



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

2010 Annual Report Street Crime Unit

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A. Mandate of the Unit

Provide high profile street presence within the City of North Bay and Callander and investigate street crime, enforce property and drug laws, apprehend criminals, lay charges, execute warrants and perform other lawful duties as assigned.

Prepare cases for court and assist in the court process and the prosecution of offences.

Prevent crime, particularly street crime using predictive tools and trend analysis.

Gather and disseminate intelligence regarding individuals and groups involved in property crimes as well as drug trafficking in the City of North Bay and Callander.

Identify and seize proceeds of crime and offence related property. Provide investigative support on asset forfeiture to Patrol and Investigative Support personnel.

Assist victims of street crime.

B. Executive Summary

In 2010 the Street Crime Unit (SCU) expanded to four (4) members and continued to investigate *Criminal Code (CC)* property crimes as well as actively enforce the *Controlled Drugs and Substance Act (CDSA)*.

The SCU provided assistance to the Investigative Support and Patrol Sections of the Service in the form of physical surveillance, disseminating information from confidential human sources and victims/witnesses, drafting and executing *Criminal Code* and *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* search warrants, assisting with arrests and providing advice and expertise.

C. Activities

In 2010, the Street Crime Unit was involved in multiple occurrences and laid numerous charges in relation to the *Criminal Code* and the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. The following are examples of some of the occurrences that the Street Crime Unit investigated in 2010:

- In January the SCU was involved in arresting two individuals for break, enter and theft. From that arrest, members were able to solve and lay charges in six further break and enters. Also in January, the SCU assisted the OPP by locating and arresting an individual who was wanted by the OPP for possession of a controlled substance and fail to attend court. This individual and two other persons were charged with various CDSA offences.
- In February the SCU investigated a robbery at the Mac's Mart located at Cassells St. and First Ave. A male known to the Unit was observed on the store security video and was later arrested and charged with Robbery with a Weapon. A

search warrant was executed at the male's residence and evidence relating to the crime was discovered. Also in February, the Unit observed a female known to them to be involved in prostitution, acting suspiciously on Main Street. Surveillance was established and she was eventually arrested and charged with Communication for the Purpose of Prostitution.

- In March the SCU conducted surveillance on a local drug dealer's residence and observed a hand to hand drug transaction take place. A male was subsequently arrested and charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking and a large amount of prescription pills were seized.
- In April a vehicle that was returning from Ottawa with a large shipment of prescription pills was stopped. Two males were arrested for Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking and approximately \$17,000.00 worth of prescription pills was seized. Also in April, the SCU established surveillance on a known drug dealer. During the surveillance, a hand to hand drug transaction was observed and a male was subsequently arrested for Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking in cocaine. A search warrant was executed and three other individuals were charged with drug offences. A quantity of cocaine, marihuana and over \$5,100.00 cash was seized.
- In May the SCU executed a search warrant on a known drug dealer's residence. An amount of marihuana, hashish and prescription pills were seized. As a result, three persons were charged with CDSA offences. Also in May, members from the SCU arrested a male for Possession of a Controlled Substance and he was found to be in possession of an amount of marihuana and prescription pills.
- In June a motor vehicle being operated by a known drug dealer was stopped. A strong odour of marihuana was detected in the vehicle and the male was arrested and charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking. Marihuana was seized from the vehicle. Also in June, the Unit began an investigation into an identified drug dealer. Surveillance was established on the suspect and he was eventually arrested for Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking. During the arrest he was found to be in possession of an amount of prescription pills. A search warrant was executed at his residence and a large quantity of prescription pills and \$1,900.00 cash were seized. The male's vehicle and rental property were also seized as proceeds of crime.
- In July 2010 the Unit executed a CDSA search warrant on a known drug dealer's residence. A large quantity of cocaine was seized and as a result the male was charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking. Also in July the SCU executed a CDSA search warrant at another known drug dealer's residence. A large amount of cocaine, hashish, marihuana and methamphetamine pills were located and approximately \$36,000.00 cash and a vehicle were seized as proceeds of crime. Two people were charged with numerous drug offences.
- In August 2010 the SCU investigated a break and enter which occurred at a local retail store on Oak Street. A large amount of merchandise was taken during the break and enters. As a result of the investigation three (3) people were charged

with various *Criminal Code* offences and a substantial amount of stolen property was returned to the owner. Later that month the SCU executed a *CDSA* search warrant at a local residence. As a result an amount of cocaine, marihuana and prescription pills were seized. Three (3) people were charged with various drug offences.

- In September 2010 the Unit investigated a robbery involving a firearm. A search warrant was executed and the firearm was recovered. As a result, a male was arrested and charged with Pointing a Firearm, Possession of a Restricted Weapon and Breach of a Firearm Prohibition Order.
- In October 2010 a vehicle was stopped on information that the female driver was making a delivery of drugs. She was arrested and searched and found to be in possession of cocaine. The female was subsequently charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking.
- In December 2010 the Unit investigated an occurrence involving a male attempting to hire someone to kill his wife. As a result of the investigation the male was arrested and charged with Counselling to Commit Murder.

D. Performance Indicators

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E. Anticipated Issues for the Future

While not being immune to the negative impact drugs have on society, cocaine, marihuana and other street drugs continue to be a significant problem in our communities. The increased trafficking and use of prescription drugs, such as oxycodone and fentanyl, is a growing concern.

Over the past few years there has been an increase in sudden deaths due to drug overdoses. The addiction created by the abuse of these drugs has directly affected the amount of property crime and violent crime in our community.

F. Performance Objectives for the Next Year

In 2011 the Unit will remain focused in the areas of identifying and targeting individuals involved in property crimes including break and enters, thefts and other forms of destruction and misappropriation of property that does not belong to them.

The Unit will continue to identify and target high level and street level drug traffickers. Enforcement will include progressive police investigative techniques as well as utilizing intelligence led information.

With the increase of property crimes and illegal prescription drug trafficking in our policing area, development of confidential informants will be one of our goals for the Unit.

The SCU will continue to monitor individuals bound by court ordered conditions. Combined with targeted enforcement of their conditions of release it is anticipated this will lead to an increase of charges laid both in relation to drugs and property.

G. Other

The Street Crime Unit will continue to work cooperatively with the Patrol, Investigative Support and the Intelligence Sections. The information shared between these entities is an important tool in solving crime.

H. Appendices

See Appendix 'A'

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Street Crime Annual Report

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Total Occurrences	201	165
Total Criminal Code Charges	126	105
Total Drug Charges	135	23*
Total Property Related Charges	47	4
Break and Enter Charges	18	2
Robbery/Extortion/Weapons Charges	8	5
Assault charges	0	2
Breach of Court Order Charges	43	41
Fraud Charges	1	1
Other Charges (Obstruct/Threats/etc)	25	32
Search Warrants	20	N/A
Value of Drugs Seized	\$112,000.00	\$3,700.00
Value of Property Recovered	\$27,000.00	\$13,500.00

* *The significant spike in the total of drug charges is attributed to the Joint Forces Drug Officer and the Asset Forfeiture/ Drugs Officer joining the Street Crime Unit in 2010, thus combining their statistics.*