyes with white/grey eyebrows
- Walks with a hunched posture and a bit of a “penguin-like” gate
- Baggy black t-shirt
- Baggy black pants
- Spoke fluent English

Prolific Burglar Arrested

The Detachment has arrested a prolific burglar after a multi-month long investigation. The individual had been ‘on the radar’ for a time but more evidence was needed to solidify the case. Property crime stats from the first quarter of this year have been largely fueled by this burglar’s criminal activity. Immediately following the arrest, the number of the break and enters dropped dramatically by 30%. This change represents a decrease in the 2015 residential break and enter rate after the July 3 arrest of Amine Benbihi by the Richmond Property Crime Unit.

Youth Section

Activities for July 2015 include:

Canada Day

Youth Section members assisted with crowd management in Steveston during Salmon Festival. Most activity surrounded reuniting lost children with their parents and enforcement of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, specifically liquor consumption in public and possession of liquor by minors.

Indo-Canadian Gang Violence Summit

On July 8, Youth Section member Constable Dandiwal participated in a one-day community summit and was part of an invited panel to discuss strategies to reduce Indo-Canadian gang violence in Chilliwack. Constable Dandiwal shared his experience from his involvement with youth programs in the Sikh community.

A presentation on the ‘Difference Maker’ pilot project was done by Crime Prevention Corporal Krygier along with Auxiliary Constable Michael Dally and a representative of the Rick Hansen Foundation. They discussed the pilot project, operating at two secondary and two elementary schools in Richmond, which aims to develop social and civic responsibility amongst school age youth. This initiative is an off-shoot of the School Sports Program. It will see elementary school students, mentored by local secondary school kids and supported by RCMP members and Ambassadors, take on a “Difference Maker Project”. The project aims at making a positive impact in local communities by inspiring local youth and other members of the community and is an example of how sport can help to bridge differences, encourage positive influences and strengthen ties with youth in the community.

Drug Abuse Resistance Program (D.A.R.E)

Youth Section member Constable Xia is assisting with the production of a television profile by Fairchild Television on the D.A.R.E program. Constable Xia was interviewed over several days describing the program. The television profile will also feature video clips of D.A.R.E Instructor – Constable Sangha delivering the curriculum to students. There will be ten episodes dedicated to the ten lessons comprising D.A.R.E. The production will air this fall.

Pathways Clubhouse

On July 27, Youth Section member Constable Sangha and Auxiliary Constables Walrond and Dally participated in the Pathways Clubhouse outdoor movie night fundraiser. The event was held in front of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site.

Evening Patrols

With regular school district classes no longer in session due to the summer break, the Youth Section is planning on mobilizing evening patrols in July and August. Along with responding to youth-related calls for service, the Youth Section will be conducting proactive patrols of parks, pathways, and other locations youth are known to congregate. Curfew checks of youth offenders on court imposed conditions will also be completed.

Superhero Day

On July 30, Constable Peralta went to the Hamilton Community Centre for community Superhero Day and gave a presentation. The presentation was delivered to children ranging in age from 9 to 12 on responsibilities, skills, training and equipment involved in policing.

Thompson Community Picnic

On July 10, Youth Section member Constable Walker went to the Thompson Community Picnic, which hosted a number of display tables with information and brochures and a skateboard competition. Constable Walker along with 12 volunteers engaged the public utilizing the Distracted Driver's Obstacle Course and Fatal Vision goggles as well as hosting one of the Crime Prevention information tables.

General Currie Day Camps

On July 10, Richmond RCMP and Richmond Fire-Rescue made a visit to General Currie Elementary where they participated in a number of day camps run by the City Centre Community Centre. Children received interactive presentations on what it is like to be a police officer and firefighter through demonstrations and hands on activities.

Victim Services

Victim Services provides victims and witnesses with professional and timely support to lessen the impact of trauma resulting from crime.

- During July, Richmond RCMP Victim Services provided services to 36 new clients and attended 10 crime and trauma scenes, in addition to maintaining an active caseload of 200 on-going files.
- Victim Services provided on-going emotional support to help victims of family dysfunction and many medical related sudden deaths. Referrals are provided for long term help. Victim Services provided support to victims of crime by providing court orientations and accompaniments to trial.
- Victim Services provided support to the family of a victim that passed away in a fatal car accident.

Block Watch

Block Watch is a crime prevention program aimed at helping residents organize their neighborhoods to help prevent crime in the community.

