

53 Division Community Bulletin April 2006



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

Greetings, and welcome to the April 2006 edition of our 53 Division Community Bulletin.

To date, reported incidents of crime in our Division, based on the seven major crime categories, are down an average of 16.7% compared with the same period during 2005. The only two categories that have risen are sexual assaults which have increased to 10 from 8 and robberies which have increased to 33 from 29.

In the March edition, I mentioned that we would be developing specific goals and unit strategies to address the 2006-2008 Toronto Police Service Priorities. These have now been established and are as follows.

Community Policing Partnerships. We will be concentrating on increased visibility and presence in the community through the design, development and implementation of community outreach programmes in partnership with our Community Police Liaison Committee, local media, politicians, faith groups and businesses.

Community Safety and Security. Our objective is to reduce criminal offences and to increase apprehension of offenders by constantly measuring and evaluating crime trends within the Division and ensuring relevant strategies are implemented to address these issues.

Traffic Safety. By emphasizing the implementation of traffic management initiatives, specifically heightened enforcement, our goal is to reduce collisions in 53 Division.

Hopefully, with your cooperation and assistance we can continue to ensure a maximum sense of safety, security, and quality of life in our community.

I want to bring to your attention two trends that have arisen over the past month or so.

First, a number of residential Break and Enters have occurred in homes equipped with alarm systems which were not activated our where doors were closed but not locked. Please ensure when leaving your residence that doors are locked and, if applicable, that your residential alarm system is activated.

Second, in a few occurrences, teenage victims have been swarmed and robbed of their I-Pods, cash or cell phones and have delayed reporting the crime for hours, and on one occasion, days. I would like to remind you that reporting crime as soon as possible is crucial. This allows us to conduct timely investigations and greatly increases our ability to apprehend offenders and recover stolen property.

Regards



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

IDENTITY THEFT

Are you a Victim?

The signs can be many, but typical indicators that your identity is being used include:

- A creditor informs you that an application for credit was received with your name and address, which you did not apply for.
- Telephone calls or letters state that you have been approved or denied by a creditor that you never applied to.
- You receive credit card statements or other bills in your name, which you did not apply for.
- You no longer receive credit card statements or you notice that not all of your mail is delivered.
- A collection agency informs you they are collecting for a defaulted account established with your identity and you never opened the account.

Identity Theft Statement - What is it?

If you have been a victim of identity theft, the Identity Theft Statement helps you notify financial institutions, credit card issuers and other companies that the identity theft occurred, tell them that you did not create the debt or charges, and give them information they need to begin an investigation. Make as many copies of the Statement as you will need to notify all affected companies. You will need Acrobat Reader to view the statement.

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If you suspect that your personal information has been hijacked and misappropriated to commit fraud or theft, take action immediately and keep a record of your conversations and correspondence. The following basic actions are appropriate in almost every case.

- Start a log of dates, person(s) that you spoke with and exactly what they said.
- Contact the fraud departments of each of the two major credit bureaus.
- [Equifax](tel:8773232598): (877) 323-2598, for lost or stolen identification press 1, if you are a victim of identity theft press 2.
[Trans Union](tel:8775253823): (877) 525-3823 except
- Request that a "Fraud Alert" be placed in your files. At the same time order copies of your credit reports.
- Contact the fraud department of creditors for any accounts that have been opened or tampered with fraudulently. This may include credit card companies, phone companies, banks and other lenders.
- File a report with your local Police or the Police in the community where the identity theft took place.
- Contact PhoneBusters National Call Centre. PhoneBusters is currently central sourcing all pertinent information on Identity Theft to identity trends and patterns, information is also used to assist law enforcement agencies in possible investigations.

Remember: There is no reason to be paranoid; there's just reason to be careful. If someone wants desperately to target you, they can probably get a lot of information about you -- so you just need to minimize the criminal's opportunities to get that information. You can make yourself a harder target and that is the best defense. If you are a victim, do not panic, you will not be out any money. The losses will be attributed to the banks and or companies associated with the fraud.

Minimize The Risk

While you probably can't prevent identity theft entirely, you can minimize your risk. Identity theft is on the rise and it can happen to anyone. It can happen to you. By managing your personal information wisely, cautiously and with an awareness of the issue, you can help guard against identity theft.



MAJOR ARRESTS

FRAUDSTER ARRESTED

ON THE 15TH OF DECEMBER 2005, THE NOW ACCUSED IRINA CHERNYAKHOVSKY, WAS HIRED BY THE VICTIM WHOSE OFFICE IS LOCATED ON BAYVIEW AVE, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

THE ACCUSED GAINED THE DOCTOR'S CONFIDENCE AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONVINCED THE DOCTOR TO CHANGE HIS BILLING METHODS. AS A RESULT OF THIS CHANGE, THE DOCTOR COMMENCED DIRECT BILLING WITH CHEQUES BEING SENT DIRECTLY TO THE DOCTORS OFFICE FROM THE VARIOUS INSURANCE COMPANIES.

COMMENCING 17TH OF FEB, THE ACCUSED, AS A MATTER OF HER EMPLOY, CONTROLLED THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MONIES AND MADE SEVERAL DEPOSITS OF THESE CHEQUES TO HER PERSONAL ACCOUNTS AT CIBC.

