

53 Division Community Bulletin Nov. 2005



MESSAGE FROM Staff Inspector Larry Sinclair #88 UNIT COMMANDER OF 53 DIVISION

Staff Inspector Larry Sinclair, Unit Commander 53 Division

Greetings and welcome to our November 2005 Community Bulletin.

Once again I am pleased to report that to date reported incidents of crime in our Division, based on the seven major crime categories, are down in every category and have been reduced an average of 15% compared with 2004. I take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding efforts of our Police Officers, civilian members and you, who live and work in 53 Division and continue to demonstrate your commitment in assisting the police in enhancing safety, security and quality of life in our community.

For those of you who start your holiday shopping early be aware that, traditionally during the latter part of November and early December, reported incidents of robberies involving people leaving ATM machines with cash, and thefts from autos and offices buildings increase dramatically. Please ensure that before exiting a bank, after a cash transaction, that you quickly scan outside for anyone loitering or acting suspiciously. Make sure your autos are locked and your purchases are out of sight. For those of you, who work in offices secure your property in a desk or filing cabinet.

Please assist us in ensuring you won't become a victim. Please be vigilant and report persons you feel are acting suspiciously or wandering or loitering outside financial institutions, parked autos and in the common areas of office buildings. Again, thanks so much for all your support in keeping our community safe.

Finally, I thank those of you who took the time to attend our Town Hall Meeting last Wednesday evening, October 19th. It is so important that we communicate in this type of forum on a regular basis.

Regards.

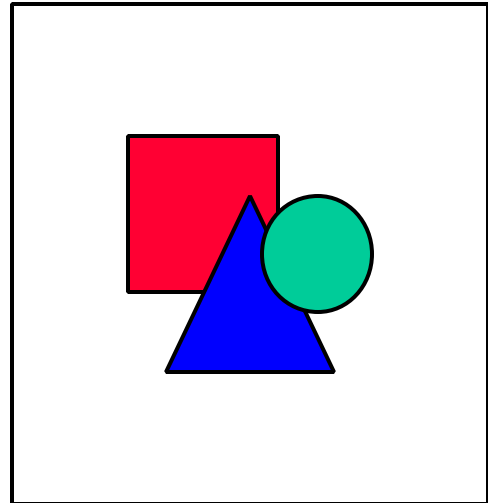


CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH POLICE CONSTABLE RICK LANGSTONE #6281 416-808-5337

Fraud

The holiday season is almost here and that usually means more shopping. For safety reasons, most of us do not carry large sums of money, which is a good idea. This results in using debit or credit cards. Here are a few tips to protect yourself when using your banking cards.

- Always keep your bank cards in your site when you are making a purchase. Don't let a sale person do any transactions with your card out of your site.
- Make sure there is not a shoulder surfer standing behind you while you are entering your PIN number.
- Never write your PIN on your card or anywhere else.
- When using an ATM machine. Make sure it has not been altered in anyway. If you think it has. Don't use it and call the Bank to have it inspected.
- A good idea to protect yourself is to change your PIN number every so often just encase your banking card has been compromised.
- Always check your banking statements to make sure every transaction was done by you.



The above photo is a skimming device. This type is attached by tape to the end of the stores credit card reader. As the employee swipes your card, it continues through the skimming device capturing the information from your debit or credit card. The information will later be downloaded onto a computer, then onto a bogus card. Sometimes there may be a pinhole camera hidden so that they can also obtain your PIN number.

Always remember to watch when an employee swipes your card and to cover the keypad when you punch in your PIN number

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH: 53 DIVISION COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

On Sunday the 16th of October 2005. Members of the 53 Divisional Community Response Unit took part in the first annual Viking Boat Race held at Toronto's Centre Island. The event was sponsored by the Bayfield Rowing Club and was well attended by Corporate, University & High School teams. The event was to promote awareness of the sport and to attract the youth of the City to get involved in team sports. 53 Division tied for 3rd place in the 1000 meter time trials and place 1st in the 500 meter 911 event.



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53 DIVISION COMMUNITY POLICE LIASION COMMITTEE

53 Division CPLC Town Hall Meeting

The 53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee held its annual Town Hall meeting on October 19 at the Jenner Jean Marie Community Centre in Thorncliffe. Over 100 members of the community came out to hear Unit Commander Larry Sinclair and officers from 53 give presentations on crime, crime prevention, safety and the status of crime in your neighbourhood. Local politicians were also on hand to answer questions. The event provided both the police and the community an excellent opportunity to learn more about each others activities and concerns.

If you live in 53 Division and represent an organization such as a resident's association, school, house or worship etc. and would like to learn more about the 53 Division CPLC, please call Jean Munro at 416-808-5319. The CPLC works with the police towards building a safer community.

Bev MacLean
53 Division CPLC Co-Chair



COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Here is a list of activities for the month of November.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 CPLC meeting at 53 Division	10	11 Remembrance Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



MAJOR ARREST

Accused: Aldo CUKALI, date of birth: 1972/03/18

Charges: Pointing a Firearmx3

Discharge Firearm Endanger Life

Discharge Firearm Intent Wound

Assault with Weapon X2

Carry Conceal Weapon

Assault Causing Bodily Harm

Aggravated Assault X2

Criminal Negligence Causing Bodily Harm

ARREST DATE: 2005.10.17 at 15:58

The accused was held for a show cause hearing, he was released on a \$5.000 bail and numerous conditions.

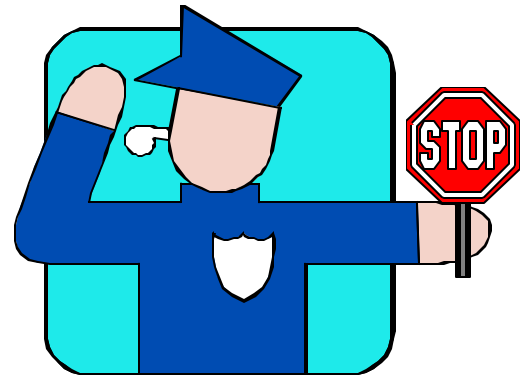
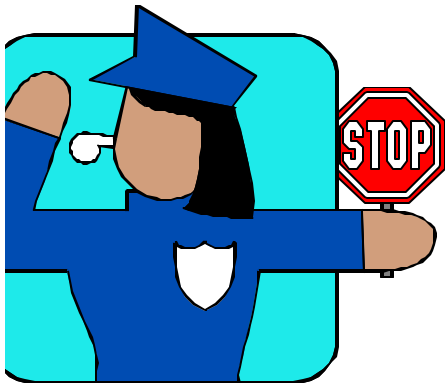
SYNOPSIS:

On 2005.04.01 the accused was at 2 Rosehill with some friends, During this time the accused and his friends became involved in a verbal dispute with some other patrons of the bar. The accused and his friends were asked to leave several times, at which time an employee of the bar attempted to assist with the removal of the accused from the bar. During this an unknown male(friend of accused) took out a pistol struck a victim about the head area, then fired a round into the ceiling. This victim fell to the ground bleeding from the head. AT this time the accused became directly involved and began to beat up another victim of the bar. A short time later the accused was joined by his friends in beating up the victim when another pistol was pulled out a round fired into the ground, this struck the floor area then hit another victim in the leg area. The accused then gathered his friends and left the bar.

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53 DIVISION CROSSING GUARDS



Anyone interested in becoming a school crossing guard
for hiring requirements please contact

416 808-5327 *Office*

Joe Moncada *Police Constable 4359*
53 Division School Crossing Guard Co-Ordinator