Activities for July 2015 include:

- Alerts/Letters - There were 30 residential and 19 business break and enter email alerts and 104 residential and 26 business letters sent during this period to registered Richmond residents and businesses. These emails and letters informed home and business owners that a break and enter had occurred, provide crime prevention information, and direct residents and business owners to the crime prevention web pages.
- Block Watch - As of the end of July, there are 9,458 Block Watch participants in 405 groups with 540 Block Watch Captains and Co-Captains. This is an increase of 26 Block Watch participants.
- Residential break and enter email alerts – at the end of July there are 5,145 registered email addresses which is an increase of 62 Richmond residents registered in July. Notable alerts include – a missing person notification and water restriction announcements.
- Commercial break and enter email alerts – at the end of July there are 1,056 registered email addresses which is a decrease of 3 Richmond businesses registered in July.
- Block Watch – On July 11, a Block Watch party was held on Sandiford Drive. July 12, a Block Watch party was held on Craigflower Drive and Candelwood Drive with two Auxiliary Constables attending.
- A security assessment of the Alder Street communal mailbox area was completed at the request of the Block Watch Captain on July 22.

- A presentation on security issues was completed by one of the Auxiliary Constables at the request of a Block Watch Captain of Tomicki Drive at the Annual General Meeting on July 28.

Community Police Stations

The Community Police Stations enhance the Detachment's community policing service by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursue community safety initiatives which have led to a greater awareness of crime prevention programs, enhanced community engagement, accessibility, and reduced fears of crime. The demographics of the programs vary month to month based on weather conditions, seasonal initiatives, events and the availability of volunteers. Programs and activities for the month of July include:

Fail to Stop

Volunteers monitor areas where drivers are not making a full stop at prominent intersections with stop signs and red lights. In July, 445 information letters were sent to the registered owner of the vehicle advising them of the fine if they were pulled over by a police officer. In July, the areas of focus were:

- Kwantlen Street and Alexandra Road
- Lansdowne Road and Minoru Boulevard
- River Road and Cambie Road

Lock-Out Auto Crime Statistics

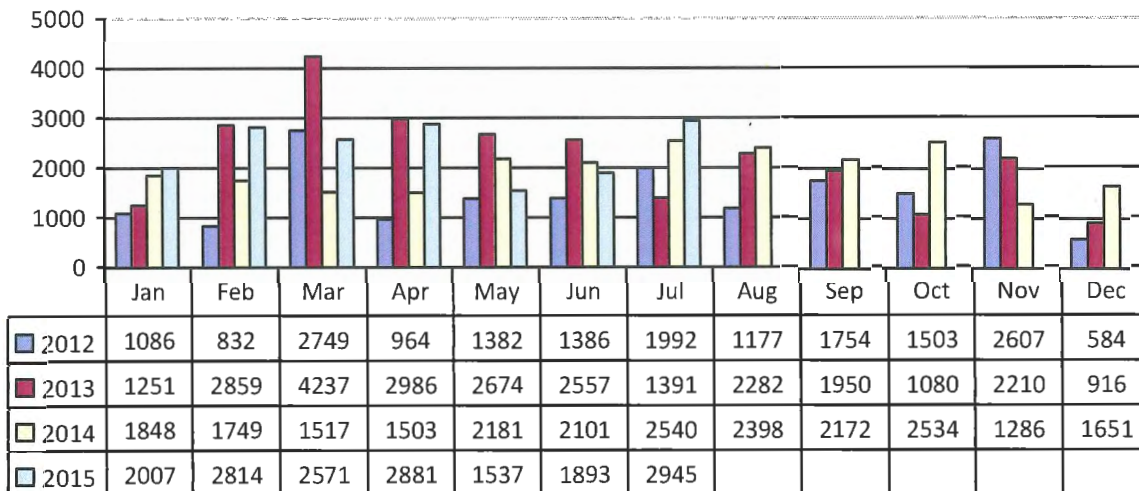
Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC), this program involves volunteers patrolling city streets and parking lots for automobile security vulnerabilities. Lock-Out Auto Crime Program notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues, if any, need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and its contents secure.

Inspection criteria include:

- 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 steps been taken to prevent auto crime?

Figure 1 provides a comparison by year for the number of vehicles issued a notice.

