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A MESSAGE FROM SUPT. TOM MCILHONE, UNIT COMMANDER OF 22 DIVISION.



It is that time of year when the weather begins to change and unfortunately, so does the opportunity for criminals to take advantage of you. There are two areas I want to address; theft from vehicles and theft of vehicles.

The Christmas season is now upon us and the parking lots at the malls and big box stores become targets for thieves. It is best not to leave any parcels in your vehicle. If that is not possible, ensure they are not visible. You should also be aware of your surroundings. Thieves will watch for shoppers placing items in their vehicles and strike when they either go back in or move on to another location.

With the weather getting colder, there will be a tendency to warm up our vehicles while we wait inside. This provides a perfect opportunity for car thieves to go shopping. While your vehicle is warming up, stay with it and take the opportunity to clear all the ice and snow and make sure it is ready for your trip. This will make it safer for you and reduce the amount of snow or ice that will come off your vehicle and jeopardize the safety of other drivers.

I wish you the best of the season and remember to drink responsibly.

Tom McIlhone

ARREST OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

Allegations are that:

In September 2008, officers from 22 Division became involved in the investigation of an alleged organized theft-ring that has been operating in southern Ontario for over a year.

The case was put together with the assistance of personnel from the various outlets and agencies victimized by the group. Dozens of hours of surveillance video were viewed, leading to the identification of suspects allegedly involved.

To date, seven people have been arrested and one hundred and fifty-eight charges have been laid. Two suspects are still outstanding.

See page six for the complete story.

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Traffic Initiatives

Seat Belt Campaign

22 Division Traffic Unit participated in the annual fall Provincial Seat Belt Campaign which ran from Wednesday, October 1, 2008, to Sunday, October 12, 2008. The Provincial Seat Belt Campaign is a public awareness and enforcement campaign, aimed at getting more drivers and passengers to buckle up.

This campaign supported child passenger safety by highlighting the proper use of child restraints.

Using seatbelts is the single most effective way to reduce vehicle–related injuries and fatalities. Over 92 per cent of Ontarians wear their seatbelts, however, one–third of fatally injured drivers and passengers involved in collisions were not wearing seatbelts.

It is estimated that, for every 1% increase in seatbelt use, five lives would be saved each year.

Aggressive Driving: Some people just don't learn

On October 31st, police were called to investigate a multi-vehicle collision on Dundas Street West. Rush hour traffic had been moving slowly out towards Mississauga. An impatient driver decided he would not wait and moved into the marked left-turn lane.

He sped past the car he had just been following then tried to abruptly barge back into the line, in front of the same auto. He struck that car on the front left corner and the rear of a vehicle ahead of him, that was waiting to make a left turn.

His impatience caused hours of delay to both himself, and the owners of the other vehicles he struck. No doubt everyone's trip across Dundas was slower that day.

This same driver had just gotten his licence back after a seven day suspension for a charge under the stunt-driving sections of the Highway Traffic Act. He had been previously convicted for passing on the right hand shoulder of a highway.

For all his rush, the suspect's licence was again suspended, having been charged with new offence under the same sections. Upon conviction he may face a fine, a further suspension and astronomical insurance rates.

It should also be pointed out that, had this person successfully passed the traffic, merged without causing the collision and continued down the road, he would have saved mere seconds on his drive home...Not at all worth the risk.

Antonio Macias
Sergeant #1290
22 Division - Traffic Response Unit.

