

Quarterly Crime Summary
July 1, 2010-October 1, 2010
City of Davis Police Department



The following crime summary was designed to provide media outlets and the community with an overall account of criminal activity occurring in Davis over a three month period. The Davis Police Department has chosen to report on the following crimes because they are the crimes most likely to be reported and occur with sufficient frequency over time. Where necessary or useful, there may be a short analytical commentary under the appropriate heading. The analytical commentary is not intended to be comprehensive, as the department issues Crime Alerts and/or special reports when a detailed analysis is warranted.

Basic Summary:

During this quarter, the data suggests that criminal activity has *decreased* compared to the quarterly average¹. In fact, the data demonstrates that robberies, sex assaults, vehicle burglaries, commercial burglaries and assaults have decreased notably from the quarterly average and in many cases, from last quarter. Importantly, Davis experienced a significant spike in residential burglaries this quarter, the majority of which occurred in West Davis.

Robbery (N =9)

Robbery is the taking of property by force or threat of force and should not be confused with theft. Robbery is considered a crime against a person, whereas theft is considered to be a property crime. In sum, there were 9 robberies this quarter which demonstrates a decrease compared to 2009 (N=12), and an increase compared to 2008 (N=7). This quarter there were a total of 4 armed robberies, which demonstrates a notable increase compared to the quarterly average of 1. While armed robberies have increased, strong-arm robberies have decreased by 4 cases compared to 2009 (N=7). During the time period examined, there were 2 bank robberies and one suspect was arrested.

Sexual Assaults (N =11)

Sexual assault is defined in the broadest sense to include any crime in which an individual knowingly causes another individual to engage in an unwanted sexual act by force or threat. Criminal offenses including but not limited to indecent exposure, sodomy and rape are considered sexual assaults for purposes of this summary². Compared to the quarterly average of 22, sexual assaults have decreased by 11 cases overall. Specifically, rape has decreased by 6 cases compared to the 2009 quarter. Of the rapes that occurred during this period (N=3):

- ✓ 1 victim reported knowing the suspect as an acquaintance
- ✓ 2 of the cases involved alcohol

¹ The quarterly average was calculated by collecting data on the same offenses, during the same time period, for both 2008 and 2009.

² Sexual Assaults include the following criminal offenses: 220 PC, 261 PC, 288 PC, 289 PC, & 314 PC.

- ✓ Suspects have been identified in 1 case³
- ✓ 2 UCD students were involved

Vehicle Theft (N = 24)

Auto theft is the taking of a motor vehicle without the owner's permission or the failure to return a motor vehicle to the owner. If force is used against a person in order to take a motor vehicle then the offense is a robbery and not an auto theft. During the period examined, there were 24 auto thefts, the majority of which were taken from West and South Davis (Beats 1 & 4). Of the 24 vehicles stolen, 22 vehicles have been recovered. This quarter, 25% of the stolen vehicles were Honda Civics and 25% were 90's model Acura Integras. Compared to last quarter (4/1-6/31), vehicle thefts have decreased by 63%. Compared to the quarterly average of 24, the number of vehicle thefts has remained static.

Burglary (N = 187)

Burglary occurs when a person enters a building, structure, or locked vehicle with the intent to commit a felony, or theft. Importantly, the taking of property from an unlocked vehicle is theft and thus not considered a burglary. This quarter, the City of Davis experienced:

- **61 vehicle burglaries**, which demonstrates a marked decrease from the quarterly average of 98. During the time period examined, the data demonstrates a higher repeat number of burglaries occurring in South Davis (Beat 4) overall, but the following areas were victimized most frequently: 2900 block of Portage Bay West, 1100 block of J St., 900 block of Cranbrook Ct., and the 1600 block of Valdora St. Of the vehicle burglaries reported, 41% occurred at apartment complexes.
- **115 residential burglaries**, which demonstrates a *significant* increase from the quarterly average of 63. Roughly 45% of the residential burglaries this quarter occurred in West Davis (Beat 1). The data also suggests that less than 20% of these burglaries occurred at apartment complexes.
- **11 commercial burglaries**, which demonstrates a decrease from the quarterly average of 22. The commercial burglaries reported occurred most frequently and most consistently over time in the downtown core area (Beat 2). During the time period examined, no establishments were burglarized more than once.

Assault W/ Deadly Weapon (N = 5)

Assault is an unlawful attempt, coupled with the ability, to commit a violent injury on another person. Assault with a deadly weapon occurs when that attempt is committed with any type of deadly weapon or means of force that is *likely* to cause great bodily injury to another. During the period examined, there were 5 cases of assault with a deadly weapon. Of the 5 cases, 1 occurred in the downtown core area and 2 resulted in the arrest of at least one person. Compared to the quarterly average of 10, assaults with a deadly weapon have decreased by 5 cases.

Citations, Collisions, & DUIs

- **1211 citations** were issued this quarter, representing a decrease of roughly 38 citations compared to the quarterly average. Of the citations issued, 40% were moving violations and 15% were bicycle related. Compared to the quarterly averages, moving violations have decreased by 359 and bicycle related violations have decreased by 58.

³ Suspects were not identified in the 2 other cases per request of the victim to suspend investigation.

- **53 collisions** were reported this quarter, representing a decrease of 22 collisions compared to the quarterly average. Of the collisions that occurred this quarter, 40 involved some degree of injury and none were fatal. Overall, injury collisions have decreased by 9 compared to the quarterly average. The data suggests that the majority of collisions reported were due to unsafe speed and lane changes.
- **41 DUIs** were issued this quarter, representing a decrease of 5 DUIs compared to the quarterly average and an increase of 10 compared to last quarter (4/1-6/31). No juveniles were arrested for DUI during the time period examined.