Figure 1: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice

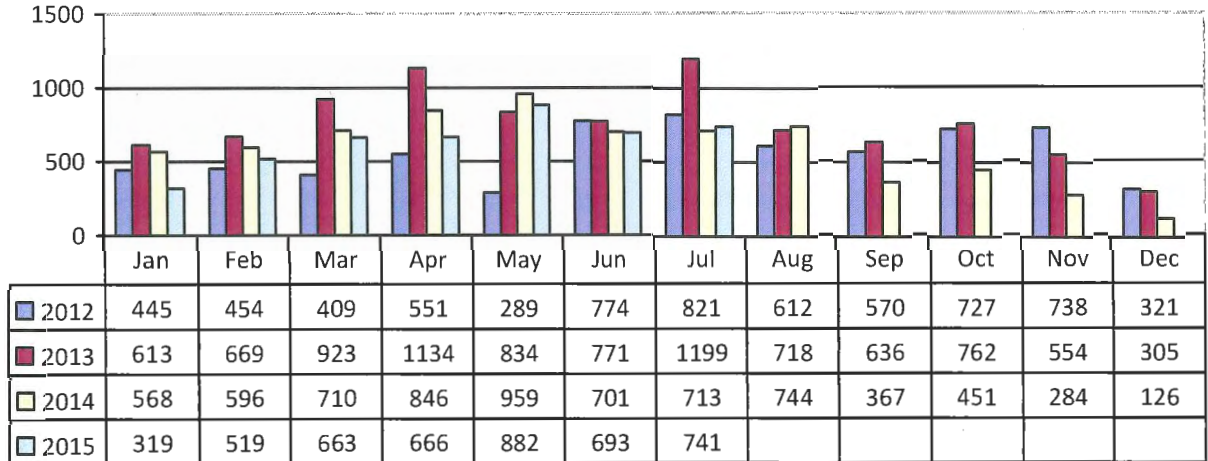


Speed Watch Statistics

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 license 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, location and what penalty would have been issued if the driver had received a violation ticket.

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year of the number of letters sent.

Figure 2: Speed Watch Letters Sent

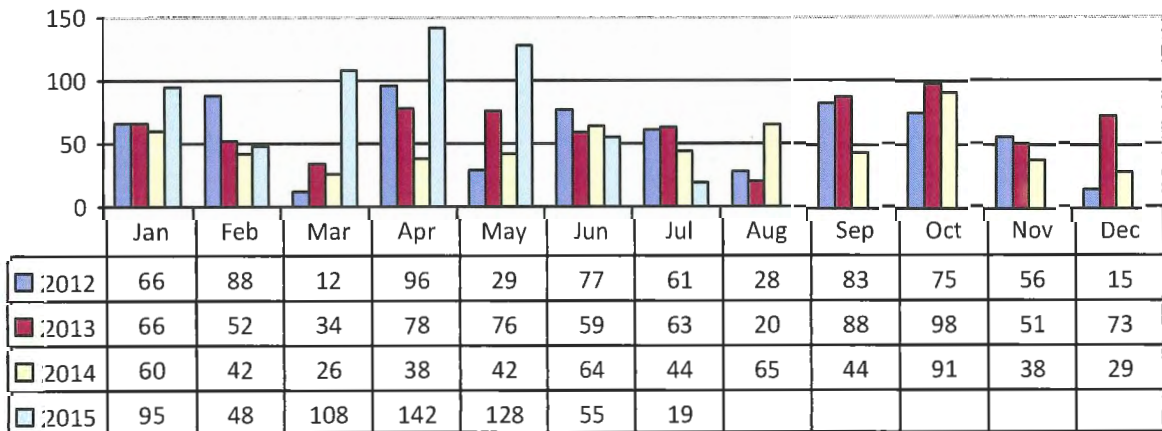


Distracted Drivers Statistics

Trained volunteers monitor intersections and observe distracted drivers. While volunteers are performing bike/foot patrols or Speed Watch duty, they note drivers that are on their cell phones, using other electronic devices, reading a newspaper, shaving or putting on makeup. The registered owner of the vehicle is sent a letter with the date, time and location of the observed offence. Also, the letter includes the type of driving infraction and the potential fine amount had the driver received a violation ticket.

Figure 3 provides a comparison by year for the number of letters sent.

Figure 3: Distracted Drivers Letters Sent



Volunteer Foot/Van Patrol and Bike Patrol Program

Trained volunteers patrol Richmond neighbourhoods reporting suspicious activities and providing a visible deterrent to crime and public order issues. In July 2015, there were 6 foot/van patrols, totaling 44 hours and 5 bike patrols totaling 43 hours. The volunteers assisted the public with directions, general questions and minor vehicle collisions. They also reminded jaywalkers to use the crosswalks, noted any distracted drivers and queried license plates to see if any vehicles were stolen. During the patrols, the volunteers visited local parks and schools to make sure these areas were safe and looked for possible grow ops and abandoned houses.