Spot Checks:

Dundas St. W & Mabelle Ave
The Queensway at Kipling
Royal York and Evans
Lakeshore & Tenth St
Browns Line & Lakeshore

The Queensway & Islington Avenue
Parklawn north of Lakeshore Boulevard West
Bloor Street West at The West Mall
The Queensway & Algie

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ARREST: Impaired Driving

The allegations are:

- ◆ On October 26th at about 10 pm an impaired male backed his auto into a wall
- ◆ He pulled forward striking two parked cars, then drove off
- ◆ He was found a short distance away apparently asleep at the wheel
- ◆ After arrest, the suspect failed to properly give samples of his breath

Arrested: KLAPCHUK, Ninoviy 50 years

Charged: Impaired Driving, Refuse Samples,

Crime Prevention Tip of the Month:

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services has designated 2008 November 02 to 2008 November 08 as Crime Prevention Week in Ontario. As in past years, the Ministry will continue to place emphasis on crime prevention and community safety during this annual event. This year's theme is "Invest in Your Future: Prevent Crime".

Crime Prevention Week provides an excellent opportunity to share information, educate the public and strengthen community partnerships. Educational materials emphasizing crime prevention tips on personal, child, cyber safety home, vehicle, business safety and graffiti eradication should be made available at the front counter of each police division.

The Service hosted a Crime Prevention Week kick-off ceremony on Monday, 2008 November 03 at 1000 hours at 40 College Street, in the main lobby. Unit commanders and representatives were encouraged to attend this event highlighting Crime Prevention Week in Ontario.

For further information, please contact Constable Lisa GRISOLIA, Community Mobilization at local 8-7044.

Police Constable Allan Benson
Crime Prevention Officer

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Unit Initiatives

Members of the unit participated in A Seatbelt Enforcement Campaign on Lakeshore Blvd W, Dundas Street West and various other main roadways in the division.

Inspector Preston, Constables Benson and McAleer, and Sgt. Evans attended the Lakeshore BIA meeting with other stakeholder to discuss various issues of concern. Worthwhile information was exchanged.

Members of the Community Response Unit attended The Home Depot in regards to their "Kid Safety Day" workshop.

Members of the CRU attended Lakeshore Collegiate Institute to take part in the presentation of a David Dunmore Scholarship. Constable David Alexander Dunmore was a 22 Division officer. On September 18, 1984 Constable Dunmore was responding to a radio call when suspect opened fire on him. Constable Dunmore died en route to hospital.

Frank Sword of the Community Police Liaison Committee was in attendance as well and made a scholarship presentation on behalf of the CPLC.

Members of the division conducted a Hooker sweep on Lakeshore Blvd W.

Additional Patrols

Royal York Rd licenced premises	Capri Rd
Humbertowne Plaza	Humber Valley Arena
Stonegate Plaza	James Gardens
Lakeshore & Twenty-Seventh Street	Michael Power School re disorderlies
Islington Avenue low-rise complexes	Lakeshore Blvd W in Mimico
Markland Woods bicycle patrol	The West Mall & Burnhamthorpe
Mabelle Avenue & area	Eringate & Renforth
Centennial Park bicycle patrol	Humber Valley Village School
Tenth & Garnet Janes Road	Burlington & Lakeshore
Eighth Street Complexes	Superior Avenue
John English Middle School for disorderlies	Bloor & Royal York
Browns Line, Alderwood Area,	Anglesey Blvd
Lakeshore Blvd w, Islington to Kipling Ave	Islington & Norseman plaza

John English Middle School Yard

Arrested: A seventeen year old Young Offender who cannot be named

Charged: Possession Marihuana, Possession Ecstasy, Weapons Dangerous

Eighth Street Complexes:

Arrested: TRISTAN John 18 years

Charged: Possession Cocaine

David Hornell School

Arrested: MARUSHIAK, Andrew 19 years

Charged: Escape Custody, Possession Marihuana For The Purpose, Proceeds of Crime

Arrested: A seventeen year old Young Offender

Charged: Possession Marihuana For The Purpose, Fail To Comply – Recognizance

Burlington & Lakeshore Blvd W

Arrested: BURKE, Colin

Charged: Possession Controlled Substance, Obstruct Police

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NEWSWORTHY EVENTS & ARRESTS

Sexual Assault Alert, Man wanted, Update, 23 Division

Composite drawing of suspect released

On Wednesday, September 17, 2008, the Toronto Police Service started a sexual assault investigation in the LaRose Avenue/Scarlett Road area of 23 Division.

