



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

2006 Annual Report Street Crime Unit

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A. Mandate of the Unit

The mandate of the Street Crime Unit is to:

- 1) Prevent crime, particularly property crime, using predictive tools and trend analysis; and
- 2) Apprehend criminals, lay charges, execute warrants, prepare cases for court, as well as assist in the court process.

B. Executive Summary

In 2006, the Street Crime Unit was involved in 104 occurrences, and was responsible for laying 131 criminal charges. As a result of these investigations, approximately \$129,564.00 worth of stolen property was recovered as well approximately \$6,715.00 in various prescription and non-prescription drugs, crack cocaine, cocaine and marijuana were seized. The Street Crime Unit also completed and executed 7 Criminal Code search warrants.

Assistance was provided to members of the Patrol Section, the Joint Forces Drug Enforcement Section and the Criminal Investigation Section. The unit assisted with complex and serious high profile incidents including two attempt murder investigations.

C. Activities

In January 2006, the unit investigated several high profile cases including a case involving parties from the Ottawa who attended North Bay after being involved in a drive-by shooting. These individuals were arrested in North Bay and found to be in possession of a stolen handgun and 30 grams of crack cocaine.

The unit also investigated in the month of January a "drug deal gone bad" whereby buyers confronted a drug trafficker about a shortage in the amount of marijuana they purchased. The verbal altercation escalated into a knife fight and the drug dealers suffered serious injuries. Several charges were laid including assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon and trafficking.

In February 2006, a series of daytime break and enters were occurring in the city of North Bay and surrounding area. As a result, an informal joint forces operation was commenced with the Ontario Provincial Police Rural Agricultural Crime Team. Two criminal code search warrants were executed in the city and a total of four persons were

arrested. Forty-six criminal charges were laid and a total of \$70,000 worth of stolen property was seized.

In June, the unit investigated a rash of commercial break and enters in the downtown core. An individual was identified and arrested. He eventually confessed to 15 counts of break and enter and one count of theft under. He pleaded guilty and received a 3-year federal sentence.

On July 3rd 2006, a stolen pick-up truck from Saskatchewan was located in North Bay. A criminal code search warrant was executed on McIntyre St. E. and a suspect was arrested. Approximately \$2,400.00 of cocaine was located and the stolen truck was returned to its rightful owner. The property value was estimated at \$11,500.00.

On the 20th July 2006, a stolen van was located in North Bay that had been reported stolen from the London area. The investigation revealed that the suspects were responsible for a Break and Enter in the Huntsville area where 3 long guns were stolen. Furthermore, a home invasion took place in Huntsville whereby the accused used the stolen firearms. The suspects were located and arrested in North Bay. They were charged with weapon and property offences.

In November, the Street Crime Unit came across a vehicle with unattached plates. A follow-up investigation by the unit identified two suspects recently in North Bay from the east coast. These individuals were found to be stealing electronics from local department stores and selling them to local pawnshops primarily to support their drug habit. Approximately \$5000.00 in stolen property was recovered and fifteen property related charges were laid.

D. Performance Indicators

See Appendix 1

E. Anticipated Issues for the Future

The Street Crime Unit is a vital part of the North Bay Police Service. The success rate of the unit can be seen through the number of occurrences investigated, the number of charges laid, the amount of drugs seized, and the dollar amount of the property recovered in 2006.

Break Enter and Thefts continue to a problem for the city of North Bay. Many of these are directly attributed to the amount drug activity in the city and surrounding area.

Strategies aimed at identifying and charging those responsible are being developed. These include human source development, mobile surveillance of known criminals, monitoring of local pawnshops and second hand goods stores for stolen property, and working closely with other police services and Probation and Parole.

A two-pronged approach of keeping the public informed of the inherent problems associated to the drug trade and its direct relationship to property related crime and by working closely with the Drug Enforcement Section and the Intelligence Unit will undoubtedly effectively help reduce street level crime.

F. Performance Objectives for the Next Year

Anecdotal evidence gathered in the last quarter of 2006 indicates that there may be a growing trend in thefts from local retail stores, especially the larger box type stores. The Street Crime Unit will work with retailers in evaluating this information and, if shown to be true, attempt to identify the individuals responsible through the sharing of information and resources with retail loss protection.

The Street Crime Unit will also assist members of the Joint Forces Drug Enforcement Section, the Intelligence Unit as well as members of the Investigative Support Section in order to identify criminal activities and lay charges. It is also anticipated that the unit will exchange information with patrol officers to help them complete their investigations and identify trends and persons of interest.

H. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Performance Indicators 2006 and 2005.

Appendix 1

Street Crime Unit Annual Statistical Report

Description	2006	2005
Occurrences	104	311
Total Criminal Code Charges	131	198
Property Related Charges	39	61
Breach of Court Orders	14	54
Fraud	18	23
Robbery/Extortion/Weapons	2	17
Drug Charges	12	16
Break and Enter	39	10
Assaults charges	4	14
Other (Obstruct/Threats etc)	3	3
Value of Property Recovered	\$129,564.00	\$60,000.00
Value of Drugs Seized	\$6,715.00	\$6,000.00