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A MESSAGE FROM SUPT. GOTTSCHALK, UNIT COMMANDER OF 22 DIVISION.



Greetings to all,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and happy holiday season!

I am frequently asked about the safety of our children in school. As a parent I too, reflect on the safety of my son and daughter when they are at school. I can report that the police take the safety of your child very seriously. In 2008, Chief William Blair supported school safety with an increase in the number of officers in the schools. In partnership with local school Boards, the Chief has established strong links and communication strategies with the

schools to ensure the safety of your child. Annually senior police management and educators meet to discuss issues and problems and collective strategies are produced for the benefit of the students and communities. Consequently, 22 Division has established a number of officers assigned to the schools in our jurisdiction and we will continue to work toward safer schools. Additionally, we have conducted projects which have specifically addressed youth victimization.

Related to school safety, I am concerned about the number of incidents of crime victimizing our young people. We have become aware of a significant number of crimes against youth that have gone unreported to the police. Typically, a student is approached by other students and forced to give up some personal property like a cell phone or "iPod". By definition, theft accompanied by violence or threats of violence is robbery! For a number of reasons, including a fear of retaliation, the victim is reluctant to tell police or even their parents. The police need to know! By not reporting the crime, it may continue and others may soon become victims.

Here is what you can do. Speak to your child about their day regularly. What is happening to their friends may be happening to them. Be cognizant of any changes. (Ask them where their iPod is if you haven't noticed it for awhile or how they got a scrape to the knee.) If you discover your child is a victim, call the police. We will guarantee confidentiality and we can supply you with a number of options to resolve the issue to your satisfaction without exposing your child to any real or perceived dangers.

The bottom line is that we all have duties and responsibilities in order to make our children safe.

Paul Gottschalk

Arrests of the Month

The Allegations Are:

On Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 4:40 p.m., police responded to a call for the attempted abduction of a child in the Lakeshore Boulevard West/Allen Avenue area.

It is alleged that:

- a child was walking home when a man exited his vehicle,
- the man attempted to force the child into his vehicle,
- citizens in the area intervened and held the man for police.

Arrested: Joseph TROISI, 53 years, of Toronto,

Charged: Abduction of a person under the age of 14, Criminal Harassment (two counts).

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Community Police Liaison Committee

2009 was another exceptional year for our CPLC. We began the New Year with a Town Hall Meeting in February with the Chief as our guest speaker. We followed this in May with our annual Bar-b-que and Open House at 22 Division. Again the Chief was our guest of honour and in spite of a steady downpour over seven hundred and seventy-five people came out to support our efforts and enjoy the activities.

In October we held our first Fashion Show and Silent Auction at the new Toronto Police College and over four hundred and sixty people attended. The purpose of this event was to raise additional funds for our Student Bursary Program which awards cash bursaries to deserving high school students who are proceeding to college or university. Because of the great success of this event, we will expand funding this year to all high schools in the area served by 22 Division.

In December we were advised by Donna Cansfield, our Member of Provincial Parliament that our CPLC has been chosen as the recipient of the Etobicoke Centre Community Recognition Awards for 2009. This award is given for outstanding volunteer service to the community by a group.

The award will be presented at the Minister's Levee on January 17, 2010.

Frank Sword,
CPLC Co-Chair

Crime Prevention Tip of the Month:

Identity Theft Update:

The federal government has passed tough new legislation to give police and courts added powers to fight identity theft. This legislation will better address identity theft and provide police with the tools they need to help stop these crimes before they are committed.

Bill S-4 creates three new Criminal Code offences related to identity theft, including:

- Obtaining and possessing identity information with the intent to use the information deceptively, dishonestly or fraudulently in the commission of a crime.
- Trafficking in identity information, an offence that targets those who transfer or sell information to another person with knowledge of, or recklessness as to, the possible criminal use of the information.
- Unlawfully possessing or trafficking in government-issued identity documents that contain the information of another person.

All three offences carry five-year maximum prison sentences. In addition, the legislation gives courts the power to order offenders to pay restitution to a victim of identity theft as part of their sentence.

Allan Benson
22 Division Crime Prevention Officer

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Traffic Initiatives

As most of you are now aware, the fines have increased for some of the more serious moving violation offences. The easiest way to avoid receiving an offence notice is to obey the rules of the road and drive safely.

During 2009 our Traffic Response Unit was kept busy with numerous collision investigations. Over thirteen hundred collision investigations were conducted by the officers out of 22 Division.

I used the word "collision" instead of "accident" because the vast majority of these events could have been prevented.