The suspect is described as black, light complexion, 20 – 25 years, clean-shaven, 5'6" – 5'8", 140 lbs., small black eyes, high cheekbones, small lips and nose. He was last seen wearing a dark-coloured hooded sweatshirt with either blue or grey jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-7474, 416-808-2300, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).



ROBBERY: Mugging

On October 1st at about 3:30 p.m. a twelve year old boy was walking on Shaver Road North when he was approached and robbed by a male suspect. The victim was able to flee before anything was obtained from him.

Suspect: Male, white, 15 years, 5'9, thin build, light complexion, long dark hair, wearing black hoodie jacket, dark pants

ROBBERY: Convenience Store

On October 1st at about 9:15 p.m. a male suspect entered a Lakeshore Boulevard West convenience store and attempted to take the cash register. A struggle ensued and the thief fled with a quantity of cash. A second suspect was seen outside the store.

Suspects: #1 Male, white, 5'9-6', 150-161 lbs., thin build, fair complexion, white hoodie sweater #2 Male, black, 5'7, 160-180 lbs., medium build, wearing beige cloth jacket, black pants

Late News: **Arrested:** THOMAS, Omar, 24 years

Charged: Robbery (two counts) Fail to Comply-Probation

NEWSWORTHY ARREST: Construction Frauds

It is alleged that on two occasions a male held himself out to be an employee of a paving company and defrauded homeowners of a quantity of cash for work to be performed.

The arrested party is currently on a Probation Order which he is in breach of, for similar convictions.

Arrested: BINGLEY, Brian 47 years

Charged: Fraud Under \$5,000, Fail To Comply-Probation

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ROBBERY: Mugging

On October 2nd at about 11:30 p.m. a male victim exited a bus and was walking on Wellesworth and The West Mall when he was approached and robbed by two male suspects. The suspects obtained a cell phone and portable audio device.

Suspects: #1 Male, black, 19-20 years, 5'11, thin build, clean shaven, wearing black cap with a white coloured "A" on peak. #2 Male, black, 19-20 years, wearing a red hooded sweatshirt and baseball cap.

NEWSWORTHY EVENT: Homicide #53/2008.

Boris Cikovic, 17 years

On Friday, October 3, 2008, at 10:40 p.m., police responded to a radio call in the Eglinton Avenue West/Royal York Road area, for the sound of gunshots at Buttonwood Park. Officers attended and found a 17-year-old boy suffering from obvious signs of trauma. The victim was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead.

He has been identified as Boris Cikovic, 17, of Toronto. The post-mortem examination determined the cause of death as a gunshot wound to the abdomen.

Nahoor Araya was arrested on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 8 p.m., and charged with Second Degree Murder. He was scheduled to appear in court at 2201 Finch Avenue West on Thursday, October 9, 2008, 9 a.m., room 206.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-7400, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

Constable Wendy Drummond, Public Information, for Detective Sergeant Steve Ryan, Homicide Squad

ROBBERY: Armed with Shotgun and Handgun

On October 3rd at about 4:20 p.m. four suspects entered a Mabelle Avenue convenience store. One suspect pointed a sawed-off shotgun at the clerk, while another brandished a handgun. A quantity of cash was stolen.

Suspects: #1 Male, brown, 16-20 years, 5'3", small build, blue jeans, black hoodie, white bandana, armed with black sawed off shotgun. #2 Male, brown, 16-20 years, 5'3", black hoodie, black knapsack, #3 & 4 similar appearance

ROBBERY: Mugging

On October 3rd at about 4:15 p.m. a male victim exited the Islington Subway Station when he was approached by four or five male suspects who assaulted and robbed him of his cell phone. The suspects fled on foot towards Mabelle Avenue.

