

53 Division Community Bulletin July 2006



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

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

To date, reported incidents of crime in our Division, based on the seven major crime categories, continue to be down an average of 10% compared with the same period during 2005. The only two categories that have increased over the same period are sexual assaults which have risen to 28 from 22 and robberies which have increased to 69 from 63. Property damage and personal injury motor vehicle collisions are down 16%.

I thank you the residents and business people of our Division for your continued interest in and support of our initiatives to maximize our community's safety, security and quality of life.

Keep in mind, with schools closed for the summer, there will be many more children on the streets of our neighbourhoods during the daytime. When driving, particularly in our residential areas, please be aware of these young people and drive with extra caution. Officers will be paying special attention to these areas and monitoring driving habits for the duration of the summer holidays. There will be zero tolerance for motorists who drive without due care and attention specifically those who speed, disobey stop signs or ignore traffic signals.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Regards.

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

Internet 101

For parents who have grown up with television, raising today's Internet generation can be daunting. Kids know more about the technology and they use the Internet differently from adults, so it is not surprising that parents often feel at a disadvantage.

While it can be intimidating, parents' involvement in their kids' online lives is essential. They may be miles ahead of us technically, but kids still need adults to help them develop good judgement and critical thinking skills to deal with situations, information and people they encounter online.

A good starting point for parents is to become familiar with how their kids are using the Internet. Most of us don't have a clue what our kids are up to when there are multiple windows open on the computer screen and their hands are flying over the keyboard at breakneck speed. This section will help you take the first step towards becoming more aware and involved by explaining the different technologies that kids use and the activities they like.

Web sites

The Web - short for the World Wide Web - is the most popular place for kids to visit on the Internet. A Web site consists of a "page," or a collection of pages, containing text, pictures, links for downloading games, music or software and sound and video clips. There are literally millions of sites on the Web, which can be accessed using software on your computer called a Web "browser."

The Web is different from other media in that it offers kids the ability to create their own content. Young people use the Web to explore and display their creativity in very exciting ways - creating online movies, music, Web sites, e-zines (magazines) and blogs or online diaries.

However, the Web has its downside. When surfing it's easy to come across sites containing pornography, hate, violence and illegal and dangerous content and activities. Children's privacy can be at risk both from commercial sites that ask for personal information, and when kids themselves post contact information or photos on their own Web sites.

Chat rooms

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Chat rooms are places on the Internet where you can have live, real-time conversations with many people at the same time. Think of it as a telephone party line - except you type rather than talk. Everyone in the chat room can see what everyone else writes, but you can still be as anonymous as you want.

While chat rooms can be dynamic meeting places for people with similar interests, they can also be cruising grounds for predators trying to make contact with young people. For this reason, kids shouldn't be in chat rooms - period. Just as we teach young children not to talk to strangers in the street, they shouldn't be talking with strangers online. When they become older (10-13) they should only participate in monitored kids' chat rooms, and even then under the close supervision of an adult.

Chat rooms are monitored in several ways. Some sites run software that automatically shuts people out for using inappropriate language, while others use real live monitors. Keep in mind that even in monitored chat rooms, there is nothing to stop an adult from joining in and pretending to be a child.

Young teens are particularly vulnerable with regard to chat rooms. They're exploring their sexuality, moving away from parental control and seeking to establish new relationships outside the family. In the anonymous atmosphere of chat rooms, they feel free to be more open and honest and conversations can quickly become intimate, making them vulnerable to online predators.

Because of this, adolescents should be encouraged to only use monitored teen chat rooms, to protect their personal information when chatting online and to always stay in the chat room's public area. (Some chat rooms offer users the option of going into 'private' rooms, or sharing private messages, that no one else can see or monitor.)

Tip: Keep your Internet-connected computer in a public area of your house - never in a child's room.

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TORONTO POLICE SERVICE 53 DIVISION CRIME PREVENTION

“AUTO-DIALER”

Community Policing is a partnership between the police and the community. Policing services are evolving and we need your help. Community issues can not be dealt with solely by the police. You have a better understanding of issues in your area and your involvement will make a difference in making our community safer.

The “AUTO-DIALER” is one way for all of us to get involved in helping to fight crime in the City of Toronto. This system allows the police to alert residents of crime in the neighbourhoods within 53 Division.

To receive messages concerning crime, missing people and home safety, you must sign and return this attached consent form allowing your name and phone number to be added to the “AUTO-DIALER”. Informed people are more aware of what is going on around them and are of more assistance to the police in preventing crime and catching suspects.

For more information contact:

RICK LANGSTONE

Police Constable (6281)
53 Division Crime Prevention Officer
Bus: (416) 808-5337 Fax: (416) 808-5302

TORONTO POLICE SERVICE
75 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto Ontario M4R 2G9
Website: www.TorontoPolice.on.ca

Detach and mail or deliver to:

Toronto Police Service
53 Division Crime Prevention Office
75 Eglinton Avenue
Toronto, Ontario, M4R 2G9

Please: Add _____ Change _____ Delete _____ my name to/from the “AUTO-DIALER”.