We will be directing our enforcement to areas with high numbers of collisions in the hope of making the roadways safer.

Until next time, drive safely.

Sergeant Antonio Macias
22 Division - Traffic Response Unit.

NEWSWORTHY ARREST: Impaired Driving

The allegations are:

- A witness saw an apparently drunken person getting into a car at Woodbine
- He struck a parked vehicle and left the scene
- The driver was located driving on Norseman Avenue
- He exhibited signs of impairment.
- He assaulted the officer to resist arrest
- The accused refused to provide proper breath samples

Arrested: CHERENKOV, Evgeniy 28 years

Charged: Fail to Remain, Impaired Driving, Refuse Samples, Assault with Intent to Resist Arrest, Drive under Suspension

Spot Checks:

Lakeshore & Parklawn
Dundas & Prince Edward
Parklawn and The Queensway

Lakeshore & Fred Gardiner Expressway
Bloor & The Kingsway
Bloor & Prince Edward

Unit Initiatives

Members had a community meeting at 716 The West Mall regarding Break and Enters at the complex.

All members of the Community Response Unit participated in the Annual Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade.

CRU members attended the Markland Neighbourhood Safety meeting, meeting with homeowners to address concerns and provide input and suggestions.

Members attended the Mabelle Avenue Christmas Party and served dinner.

Members participated in Councillor Mark Grimes Christmas Party at St. Ambrose Church.

Officers assisted with the Olympic Torch Relay.

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Additional Patrols

Mabelle & Cordova
Lakeshore & Forty-Second
Esposito Court at the park
Etobicoke Collegiate,
Father Redmond School
Cloverdale Mall
Cineplex, The Queensway
Sherway Gardens, re thefts
Etobicoke Collegiate
East Mall high-rise complexes
Humber Bay Park East & West
Silverthorn Collegiate
Staffordshire Place

Lakeshore & Islington
Humbertown Plaza
Six Points Plaza
Garnet Janes/Coin Street
Big box stores, The Queensway
Centennial Park
Lakeshore Collegiate
Michael Power High School
Eighth St/Islington complex
Lakeshore & Albert apartments
Col. Samuel Smith Park
Bloor Subway lines
Royal York and Evans

East Mall & Rathburn

Arrested: Marko TOJCIC 24 years
Charged: Possession For the Purpose Cocaine, Marihuana & Ecstasy

Lakeshore & Twenty-Fifth

Arrested: Sheila LEBLANC
Charges: Warrants for Robbery, Assault Bodily Harm, Mischief, Forcible Entry, Fail to Appear & Fail to Comply

Bike Registry Information

The Toronto Police Service would like to encourage the public, especially during the holidays, when new bicycles may be received, to take a few minutes to register their bikes with the free on-line registry. It makes it very easy to return them when they are recovered.

As the number of bike-users increases, a few minutes spent registering your bike will increase the chance of having a stolen bike returned. When you register on-line or via mail, you will receive a letter of confirmation. Enclosed you will find a sticker to be placed on your bicycle advising that the bicycle has been registered with police. You will also find a pamphlet on safe cycling and theft prevention tips.

Constable Wendy Drummond, Public Information, for Brenda Radix, Property and Evidence Management Unit

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NEWSWORTHY EVENTS & ARRESTS

NOTEWORTHY ARREST: Robbery

On November 21st a mugging took place at the Royal York Subway station. Investigation into the matter led to an arrest

Arrested: A Seventeen year old Young Offender who cannot be named

NEWSWORTHY ARREST: Child Pornography

On Thursday, December 3, 2009, officers from the Child Exploitation Section and Intelligence Services of the Toronto Police Service executed a search warrant at a home in the Islington Avenue/Bloor Street West area.

Arrested: Christopher Gallant, 26, of Toronto,

Charged: Possession Child Pornography (two counts), Make Available Child Pornography, Make Child Pornography.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Toronto Police Service Child Exploitation Section at 416–808–8500, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416–222–TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

NOTEWORTHY ARREST: Purse Snatch

On December 4th a woman was assaulted and had her purse snatched at Lakeshore & Thirty-Seventh Street. Attending officers managed to locate and arrest a suspect.

Arrested: WHITEWAY, Frederick 37 years

Charged: Robbery, Fail to Comply - Probation

NEWSWORTHY ARREST: Voyeurism

On December 5th, two teenaged girls were in the change room of a Lakeshore condominium's pool when a member of the cleaning staff allegedly entered the area and began watching them. Police were called to the scene and subsequently arrested a suspect.