Volunteer Highlights include:

- 11 volunteers participated in foot patrols and bike/van patrols during the July 1 Salmon Festival and after hours till 8 pm.
- 15 volunteers participated in the Pedestrian Safety Blitz on July 9. Six intersections were covered along No. 3 Road in participation with members from the Road Safety Unit and ICBC. Approximately 500 pedestrians were engaged.
- 12 volunteers participated in the Thompson Community Centre Family Picnic on July 10. Volunteers engaged the public utilizing the Distracted Driver’s Obstacle Course and Fatal Vision goggles. Volunteers carried out bike patrols around the area.
- 7 volunteers participated in the Richmond Mental Health Picnic at King George Park on July 12. Volunteers engaged the public utilizing the Distracted Driver’s Obstacle Course and the Fatal Vision goggles.
- 22 Volunteers participated in the Pedestrian Safety Blitz on July 14. Seven intersections along No. 3 Road were covered in participation with members from the Road Safety Unit and ICBC. Approximately 700 pedestrians were engaged.

Road Safety Unit

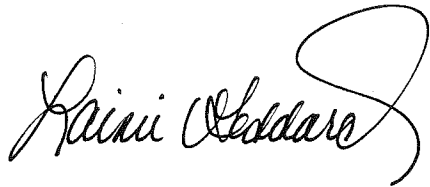
Name	Act	Example	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015
Violation Tickets	Provincial Act Offences	Speeding	907	964	813
Notice & Orders	Equipment Violations	Broken Tail-light	346	326	221
Driving Suspensions	Motor Vehicle Act	24 hour driving prohibition for alcohol or drugs	41	33	48
Parking Offences	Municipal Bylaw	On or off the street Municipal parking offences	0	11	5
MTI's	Municipal Ticket Information	Any other Municipal Bylaw offence	0	0	0

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The Officer in Charge, Richmond Detachment continues to ensure Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lainie Goddard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

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- Att. 1: Crime Statistics
- 2: Crime Maps
- 3: Forensic Sketch



JULY 2015 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			
	Jul-15	July		2014	2015	% Change	Change in # of Incidents
VIOLENT CRIME (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	106	114.4	105-124	720	702	-2.5%	-18
<i>Robbery</i>	6	4.8	2-8	38	41	7.9%	3
<i>Assault Common</i>	40	48.8	43-54	260	266	2.3%	6
<i>Assault w/ Weapon</i>	14	10.4	8-12	70	70	0.0%	0
<i>Sexual Offences</i>	7	4.0	3-5	54	34	-37.0%	-20
PROPERTY CRIME (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	696	639.0	586-692	4874	4721	-3.1%	-153
<i>Business B&E</i>	34	31.2	21-41	204	208	2.0%	4
<i>Residential B&E</i>	48	55.0	43-67	466	452	-3.0%	-14
<i>MV Theft</i>	28	23.2	14-32	191	200	4.7%	9
<i>Theft From MV</i>	175	159.8	117-202	1569	1298	-17.3%	-271
<i>Theft Other</i>	140	123.4	112-134	770	925	20.1%	155
<i>Shoplifting</i>	63	57.6	47-68	395	347	-12.2%	-48
<i>Fraud</i>	56	45.8	38-53	329	427	29.8%	98
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	196	214.4	206-223	1262	1371	8.6%	109
<i>Arson - Property</i>	5	7.2	4-10	40	34	-15.0%	-6
SUBTOTAL (UCR 1000- to 3000-Series)	998	967.8	905-1031	6856	6798	-0.8%	-58
DRUGS (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	60	78.6	56-101	375	404	7.7%	29