Suspects: #1 Male, black, 16 years, 5'9", clean shaven, blue jeans, blue hat. #2 Male, black, 5'6", 120 lbs, 16 yrs, blue hat, blue top, #3 Male, black, 5'10", 16-18 years, skinny, white top, black 'Jordan' shoes, blue jeans. #4 Male, black, 16-18 years, pimply skin and corn rows.

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ROBBERY: Taxi Driver

The victim is a taxi driver. On October 4th at about 3:40 a.m. the victim was transporting four males from Willowridge Road to Capri Road. On arrival, the victim was robbed of his cellular phone.

Suspects: #1 Male, black, 5'6", 150 lbs. black jacket and hoodie. #2 Male, black, 5'6"-8", 150-165 lbs, black hoodie. #3 Male, black, 5'6"-8", 150-165 lbs. black hoodie. #4 Male, black, 5'6"-8", 150-165 lbs. black hoodie.

ROBBERY: Convenience Store

On October 4th at about 3 p.m. a male suspect entered a Bloor Street West convenience store and threatened the clerk in order to obtain cash from her. The suspect fled empty handed to a waiting car.

Suspect: Male, black, 18 years, 5'11"-6'1", 14-150lbs. wearing a black jacket and jeans

NEWSWORTHY ARREST: Break and Enters

Officers received information of a suspect prowling the neighbourhood with a shopping list for meat products. The thief would take orders for meat, steal it and sell it to feed his addiction.

Members were assigned to the various grocery stores in close proximity, one of which was on Dundas. Shortly before midnight, the alleged accused was seen walking from the store with a bag of meat and arrested. He was held for Bail hearing.

Arrested: SUTTON, Derrick 32 years

Charged: Break & Enter (11 counts) Attempt B&E, Theft Under \$5,000 (2 counts)
Possession Property Obtained by Crime, Personation, Obstruct Police, Fail to Appear & Fail to Comply (2 counts each)

NEWSWORTHY ARREST: Robbery

On October 7th the victim was on the sidewalk using her cellular phone when she was approached from behind and robbed of the phone. The victim recognized the alleged suspect from the neighbourhood.

Arrested: CUTHBERT, Michael 39 years

Charged: Robbery, Fail To Comply Probation (two counts)

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NEWSWORTHY ARREST: Alleged organized theft ring busted

In September 2008, officers from 22 Division became involved in an alleged organized theft-ring investigation that has been operating in southern Ontario for over a year. It is alleged that:

- the accused(s) entered several stores in southern Ontario,
- while some of the accused distracted store employees, others concealed and removed merchandise,
- each suspect had a specific role in each theft,
- the suspects used large booster-type bags to carry the stolen merchandise from the stores or simply walked out with the items.

On Friday, September 19, 2008, Kathleen Barry, 39, of Toronto, was arrested for theft by loss prevention officers at The Home Depot. It is alleged that at the time of her arrest, she falsely identified herself as Andrea Coombs.

During the investigation, the accused (who falsely identified herself as Andrea Coombs) was brought to 22 Division to be processed, when an investigating officer recognized her to be Kathleen Barry, the subject of a large-scale theft ring in 2005.

With the assistance of stakeholders, such as the LCBO, Staples Business Depot and The Home Depot, many hours were spent viewing surveillance tapes, enabling investigators to identify those who are alleged to have taken part in the alleged theft ring.

Seven people face a total of 158 charges. Two people are still outstanding.

Charged are:

Kathleen Barry, 39, of Toronto, is charged with:

- 1) 14 counts of Theft Under,
- 2) 15 counts of Conspiracy to Commit Summary Conviction Offence,
- 3) Attempt Theft Under,
- 4) two counts of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime (under),
- 5) Participate in a Criminal Organization.

Colbert Charles, 41, of Toronto, is charged with:

- 1) two counts of Theft Under,
- 2) Conspiracy to Commit Summary Conviction Offence.

