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March 26, 2007

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

**Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report - February 2007**

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of February, 2007. I will highlight the key statistical data for the most common criminal activities, and provide a short narrative overview of criminal trends and resources.

Activity Type	Feb - 2007	Feb - 2006	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	138	109	+ 26.6 %
- Homicides	0	0	0 %
- Robberies	11	6	+ 83.3 %
- Assaults	116	92	+ 26.0 %
- Sex Offences	11	11	0 %
Break and Enters	94	160	- 41.2 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	59	74	- 20.2 %
Theft Over \$5000	7	2	+ 250.0 %
Theft Under \$5000	333	307	+ 8.4 %
Drug Offences	212	113	+ 87.6 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	83	155	- 46.4 %
Impaired Driving	15	31	- 51.6 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	43	67	- 35.8 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	173	169	+ 2.3 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	0	+ 100.0 %
Calls for Service	4631	4389	+ 5.5 %
Prisoners Lodged	474	407	+ 16.4 %
Spousal Assault - M Offender	28	11	+ 154.5 %
Spousal Assault - F Offender	6	2	+ 200.0 %
Domestic Dispute - No Assault	51	58	- 12.0 %

The spike in theft over \$5,000 this past month is due in large part to a number of internal thefts

by past and present employees of businesses with no trend noted.

The number of robberies increased in the month of February in large part to two different groups; a warrant has been issued for a number of young offenders from Calgary who committed several robberies in Rutland, and two other males were taken into custody after they committed at least two robberies.

<b>Breakdown of Seizures by Drug Squad for February</b>	
Marihuana	1063 plants
Cocaine	46 grams
Cash	\$21,000.00
Value of Seizures; Property, Drugs & Cash	\$648,000.00

**Highlights:**

A traffic stop was initiated at the corner of Martin & Ethel Street. After observing open liquor in the vehicle, a further search by the attending member and Kelowna's Drug Unit located a quantity of cocaine (approximately 14 grams), drug paraphernalia, and cell phones.

A search warrant was executed at a residence which resulted in the seizure of 1063 plants. No one has been arrested as yet, however, charges are pending.

In another unrelated search, \$21,000 cash and 1 ounce of cocaine was seized from a residence. Two people have been charged.

**Resources**

The City of Kelowna was billed for **120** full-time regular members for the month of February.

**Pawnshop Activity / Property Crime Unit**

(This report does not include Westbank businesses.)

	<b>Feb - 2007</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Recovered Property</b>	\$1,300	\$8,200
<b>Number of Tickets Issued</b>	7	9

NOTES:

One pawnshop closed and another sold in the month of February.

A pawnshop charged (and subsequently closed his business last year) was found guilty in court on two separate charges.

<b>Auto Theft Statistics</b>			
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>
Month of February	59	74	- 20.3 %

### **Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU)**

DEU, GIS Drugs and UC Operators joined in a Prostitution Sting at the end of February. In just a few hours, 4 girls were arrested and 'red-zoned'. The next day, 1 of these females was arrested for breaching her red-zone conditions. DEU also assisted GIS Drug Section with the execution of a warrant on a house and the subsequent arrest of 2 individuals involved in that file. DEU continues to assist and work with any other units with Kelowna but primarily with GIS Drugs as DEU is the foot that hits the pavement in the areas that most dealers are trying to get to. These users routinely provide information to the DEU members which in turn gets passed onto GIS Drugs.

### **Traffic Stats**

DEU has been in contact with Bylaws and it is expected that a closer working relationship with them will continue to grow. Once the members of DEU understand the importance of using the Bylaw tickets to their fullest potential it is expected that the number of Bylaw tickets issued will grow substantially and the number of red-zones stemming from these charges will increase as well. Routine meetings with Bylaws and DEU will start in the month of March.

<b>DEU Statistics for the month of February (Total Number of Shifts - 78)</b>			
<b>88</b> Files	<b>66</b> Arrests	<b>19</b> Reports to Crown Counsel	
<b>58</b> Violation Tickets Issued	<b>2</b> Warnings	<b>5</b> 215's	<b>44</b> Bylaws

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