ON THE 7TH OF MARCH 2006, CIBC INVESTIGATORS ATTENDED 53 DIVISION WITH COPIES OF 9 CHEQUES BELONGING TO THE COMPLAINANT WHICH THE ACCUSED HAD DEPOSITED TO HER PERSONAL ACCOUNTS. THE CHEQUES TOTALLED \$3959.82. AS A RESULT OF THIS INFORMATION, THE ACCUSED CHERNYAKHOVSKY WAS ARRESTED.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CIBC INDICATES THAT THIS ACCUSED HAD MADE APPROXIMATELY 80 FRAUDULENT DEPOSITS TO HER PERSONAL ACCOUNTS AND THAT IT WILL TAKE UP TO TWO WEEKS TO RECONCILE THESE ACCOUNTS. IT WOULD ALSO APPEAR THAT SOME OF THESE CHEQUES PAID BY THE INSURANCE COMPANIES WAS FOR DENTAL WORK COMPLETED ON PATIENTS WHO WERE DECEASED.

INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONTINUING AND FURTHER CHARGES ARE PENDING.

CHARGED WITH ONE COUNT OF FRAUD UNDER \$5000 IS IRINA CHERNYAKHOVSKY. SHE WAS HELD FOR A SHOW CAUSE HEARING AT COLLEGE PARK COURTS.

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DRUG DEALERS ARRESTED

On Monday March 27, 2006, the Toronto Drug Squad assisted the 53 Division Community Response Unit with a constant community complaint in regards to a male dealing drugs to school kids at Bathurst Street and Lawrence Avenue W. in the City of Toronto.

An undercover officer was deployed in the area.

The undercover officer met up with the suspect and a drug related conversation took place. The suspect agreed to sell the undercover officer a quantity crack cocaine.

The suspect then called a second suspect from a payphone in the area.

The suspect advised the undercover officer that his back-end would attend in 20 minutes. The undercover officer provided the suspect with cash in pre-recorded police "buy money".

Approximately 20 minutes later suspect # 2 arrived and picked up suspect # 1. They drove around the corner and suspect # 2 exchanged crack cocaine for the pre-recorded police buy money.

Suspect # 1 exited the motor vehicle and returned to the undercover officer, and provided him the crack cocaine.

Suspect #2 was stopped and arrested and transported to 53 Division.

Suspect # 1 was also arrested, transported to 53 Division.

Charged were:

Kaduri SHEMESH & David BROWN. Both are facing charges of traffic cocaine & possession of proceeds of crime.

Both accused parties were held for a show cause hearing at Old City Hall Courts.



ROBBERY SUSPECT NABBED

On Thursday, March 16th 2006 just prior to 1:00am the accused male was in the ATM area of the Scotia Bank located on Bloor St. West in the City of Toronto.

The victim and witness entered the ATM area to use the bank machine to withdraw some cash from the machine.

The accused confronted the two and demanded money.

The victim and the witness ignored the accused, hoping that he would just leave them alone. At this time the accused went outside the ATM area and obtained a stick.

The accused began to wave the stick at the pair and so confining them in the ATM area of the bank.

The action of the accused was interrupted by the arrival of a couple of University of Toronto Police. The accused then ran off.

Almost at the same time police arrived on the scene and were quickly appraised of the situation and gave chase. The accused was apprehended a short distance away.

The accused was taken into custody to 53 Division and charged accordingly.

Charged with Robbery & two counts of Forcible Confinement is James TYLEE, 27 yrs of no fixed address. He was held for a show cause hearing at College Park Courts

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Public Safety Alert, Possible prowler in Madison Avenue/Bloor Street West area, 53 Division

53 Division
416-808-5300

The Toronto Police Service is seeking the public's assistance in identifying a prowler in the Madison Avenue/Bloor Street area.

Over the past week, there have been reports of three incidents involving a man looking through windows of houses on the west side of Madison Avenue, north of Bloor Street West.

Members of the public, especially residents in the Madison Avenue/Bloor Street West area are advised to be vigilant in securing their residences.

There is no description of the suspect at this time.

Anyone with information is asked to contact 53 Division at 416-808-5300, or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or online at www.222tips.com

Constable Isabelle Cotton, Public Information, for Detective Constable Valerie Duhan, 53 Division

COMMUNITY ALERT

Over the past couple of weeks there has been a rash of break & enters throughout the Division during the evening hours. The method of entry is forcing the locks on the rear patio doors or windows. To help prevent this from happening. All rear doors and windows should have a secondary lock installed to back up the factory installed lock. Leave lights on during the night time hours. If you have an alarm system. Please make sure it is activated.

Suspects for these entries are described as 2 male's. Both were wearing baseball caps. A female suspect has also been seen at several of the entries and is possibly used as a lookout.

Suspects had been seen in a stolen vehicle which has since been recovered.

If you see anyone fitting these descriptions walking around your home or your neighbours, please call 9-1-1.

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53 DIVISION COMMUNITY POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE

The 53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) is a group of volunteers from your community. We represent resident and business associations, schools, houses of worship, and a wide range of community-based organizations. Our mandate is to work with the police and our members to assist in crime prevention initiatives, resolve relevant issues and keep our community safe.

The CPLC has the unique and important opportunity to collaborate with a wide variety of stakeholders in our community to resolve issues. We are always looking for new members to assist us in our endeavors.

If you would like to make a difference and represent an organization in 53 Division such as a resident's association, school, house of worship, community centre etc. and would like to learn more about the 53 Division CPLC, please call Shirley Elliott at 416-808-5319.

Thank you,
Adrian Richter
Co-Chair



**Next CPLC meeting
53 Division
Tuesday June 13th 2006
7:00pm – 9:00pm
75 Eglinton Ave West
416-808-5319**

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 Daylight saving time begins	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD?

The School Crossing Guard Co-ordinator for 53 Division is
Police Constable Joseph Moncada

Please contact

416 808-5327 *Office*

or e-mail:

Joseph.Moncada@torontopolice.on.ca