James McCaa, 54, of Toronto, is charged with:

- 1) eight counts of Theft Under,
- 2) nine counts of Conspiracy to Commit Summary Conviction Offence,
- 3) Attempt Theft Under,
- 4) Participate in a Criminal Organization.

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Andrea Coombs, 38, of Toronto, is charged with:

- 1) six counts of Theft Under,
- 2) six counts of Conspiracy to Commit Summary Conviction Offence,
- 3) Participate in a Criminal Organization.

Allan Brody, 39, of Toronto, is charged with:

- 1) Theft Under,
- 2) Conspiracy to Commit Summary Conviction Offence.

Warrants have been issued for Karlene Alexander, 40, of Toronto, and Brett Cutajar, 41, of Toronto.

Constable Wendy Drummond, Public Information, for Detective Lester Wright, 22 Division

NOTEWORTHY EVENT: Stabbing

The victim was walking along the street when he was approached from behind by the two suspects. One suspect, armed with a knife stabbed the victim twice in the left forearm for no apparent reason. The suspects then left the scene. It appears that the assault was a random attack.

Suspects #1 Male, white, 30-35 years, 5'8, 170-180 lbs, medium build, short brown hair, wearing white shirt, jeans. #2 Male, white, 30 years, 5'9, medium build, short hair

NOTEWORTHY EVENT: Swarming

On October 10th at about 10:45 p.m. two victims were walking through West Deane Park when they were approached by the about ten suspects who surrounded them. The victims were robbed of their cellular phones

Suspects: All described as Male, black, wearing dark clothing

Late info: Arrests were made on Young Offenders in this matter.

NEWSWORTHY EVENT: Sexual Assault

On October 9th in the late evening, two young women were with a group of youths drinking in Tom Riley Park. Both were sexually assaulted by members of the group.

The matter is under investigation by the Sexual Assault Squad.

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NEWSWORTHY EVENT: Stabbing

On October 12th, at about 4 p.m. a male victim was in company of another male when they became involved in a dispute. The suspect pulled a knife and slashed the victim across the stomach. Police were called to the Queensway Hospital when the victim was brought there by friends.

Suspect: Male, white, 5'11", 200lbs, heavy build, short blond hair, black baggy pants, tattoo of letters running down inner forearm,

NEWSWORTHY EVENT: Robbery

On October 14th at about 10:40 p.m. a male victim was at the Islington Subway station when he was approached by a suspect who robbed him of his cell phone, while threatening to shoot him if he did not comply.

Suspect: Male, black, 5'9", 150-160 lbs. black hoodie, blue bandana

NEWSWORTHY EVENT: Robbery

On October 16th at about 5:30 p.m. a male victim was on Mill Road riding his bicycle when a suspect ran up behind him, knocked him down and attempted to steal the bike. A passerby interceded and the suspect fled.

Suspect: Male, black, 15-17years, 6', black sweater with red stripe down the sleeves and blue pants

NEWSWORTHY EVENT: Robbery

On October 16th at about 5:40 p.m. a female victim was in the rental office of a Cordova Road highrise, when a suspect entered, knocked her down and stole items from her desk.

Suspect: Male, muscular build, wearing black hooded sweater and bandana. Two Hoop Eyebrow Rings

NEWSWORTHY EVENT: Robbery

On October 18th at about 11:45 p.m. two sixteen year old male victims were at the Islington Subway station awaiting for their bus when they were approached by three to five suspects who robbed them of their cell phones, watch and cash, while threatening them with a knife.

Suspects: All Male, black, 16-18 years, 5'7" to 5'10", 150-160lbs wearing hoodies

NOTEWORTHY ARREST: ATM Frauds

On October 19th shortly after 6 a.m. police responded to a suspicious event call. A suspect was investigated and arrested. He was allegedly in possession of a quantity of bogus ATM cards. The investigation is continuing.