Accused: PONNUTHURAI, Elavarasan 31 years

Charged: Voyeurism - Sexual Purpose

NEWSWORTHY ARREST: Voyeurism

On December 6th, an observant member of the public spotted a TTC rider allegedly using his cell phone to take photographs under another rider's dress. Police were called to the scene and subsequently arrested a suspect.

Accused: WARNER, Steve 47 years

Charged: Voyeurism – Sexual Purpose, Mischief, Possession Marihuana

ROBBERY: Mugging

On December 8th at about 9 p.m. a male victim leaving Sherway Gardens was approached in the parking lot by a suspect armed with a baseball bat. A second suspect, armed with a knife, was also present. The victim was robbed of his cash and valuables.

Suspects: Male, black, 32 years, 5'8", medium build, jeans, grey jacket, hoodie. #2 Male, black, 32 years. 5'3"-5'7", black leather hooded jacket

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NOTEWORTHY ARREST: Purse Snatch

On November 23rd, a purse snatch occurred at Lakeshore & Dwight. The identity of a suspect was learned through investigation and a warrant was issued for her arrest. On December 8th officers located her hiding in a closet in her apartment. It is further alleged that she was armed with two knives at the time.

Further, it is alleged that the same party was involved in an altercation with a 12 Division Sergeant, in which she refused to stop for police, became involved in a Fail to Remain and fled the scene, and was under a driving suspension at the time.

Arrested: BECKFORD, Candis 27 years

Charged: Robbery, Possession Property Obtained by Crime, Use/Possess Stolen Credit Card, Fraud Under \$5,000, Fail to Comply – Probation (*four counts*), Weapons Dangerous
Fail to Stop for Police, Dangerous Driving, Fail to Remain, Fail to Report, Drive Under Suspension, Fail to Comply – Probation (*three counts*)

ROBBERY: Financial Institution

On December 8th at about 6 p.m. a lone male suspect entered a financial institution on Renforth Drive. Armed with what appeared to be a handgun, the suspect robbed the teller of a quantity of cash and fled.

Suspect: Male, black, medium build, 6'1", 25-30 years, black pants, black down filled hooded jacket, black boots, black gloves & scarf

NEWSWORTHY ARREST: Sexual Assault

On November 23rd a woman reported being followed from the Kipling Subway station to St. George where she was grabbed in a sexual manner. The following day the same suspect allegedly exposed himself to her.

On December 8th Special Constables of the Toronto Transit Commission located the suspect at the Kipling Subway station where he was arrested.

Arrested: GEORGE, Clifford 46 years

Charged: Sexual Assault, Criminal Harassment, Indecent Act

NEWSWORTHY ARREST: 2005 Cab Robbery

On June 20, 2005 it is alleged that a man brandishing a knife robbed a cab driver on Lakeshore Blvd W. The suspect left personal items in the cab when he fled and those items were submitted for DNA analysis. Recently a match came to light. *We do not forget.*

Arrested: YORK, Kevin 45 years

Charged: Robbery

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Sexual Assault Alert: Three men wanted

The Toronto Police Service is alerting the public to a sexual assault investigation. It is reported that:

- on Friday, December 11, 2009, a 20-year-old woman left a bar in the Horner Avenue/Brown's Line area,
- during the early morning hours of Saturday, December 12, 2009, she was sexually assaulted by three men in the parking lot of Sir Adam Beck Junior School and the adjoining Sir Adam Beck Rink.

The men are described as:

- black, 20–30 years, slim build with swirl design shaved in the back of his head. He was last seen wearing a white, winter parka with a grey and black fur lined hood.
- black, 20–30 years with a slim build. He was last seen wearing a green winter parka with fur lined hood, a red toque and red shoes.
- black, 20–30 years, 250 to 300 lbs. He was last seen wearing a black winter parka with fur lined hood, a grey toque, dark jeans, dark runners and wearing a chain with the letter "P" as a medallion.

Please click [here](#) for personal safety tips.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416–808–7474, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416–222–TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

Constable Tony Vella, Public Information, for Detective Constable Rod Fraser, Sex Crimes

ROBBERY: Financial Institution

On December 12th at about 11:25 a.m. a lone male suspect entered a Bloor Street West financial institution. Indicating he was armed with a handgun, he robbed the teller of a quantity of cash.