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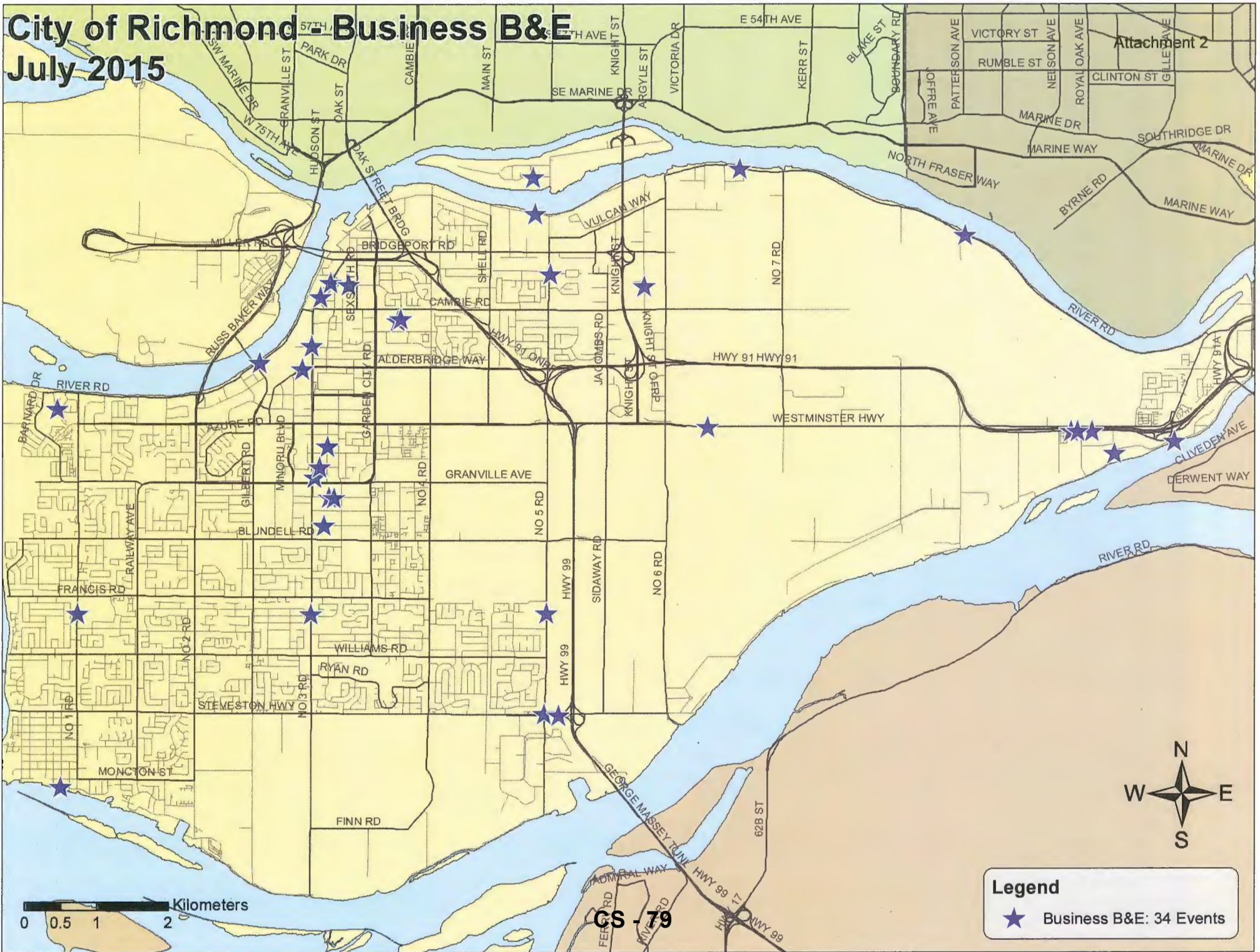
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City of Richmond - Business B&E