NAME: _____ Residence _____ Business _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____



MAJOR ARRESTS

On Tuesday May 9, 2006, the accused attended the Holt Renfrew store located on Bloor Street West in the City of Toronto. The suspect entered the men's clothing section and selected a quantity of clothing and Gucci pouches totalling \$7,030.00.

The suspect proceeded to the cash area and used 3 credit cards in an attempt to pay for the merchandise. All 3 credit cards were declined and the suspect asked the clerk to keep the items on hold and he would return to pay for the items. These credit cards were fraudulent.

On May 10, the suspect returned to the same store and purchased the items using 3 different credit cards. These credit cards were also fraudulent.

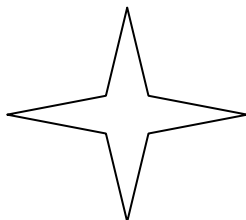
Holt Renfrew security staff were alerted to the fraud and were able to obtain video images of the suspect.

On Wednesday May 31, 2006, the suspect attended the same Holt Renfrew and security staff called police. Officers from 53 Division attend and subsequently arrested the suspect.

Charged with Attempt Fraud Over \$5000, Fraud Over \$5000, 6 counts of Possession of Credit Card Obtained by Crime, Obstruct Police & Possession of Property Obtained by Crime is

Craig JOHNSON 33 years of Brampton. He was held for a show cause hearing at College Park Courts.

The accused was also wanted by Peel Regional Police on a Warrant in the First for Sexual Assault, Choking & Robbery.



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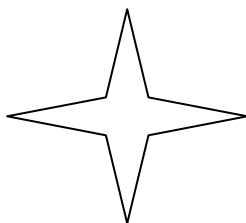
On June 5th, 2006 property management staff entered an apartment on Thorncliffe Park Drive to replace some damaged flooring. Upon entering, they located a quantity of what appeared to be cocaine and money on a chair in a bedroom of the apartment. At this time they exited the apartment and contacted police. Members of 53 Division attended the address to secure the scene.

Members of the Toronto Drug Squad were notified and with this information, applied for and were granted a Controlled Drugs and Substance search warrant for the address.

Upon entering the address police located and seized a quantity of cocaine, hashish, ecstasy and cash. Also located were several debt list's and identification in the accused name.

Shortly thereafter the accused was located entering the building and was arrested.

Charged with Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose, Possession of Hashish for the Purpose, Possession of a Controlled Substance & Possession of Proceeds of Crime is **Ioannis MALLINOS** 43 years of Toronto. He was released on a Promise To Appear for Old City Hall Courts to answer to the charges



On Thursday, June 8th 2006 at about 4:10am a man & a woman were observed by T.T.C. Security spray painting ("TAGGING") subway cars in the train storage area at the Davisville T.T.C. Yards.

As the Special Constables approached, both suspects ran from the scene.

The officer's eventually caught up with the suspects after a foot pursuit across tracks and placed them under arrest.

The male suspect was seen to drop a bag that he had been carrying that was full of the tools of his trade and included:

- 9 cans of spray paints of various colours.
 - Latex rubber gloves (used to protect the hands of the accused while painting).
 - A waterproof stick of a white coloured marker, used to outline what the accused will fill in with spray paint.
- A graph paper showing a drawing of 'CAUSR'.

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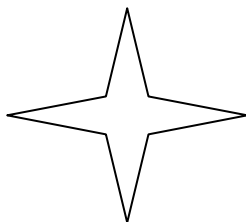


Both suspects were transported to 53 Division. Further investigation revealed that the male suspect was responsible for other "Tagging" dating back to November of 2003.

Charged with 6 counts of Mischief to Private Property Under \$5000, is **Phillip NYNKOWSKI** 23 years of Toronto.

Also charged with Mischief to Private Property Under \$5000, is **Danielle BREMNER** 24 years of New York U.S.A.

Both were held for a show cause hearing at College Park Courts to answer to the charges.



On May 30, 2006 at approximately 10:20pm the victim boarded a southbound Yonge Street subway train at the Finch Station. Shortly after the suspect boarded and sat right beside the victim despite the fact that there were many other seats available.

The suspect stared at victim and asked her what time it was twice, speaking very close to victim's face. The suspect told the victim that she was very pretty and touched her shoulder and then put his hands down his pants and adjusted himself. The suspect then touched victim's shirt while still having one hand down his pants and told her that he really liked the way her shirt felt.

At Sheppard station, a TTC employee who was monitoring the situation, made eye contact with victim to see if she was OK. The suspect continued to fondle himself while staring at the victim's breasts. The suspect then masturbated himself.

When the train arrived at the Eglinton station, the victim got up to exit the subway train. The suspect also got up and went to an adjacent door. The T.T.C. employee advised the victim to remain on the train while the suspect got off. The suspect exited the train and fled the scene. TTC Special Constables were contacted who then contacted the Police.