Suspect: Male, white, 35 years, 5'7", 170 lbs, brown hair, black pants & jacket

SEXUAL ASSAULT: TTC Related

The Toronto Police Service is alerting the public to a sexual assault investigation. It is reported that:

- on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at 6 p.m., a 22-year-old woman boarded a TTC bus from Kipling subway station,
- a man boarded the same bus,
- the man positioned himself near the woman and sexually assaulted her.

He is described as 5'6"–5'7" with a medium build. He has brown skin, short black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a black, winter puffy coat and blue jeans.



Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416–808–2300, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416–222–TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

Please see the Toronto Police website for personal safety tips.

Constable Tony Vella, Public Information, for Detective Norm Proctor, 23 Division

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NEWSWORTHY ARREST: Attempted Child Abduction

On Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 4:40 p.m., police responded to a call for the attempted abduction of a child in the Lakeshore Boulevard West/Allen Avenue area.

It is alleged that:

- a child was walking home when a man exited his vehicle,
- the man attempted to force the child into his vehicle,
- citizens in the area intervened and held the man for police.

It is further alleged that:

- on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, the man approached two separate young children in the Royal York Road/Mimico Avenue area,
- he attempted to lure them into his vehicle,
- the man was unsuccessful and fled the scene.

The suspect's vehicle is described as a silver, four-door, 2009 Cadillac CTS. Police believe there may be other victims.

Arrested: Joseph TROISI, 53 years, of Toronto,
Charges: Abduction of a person under the age of 14, Criminal Harassment (two counts).

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416–808–7474, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416–222–TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

Visit the Toronto Police website for child protection information.

The Toronto Police Service reminds parents and guardians to educate their children on the importance of being aware of their surroundings.

Constable Tony Vella, Public Information, for Detective Constable Martin Warnock, Sex Crimes Unit

NOTEWORTHY ARREST: Possession Child Pornography

In November of this year, members of 22 Division and the Toronto Police Sexual Assault Squad executed a search warrant at an address in Long Branch. A computer was seized. It is alleged that child pornography was discovered.

Arrested: CASTILLO, Cristian 44 years

Charged: Possession Child Pornography

ROBBERY: Purse Snatch

On December 19th at about 6 p.m. a forty-eight year old woman was walking on Rathburn Road near The West Mall when a suspect approached her from the rear and grabbed her purse. A struggle ensued that caused the victim to fall, injuring her. The suspect was last fleeing in a dark coloured 4 door vehicle.

Suspect: Male, black, 26 years, 5'8, thin build, black hoodie



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ROBBERY: Convenience Store

On December 21st at about 7 p.m. a female victim was working in her Lakeshore Blvd West convenience store when a male suspect entered. As the victim was completing a purchase, the suspect drew a black handgun and robbed her of a quantity of money. The suspect fled on foot, northbound on Twenty-Second Street.

Suspect: Male, black, possibly Trinidadian or Guyanese, 5'7-8", medium build, black fabric jacket with silver buttons

NEWSWORTHY EVENT: Subway Sexual Assault

On December 22nd three young women came forward to report that they had been sexually assaulted while riding the Bloor subway line at Kipling. The suspect inappropriately touched the victims. The investigation is continuing.

Suspect: Male, White, late 40s to early 50s, slightly heavy build, dark brown hair, green/red checkered hunting jacket, brown khaki pants, and carrying a dark blue gym bag

NOTEWORTHY EVENT: Aggravated Assault

On Wednesday, December 23, 2009, at 9:45 p.m., police responded to an assault call at the Subway Restaurant, 2378 Lakeshore Blvd West.

It is reported that:

- two men entered the restaurant, ordered food, then refused to pay,
- an argument ensued between waiting customers and the two men,
- the two men assaulted one of the customers, causing serious facial injuries.

Suspects: #1 Male, black, 20–25 years, medium build, with a prominent nose, wearing a dark winter jacket with a hood, dark pants, and black shoes.

#2: Male, 14–17 years, 5'–5'5", medium build, with dark curly hair. Wearing a white baseball cap, a dark jacket with a hood and dark pants.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416–808–2200, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416–222–TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

Constable Wendy Drummond, Public Information, for Detective Jason Waters, 22 Division

ROBBERY: Mugging

On December 23rd at about 10:30 p.m. two seventeen year old youths were walking in the Princess Margaret/Kipling Avenue area when a dark coloured van stopped nearby. Two suspects exited the van and robbed the victims of their wallets, cash and cell phones. The victims were ordered to the ground before the suspects re-entered the van and drove off.