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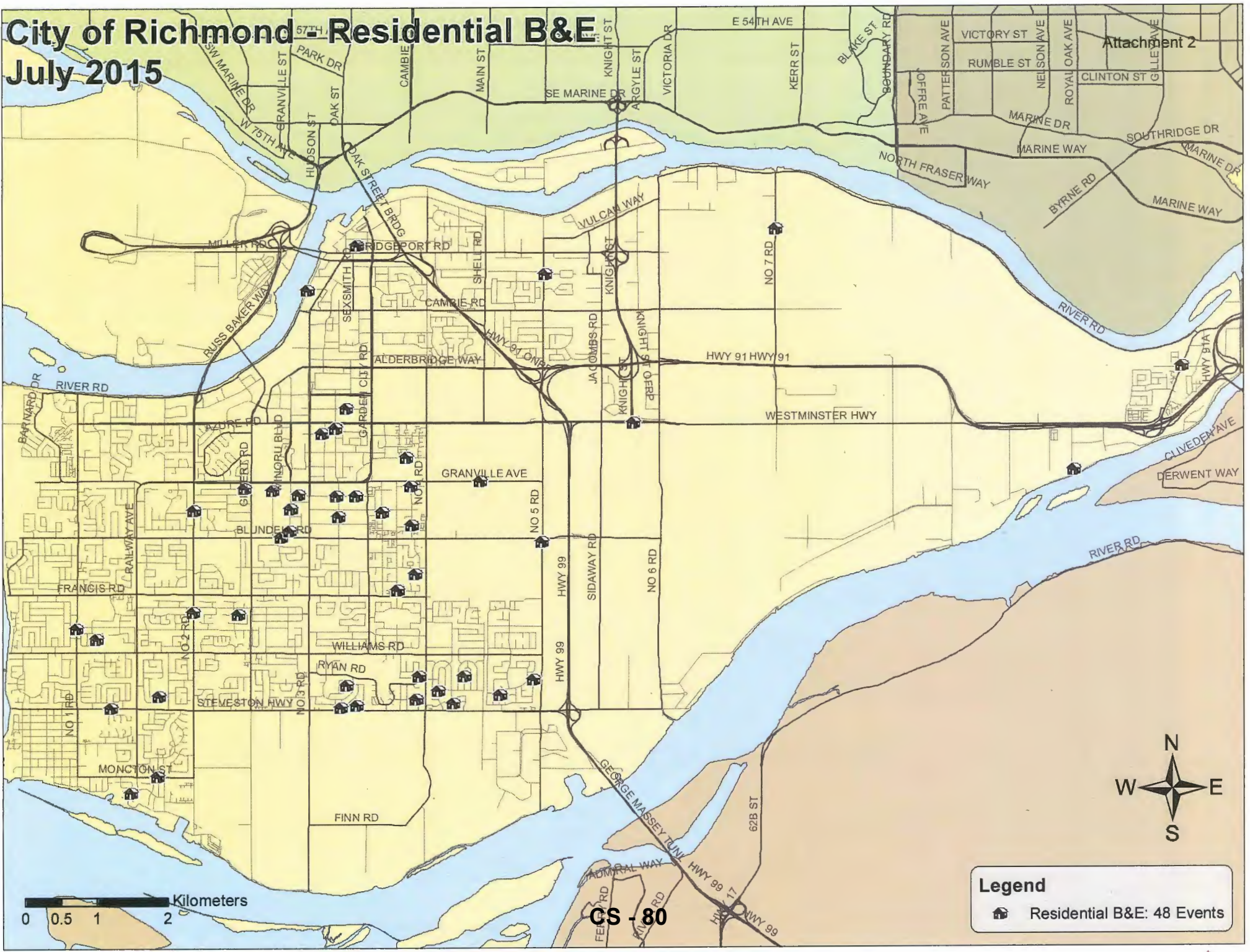
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City of Richmond - Residential B&E

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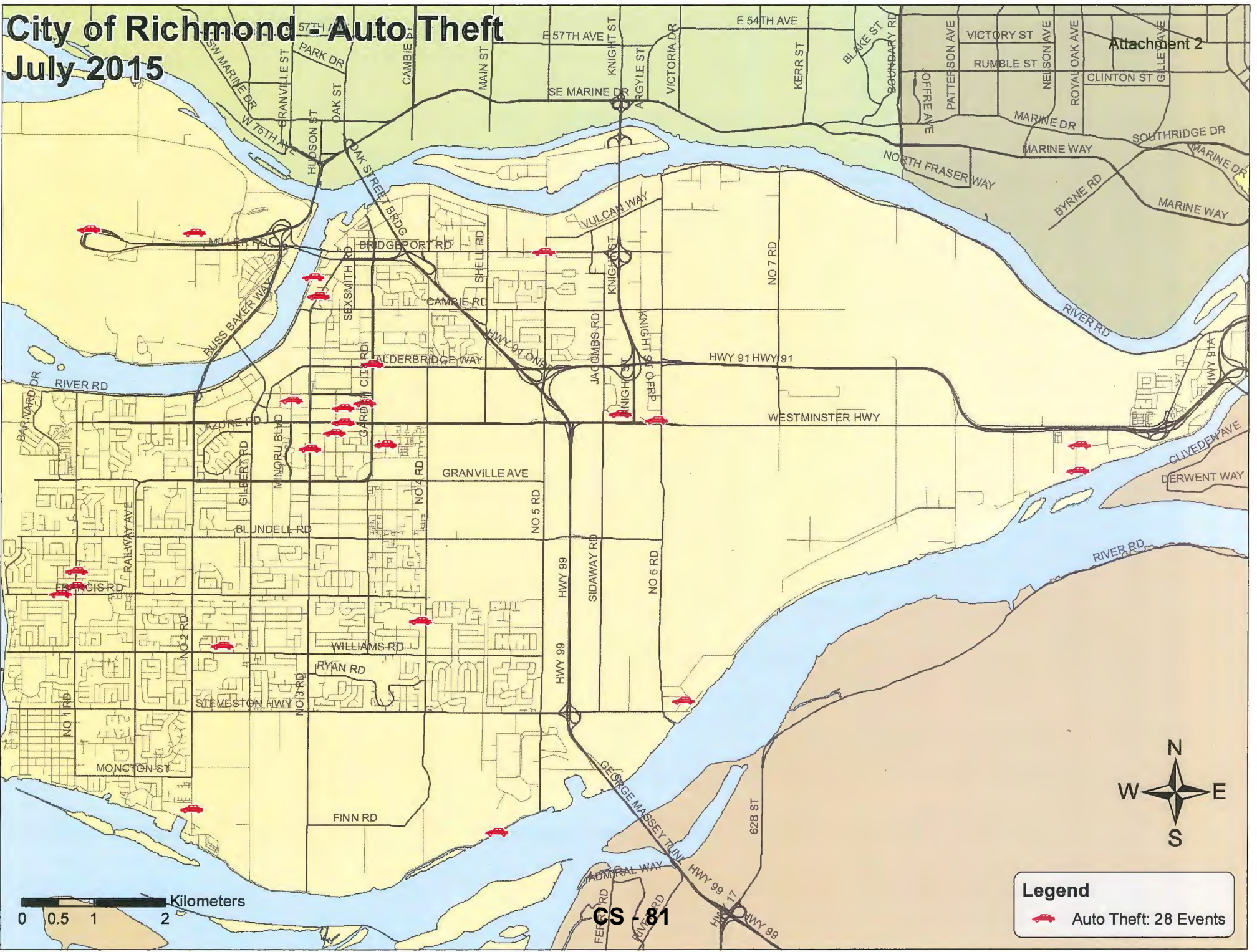
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City of Richmond - Auto Theft