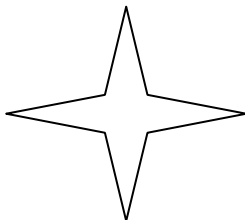
Police attended and commenced an investigation of the incident. The suspect was eventually identified via a photo line-up.

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On Friday the 9th of June 2006 the suspect was contacted and surrendered himself to Police at 53 Division.

Charged with Sexual Assault is **John KITAKUFE** 24 years of Toronto. He was released on a Promise To Appear for College Park Courts to answer to the charge.



On Thursday, June 15th 2006 at about 5:50pm the suspect was at the strip plaza located at 3019 Bathurst St. in the City of Toronto.

At this time the victim in this matter was on the same plaza and was approaching his parked vehicle. As the victim was getting into his vehicle he was approached from the rear by the suspect.

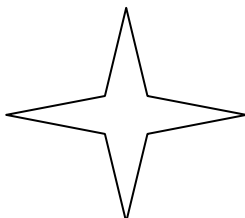
For an unknown reason the suspect stabbed the victim in the area of his right shoulder blade.

The police responded and the suspect was arrested without incident.

The accused was transported to # 53 Division for further investigation and was charged accordingly.

The victim required stitches to close a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch deep knife wound.

Charged with Assault Causing Bodily Harm, Assault With a Weapon & Weapons Dangerous is **George BENEDEK** 55 years of Toronto. He was held for a show cause hearing at College Park Courts to answer to the charges.



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Two men wanted for robbery of 72-year-old woman, 53 Division

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Toronto Crime Stoppers, and 53 Division Street Crime Unit, require the assistance of the public in locating two men who allegedly robbed a 72-year-old woman in R.V. Burgess Park, off Thorncliffe Park Drive, on Sunday, May 11, 2006 at approximately 8 p.m.

It is alleged that the victim and her five-year-old grandson had been playing in the park and were on their way home when the suspects struck. The first suspect was seen handing off a blue mountain bike to a second suspect after seeing the victim, he then pulled a blue bandana up over his face, approached the victim from behind, and knocked her to the ground.

The suspect then wrestled the woman's purse away from her, while her five-year-old grandson watched. As a result, the victim sustained a broken wrist and possibly broken ribs.

Both suspects were last seen heading eastbound out of the park. The victim's purse was later found by police, but an iPod had been taken from it.

Suspect descriptions:

#1: brown complexion, 19-20 years old, 5'11" – 6', 170 lbs., medium build, last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black pants.

#2: brown complexion, last seen on a blue mountain bike.

Note: both suspects are known to frequent the Thorncliffe Park Drive area

If you know one or both of these suspects, or have information that may assist investigators, please call 53 Division Street Crime Unit at 416-808-5323.

If you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers 416-222-TIPS (8477) or send us a tip online at www.222tips.com. Either way, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.

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Man Wanted for Sexual Assault. Ashley Curtis Wheatley, 23, 53 Division

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416-808-5300

The Toronto Police Service is requesting the public's assistance in locating a man wanted for Sexual Assault, two counts of Theft Under, Use credit card obtained by crime, and three counts of Possession obtained by crime.

Ashley Curtis Wheatley, 23, is described as: white, 5'10", medium build, black hair combed back, goatee. He was wearing a light blue shirt, khaki/grey pants and white runners and wears eyeglasses. He was carrying a duffle bag.

Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts is asked to call 53 Division at 416-808-5304, or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or online at www.222tips.com.

Constable Isabelle Cotton, Public Information, for Detective Murray Barnes, 53 Division





STUPID CRIMINALS

When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find an ill man curled up next to a motor home trying to steal gasoline and plugged his hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

R.C. Gaitlin, 21, walked up to two patrol officers who were showing their squad car computer equipment to children in a Detroit neighbourhood. When he asked how the system worked, the officers asked to use his I.D. for an example. Gaitlin gave them his driver's license, they entered it into the computer, and moments later they arrested Gaitlin because information on the screen showed that Gaitlin was wanted for a two-year-old armed robbery in St. Louis, Missouri.

David Posman, 33, was arrested recently in Providence, R.I., after allegedly knocking out an armored car driver and stealing the closest four bags of money. It turned out they contained \$800 in PENNIES, weighed 30 pounds each, and slowed him to a stagger during his getaway so that police officers easily jumped him from behind.

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GUN PLAY NO WAY

On Saturday, the 17th of June 2006. 53 Division's Community Response Unit took part in the Service Wide "Gun Play No Way" Campaign. Held at the Jenner Jean Marie Community Centre, 48 Thorncliffe Park Drive.

Once again the event was a success with over 250 toy guns being turned over to the officers.



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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



The next CPLC meeting is on
Tuesday 12th September 2006
7:00 pm
53 Division
75 Eglinton Avenue West
416-808-5300

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1 CANADA DAY |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 TORONTO STREET FESTIVAL YONGE EGLINTON | 8 TORONTO STREET FESTIVAL YONGE & EGLINTON |
| 9 TORONTO STREET FESTIVAL YONGE & EGLINTON | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 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