Suspects: Male, black, 18-22 years, 6'-6'2", medium build, black sweatshirt & track pants

#2 Male, black, 18-22 years old, 6'1"-6'2", thin build, black parka with beige fur around hood, dark blue hoodie

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NEWSWORTHY EVENT: House Fire

On December 24th at about 8 p.m. Police assisted Toronto Fire at the scene of a house fire on Sunnylea Avenue. A cooking fire caused the total loss of the home.

ROBBERY: Armed with Firearm

On December 24th at about 1 a.m. three male suspects entered a Renforth Drive convenience store. Armed with a handgun and sawed-off shotgun, they struck the victim over the head and robbed him of a quantity of cash.

Suspects: All described as Male, black, 5'6", medium build, wearing black hoodies

ROBBERY: Armed with Firearm

On December 24th at about 5 p.m. five male suspects, one of whom was armed with a silver handgun, entered a cheque-cashing outlet on Rathburn. A customer was ordered to the ground. The suspects robbed the clerk of a quantity of money.

Suspects: Male, black, 20s, 5'6", 170-180 lbs, black coat, fur on hood. #2. Male, black, 20s, 5'9", 180 lbs, white jacket, hoodie, white shoes. #3. Male, black, 20s, 5'6", black gloves, black jacket, jeans, hoodie, black shoes, white trim. #4. Male, black, 20s, 5'7", 165 lbs, black jacket, grey hoodie, jeans. #5. Male, black, 5'7", 165 lbs, medium build, driving a dark coloured SUV

ROBBERY: Armed with Handgun

On December 28th at about 10 p.m. two male victims were walking on Bemersyde Drive at Ravensbourne Crescent when they were approached by three male suspects. One suspect pulled a large black handgun from his waistband and robbed the victims of a quantity of cash.

Suspects: Male, white, 5'10", 210 lbs, chubby face, wearing black nylon coat, large puffy winter coat with fur lined hood, #2: Male, white, 6'2", 180 lbs, medium build, sunken cheeks, brown hair, black coat, blue jeans #3: Male, black, 6'2", 180 lbs, medium build, pockmarked face,

ROBBERY: Fast Food Outlet

On December 29th at about 11:30 p.m. two male suspects entered a fast-food outlet on The Queensway. Indicating they were armed, they forced the female clerk to open the cash register and robbed her of a quantity of money.

Suspects: Male, black, 6', medium build, bald or shaved head, black hoodie, #2 Male, black, 6', medium build, hollow cheeks, black winter hat with flaps

ROBBERY: Convenience Store

On December 31st at about 3 a.m. two male suspects entered a convenience store on Bloor Street. Indicating they were armed, they assaulted and robbed the clerk.

Suspects: Male, black, appeared Somalian, black toque, black 3/4 length jacket. #2 Male, black, appeared Somalian, 5'10, short afro, grey hoodie, black pants,

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Police request assistance with robbery investigation.

On Friday, December 18, 2009, police responded to a call for a robbery in the Albion Road/Elmhurst Drive area.

It is alleged that:

- two men were passengers in a cab,
- they pointed a firearm at the cab driver and ordered him out of the vehicle,
- they stole the victim's vehicle and cell phone,
- they fled in the cab.

The suspects are described as:

1. black, 25–30, 5'6"–5'7", thin build with short black hair. He was last seen wearing a cream–coloured hoodie and blue jeans.
2. 2) black, 25–30, 5'4–5'5", unshaven with black hair. He was last seen wearing a black jacket.



They are considered armed and dangerous and should not be approached. If located, call 9–1–1.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416–808–2300, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416–222–TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

Constable Tony Vella, Public Information, for Detective Constable Jamie McDonald, 23 Division

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Here is a list of upcoming activities for *January*. If you would like a Toronto Police Service representative from 22 Division to attend your community event, please contact Staff Sergeant Khan at 416-808-2219

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 CPLC Mtg	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30/31

A Note regarding the contents of this document:

This bulletin is a compilation of significant events that occurred in the division in the past month. It is not a complete list of offences or arrests, but rather a representation of the range of serious occurrences that took place during the period. By current count 240 people were arrested in 22 Division in December. The matters detailed here are allegations that have not yet been put before the courts.

The same is true of the calendar, since a good number of our events take place on short notice. If your organization has an event in conjunction with the police service that you would like included please contact us.

The bulletin will be issued monthly and be available at 22 Division's webpage on the Toronto Police Service site, www.torontopolice.on.ca/d22, at our front desk at both the main and sub-station and by e-mail. Persons wishing to receive this bulletin via the internet are invited to contact me.

Ted Mands, PC 6019

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