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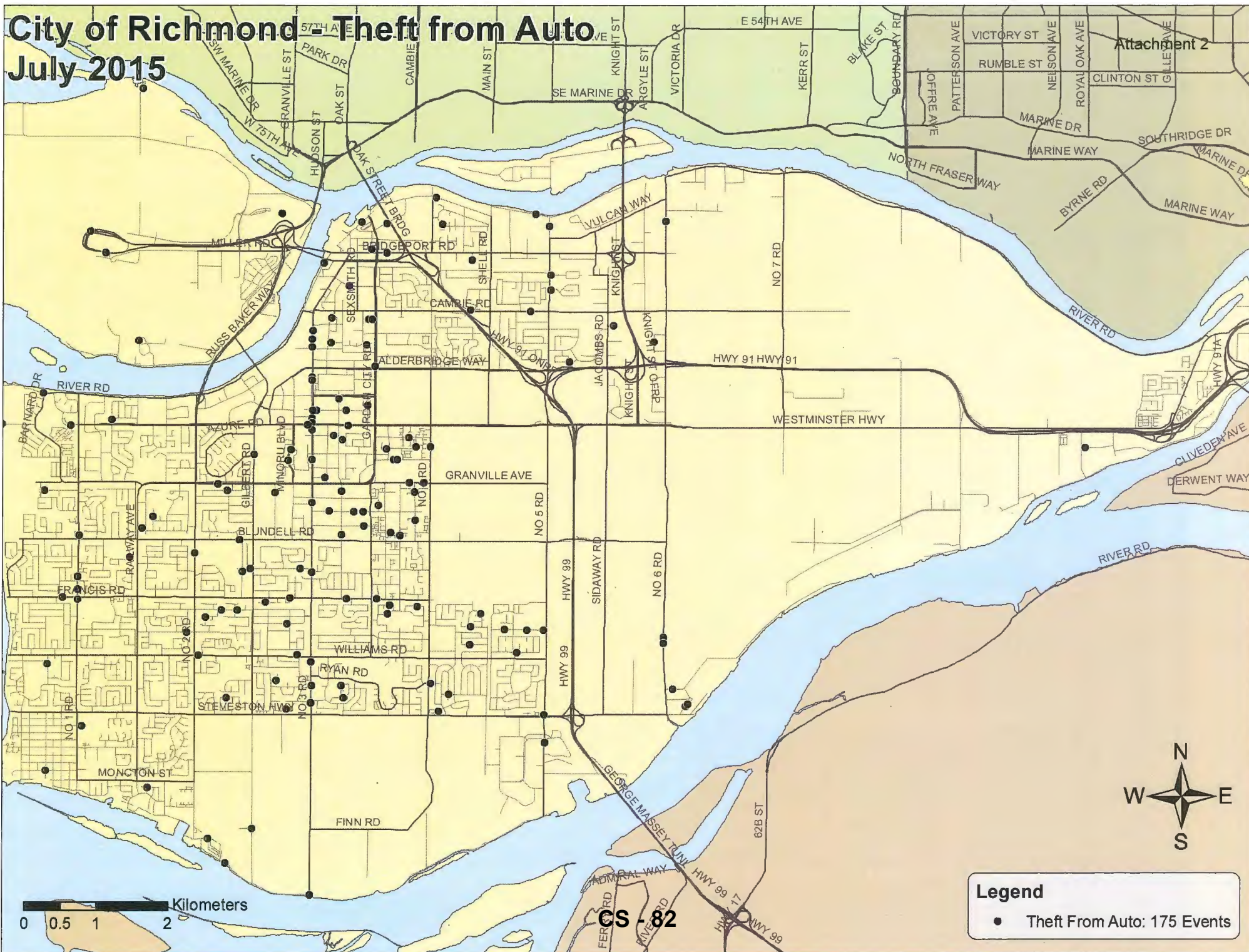
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City of Richmond - Theft from Auto

