

# Richmond Police Department

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## MEMORANDUM



TO: City Manager Bill Lindsay

FROM: Chief Chris Magnus  
Deputy Chief Ed Medina

DATE: March 30, 2007

SUBJECT: **Activity Report for the Police Department**

The following information reflects a general overview of activities associated with the police department during the past week:

Geographic Policing Activities:

### Northern District

- Officer Rudy Bridgeman responded to Saddleback Lane for a call of a suspicious vehicle in the area. Officer Bridgeman was able to locate the vehicle as it tried to leave the area. The car was stopped and the occupants were detained. This call coincided with a concern of another vehicle in the area having a broken window and an audible alarm going off. It was discovered that this 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle was recently burglarized and that the now detained 1<sup>st</sup> vehicle and its occupants were responsible. These subjects were identified on scene and arrested.
- Officers continue to address an ongoing loitering project in Hilltop Green. This week four vehicle stops were made, three citations were issued and one pedestrian stop was made. Officers have observed that the area is quieting down. Monitoring will continue.
- The ongoing beat 7 Auto Theft and Burglary projects continue. District Commander, Captain Williams has modified the project hours to better impact suspected times of occurrence. Compstat data and beat personnel show these hours to be the most active times. Statistics for this week are: 13 Field Interviews, eight pedestrian stops, 10 traffic stops, three citations, two vehicles impounded and one arrest.

## Central District

- Continuing efforts by Central District Officers resulted in three more arrests this week for marijuana possession and sales, as well as the sales of boot legged DVD's. As mentioned in earlier reports, this is one of the biggest nuisance problems in this shopping center.
- Officer Mario Chesney, working closely with Detective Eric Smith of the Robbery/ Homicide Unit, made an arrest of a robbery suspect in the 800 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. This particular suspect is believed to be responsible for several other robberies in the beat 5 area.

## Southern District

- Officers responded to the area of South 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Florida Avenue regarding multiple calls of shots fired. Officer Bill Cantrell responded to the area and observed a tan Cadillac chasing a white colored vehicle from the area. When Officer Cantrell attempted to stop the Cadillac, the driver actively attempted to evade, running several stop signs and at one point driving directly at another officer's patrol vehicle. The suspect driver lost control of his vehicle in the area of South 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Virginia Avenue, crashing into the concrete sidewalk pillars at the park. The driver fled from the vehicle and avoided immediate capture, however, due to Officer Cantrell's in-depth knowledge of his beat (1) he was able to identify the suspect from a photo left behind inside the suspect vehicle. The suspect was arrested later without incident.
- Officer Chris Llamas was preparing to make a traffic stop of a vehicle on Cutting Boulevard at South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. As he pulled behind the vehicle, which was stopped for a red traffic signal, the driver abruptly accelerated through the light. Officer Llamas activated his emergency equipment and pursued the vehicle. After several blocks the driver finally yielded. A loaded pistol was found inside the vehicle. Both occupants were taken into custody without incident.
- Officer Cantrell and his K-9 partner, Arrow, assisted narcotics detectives in the service of two search warrants. The first warrant service resulted in the find of 1/2 oz. of cocaine by the K-9. The second warrant service resulted in the find of ¼ oz. of cocaine. Both narcotics recoveries would not have been possible if not for the efforts of Officer Cantrell and Arrow.
- Officer Tod Opdyke investigated an incident involving two individuals believed to be casing the liquor store at Tewksbury and Washington Avenue, for a

possible robbery. The clerks of the store provided Officer Opdyke with a very extensive description of the two individuals.

Later in the evening Officer Opdyke located a suspicious vehicle at the dead end of Crest Drive. The vehicle contained four subjects, including the same two individuals who were casing the liquor store. All four subjects were arrested for an unrelated offense. This is an excellent example of community and police working together to prevent crime.

### School District

- School Resource Officer Eddie Russell coordinated the graduation efforts of 60, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from Peres Elementary School, from the Gang Resistance Education and Training program (G.R.E.A.T.)
- Gompers High School held a resource fair for their students, showcasing various services and work groups throughout the city. Deputy Chief Ed Medina was on hand to give a short recruitment presentation. The fair was well attended.
- School Resource Officers will be moderating the NAACP Teen Summit, being held at La Vonya DeJean Middle School. Various presentations will be made by Richmond Police Officers and special presentations will be made by Deputy District Attorney Derek Butts and Civil Rights Attorney John Burris.

### Additional Information

The Richmond Police Department has fully launched its recruiting campaign "Community of Leaders". Potential candidates and interested citizens are invited to visit the recruiting website at [www.rpdjob1.com](http://www.rpdjob1.com), or call 1-800-RPD-JOB1 for more information.

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