Arrested: DOBSON, Christopher 22 years

Charged: Fraud, Possession/ Use Credit Card Obtained by Crime, Possession Stolen Property,

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ROBBERY: Mugging

On October 20th at about 7 p.m. a male victim and a friend were waiting for a bus on Royal York Road near The Queensway when they were approached and robbed by a suspect armed with a screwdriver.

Suspect: Male, white, 17 years, 5'6, 160 lbs, tanned complexion, bald or shaved head, black jacket and pants

ROBBERY: Car-Jacking

On October 25th at about 11 p.m. a male victim was driving his high-end SUV on North Queen at Shorncliffe and stopped for a red light. Two suspects approached and tried to drag the victim from his car.

Suspects: Male, black, black hair, black hoodie, black pants. #2: Male, black, 5', medium build, black hair, black hoodie.

ROBBERY: Mugging

On October 26th at about 2 a.m. a male victim was cycling across Elder Avenue. He was approached by four suspects who exited a car. The victim was assaulted and robbed on of cell phone.

Suspect: #1: Male, white, 25 years, 5' 8- 10", 180 lbs, beard & moustache; Suspects 2-4, Male; White, 21 - 27;

Vehicle: black older Saturn with personalized plates

ROBBERY: Mugging

On October 30th at about 11 p.m. a male victim walking on the street near The West Mall & Rathburn Rd was assaulted and robbed at knifepoint.

Suspect: #1: Male, black, 20 years, 6', 180 lbs, black jacket & pants, black bandana. #2 Male, black, 20 years, 5'9", 180 lbs, black jacket & bandana, #3 Male, black, 20 years, 6', 170 lbs, thin build, black jacket & bandana, blue jeans #4 Male, black, black hoodie and pants.

ROBBERY: Mugging

On October 31st at about 3:50 p.m. a male victim was standing at a West Mall bus stop when he was approached by two male suspects. They robbed the victim of his portable audio device.

Suspects: #1: Male, black, 18-20 years, 6'5", heavy build, short black hair wearing black long sleeve T-shirt. #2 Male, black, 18-20 years, 5'6"-5'7", thin build, short black hair in corn rows, dark long sleeve shirt.

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ROBBERY: Mugging

On October 31st at about 10:15 p.m. a female victim was standing with friends at an East Mall bus stop when they were approached by four to six female suspects. They assaulted and robbed the victim of her purse.

Suspects: Four to six females, black, wearing black clothing and glittery blue masks.

ROBBERY: Mugging

On October 31st at about 9:35 p.m. a group of young women were en route downtown by bus when they met ten female suspects who invited them to a supposed night club on Islington Avenue. When they exited the bus the suspects assaulted and robbed the victim of her purse.

Suspects: Ten females, black, wearing dark clothing and blue eye masks

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Here is a list of upcoming activities for *November*. If you would like a Toronto Police Service representative from 22 Division to attend your community event, please contact Staff Sergeant Khan at 416-808-2219

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3 Crime Prevention Week	4 Crime Prevention Week	5 Crime Prevention Week	6 Crime Prevention Week	7 Crime Prevention Week	8 Crime Prevention Week
9 Remembrance Parade	10	11 Remembrance Parade	12	13	14	15
16 L/shore Santa Claus Parade	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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A Note regarding the contents of this document:

This bulletin is a compilation of significant events that occurred in the division in the past month. It is not a complete list of offences or arrests, but rather a representation of the range of serious occurrences that took place during the period. By current count 224 people were arrested in 22 Division in October. The matters detailed here are allegations that have not yet been put before the courts.

The same is true of the calendar, since a good number of our events take place on short notice. If your organization has an event in conjunction with the police service that you would like included please contact us.

The bulletin will be issued monthly and be available at 22 Division's webpage on the Toronto Police Service site, www.torontopolice.on.ca/d22, at our front desk at both the main and sub-station and by e-mail. Persons wishing to receive this bulletin via the internet are invited to contact me.

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