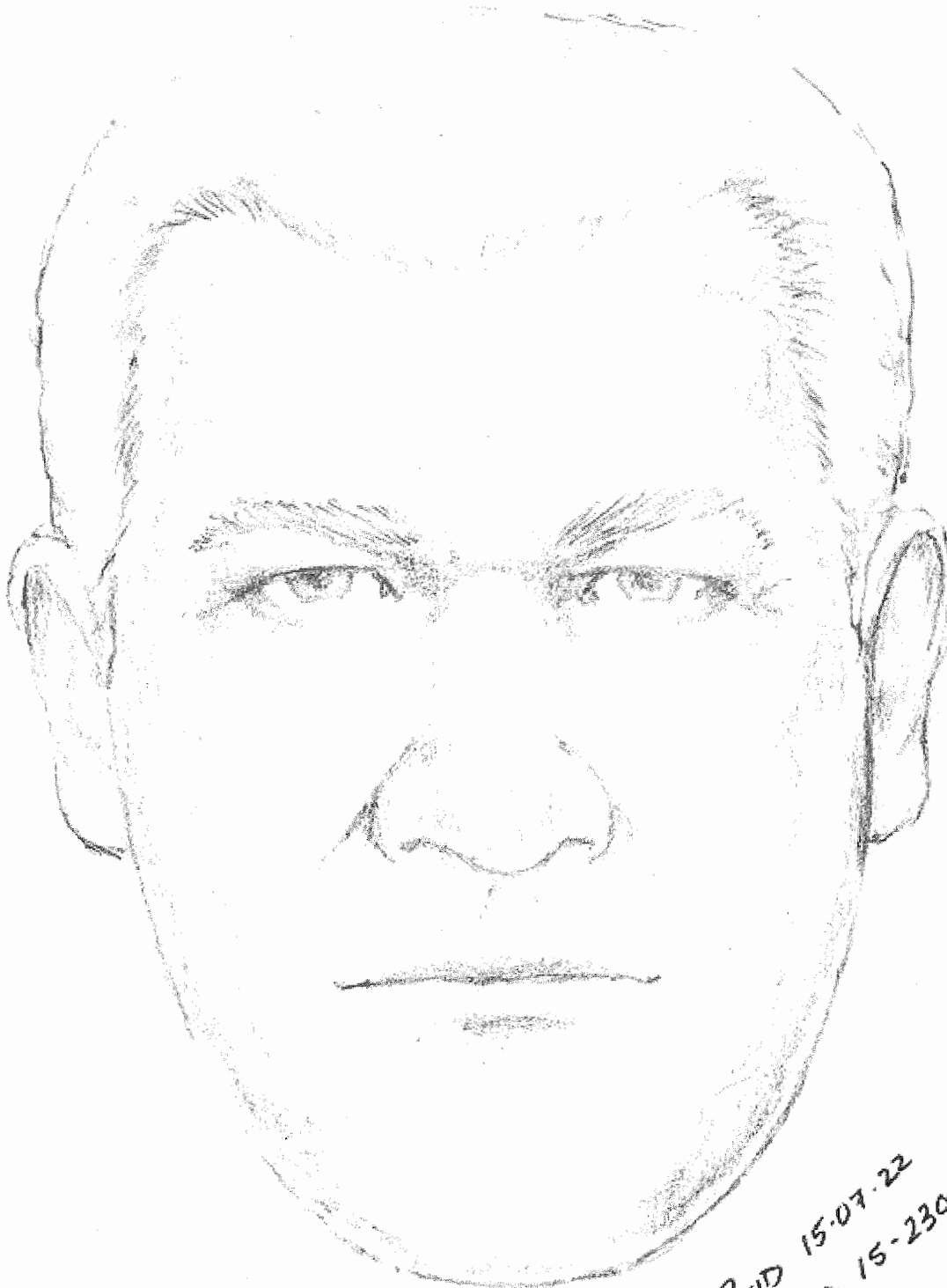
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- Theft From Auto: 175 Events



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