2014 MID-YEAR CRIME REPORT

For the first six months of 2014, we have seen part one crimes decrease by 12%. Decreases were reported in Rapes, Robberies, Aggravated Assaults, Burglaries, Larcenies, and Arson. We showed a slight increase in Auto Thefts of 4%. One of the most significant decreases was seen in robberies. There is a decrease of 51% from 221 in 2013 to 108 this year. We continue to implement strategies focusing on crime reduction, collaboration with other agencies, focusing on chronic offenders, and crime prevention education.

BPD IN THE NEWS

Recently, the New York Times posted an article regarding the "Race Gap in America's Police Departments". Hundreds of police departments from across the country were examined for the article. The article evaluated diversity in the police departments in relation to the composition of the local community. The article stated that diversity of a police force increases a department’s credibility with the community. Departments that best represent and reflect their communities are more trusted. Of the 18 agencies in the Bay Area, the Berkeley Police Department shows as number one in diversity of the police personnel matching the community’s composition.
FUTURE COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

“We have a number of exciting events coming up.”
—Sergeant Fomby, Community Services

- Coffee with the Commander (Area 3)
  Rescheduled—TBD

- Coffee with the Commander (Area 2)
  Caffé Mediterranean
  2475 Telegraph Avenue
  September 28th 10 am—11 am

- Coffee with the Commander (Area 4)
  Philz Coffee
  1313 Ninth Street, Suite #110
  September 25th 2 pm—3 pm

- Coffee with the Commander (Area 1)
  Great Stone Face Park —October 8th 5 pm—6 pm
  Glendale LaLoma Park —October 15th 5 pm—6 pm
  Shasta Road Fire Station —October 22nd 5 pm—6 pm

- Berkeley Police Department Open House—October 23rd
**STABBING SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER BUS ATTACK**

On August 11th, at about 9:50 pm, witnesses flagged down a Berkeley Police Sergeant near San Pablo and Bancroft. They reported a knife attack just prior on an AC Transit bus, and pointed out the suspect. The Sergeant confronted the suspect at gunpoint, and, with the assistance of other officers, placed him in handcuffs and detained him.

Officers determined the suspect had been riding on the bus, when, for no apparent reason, he attacked another passenger. Witnesses reported the suspect walked down the aisle, pulled out a knife, said, “watch this,” and suddenly stabbed a 21 year old woman seated nearby. Another passenger immediately took action, striking the suspect with his skateboard repeatedly and continuously, distracting the suspect from his attack. Even with the good Samaritan intervening, the suspect was so determined he broke away several times to keep attacking the victim. The suspect ultimately fled from the bus, which had pulled over near San Pablo Ave. near Chaucer, and was detained within moments by the Sergeant.

The victim suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries, and was transported to a local hospital. There is no apparent motive for the attack. The investigation into the attack is continuing.

Based on the investigation and witness accounts, the actions of the passenger, a 25 year old male, who intervened without hesitation in the attack, were potentially life-saving.

Following the investigation, officers arrested **Eric Palmer**, a 24 year old male, of Berkeley, for attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon. Palmer was booked into the Berkeley City Jail and will be arraigned on Thursday.

**BERKELEY POLICE INVESTIGATING ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE**

On August 29th, at approximately 12:49 am, the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) received a report of a disturbance inside an apartment located in the 2000 block of Durant Avenue. The caller reported hearing a male yelling and making threats.

BPD officers arrived shortly after the call and could hear a loud disturbance coming from the apartment. The officers made contact with a male subject at the location. While there they discovered a crime scene and a second, severely injured male. The Berkeley Fire Department was requested and the male victim was transported to a local hospital with life threatening injuries.

Investigators are actively working this case, conducting interviews, following up on leads, and examining evidence. Investigators do not believe this was a random attack. A suspect has been arrested in this case, and booked into the Berkeley City Jail for attempted homicide.

In the interest of maintaining the integrity of this on-going investigation; BPD will not be releasing the victim's identity or that of the suspect. Any release of this information so early on could possibly hinder the investigation.

BPD is urging anyone with information regarding this case to please contact our Homicide Detail at (510)-981-5741 or the non-emergency line at (510) 981-5900.

If a person wishes to remain anonymous, he/she can call **Bay Area Crimes Stoppers (BACS)** at (800) 222- TIPS (8477).
TRAFFIC BUREAU UPDATE: HANDICAP PLACARD ENFORCEMENT

This month, Reserve Officers Heist, Brown, and Jones conducted three (3) handicap placard enforcement stings this month with the assistance of Parking Enforcement.

A total of thirty (30) contacts were made resulting in the seizure of six (6) handicap placards and several citations.

Since the inception of the Handicap Placard Program on September 2013, BPD Reserve Officers along with Parking Enforcement Officers have confiscated a total of 200 placards and issued 200 citations.

Handicap placard enforcement benefits the community by maintaining parking spaces for actual disabled persons and allowing for turnover of city parking spaces for the public.

SPECIAL VICTIM’S UNIT UPDATE

Thanks to recent additional funding given to the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office to test the backlog of evidentiary exams (see press release), we now have additional information to follow-up on multiple cases that we are working toward closure.

REPORT VEHICLES WITH OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE PLATES TO THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

Did you know that the State of California loses millions of dollars a year in revenue from California residents who unlawfully register their vehicles in other states or countries?

Did you know that vehicle registration fees are due immediately upon accepting employment or establishing residency in the State of California?

Did you know that California law permits only 20 days to complete the process of registering your vehicle without paying a penalty?

The three most common reasons for not completing the registration process are:

1. People are unaware of California registration laws.
2. People are evading payments of registration fees and taxes.
3. People are unable to comply with air pollution control laws.

To report these Cheaters, visit CHP’s website—(http://www.chp.ca.gov/prog/cheaters.cgi)
The Latest Generation of Police Vehicles at the Berkeley Police Department

Our new mixed fleet provides 20% better fuel efficiency. Patrol vehicles include the Ford Taurus, Ford Explorer, Chevy Tahoe, and Hybrid Ford Fusions for administrative vehicles.

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**Auto Burglar Arrested**

On August 11th at about 1:13 am, a neighbor happened to be standing outside of his residence when he noticed a man walk-up to the driver-side door of a vehicle parked on the 1600 block of Sixth Street. The neighbor was then surprised to see the man begin to repeatedly punch at the window of the vehicle—trying to break the window.

Unsuccessful, the man turned around and walked down Sixth Street for another vehicle. A few doors down, the neighbor saw the man walk up to the driver’s-side of another vehicle. The man again started punching at the windows of the vehicle. Hoping to scare the man away, the neighbor activated his car’s emergency alarm with his remote. Hearing the alarm, the man quickly walked away and the neighbor called BPD.

Hearing the police radio broadcast of the auto burglary, Officer Edwards responded to the area along with several other officers.

Once the officers arrived, Officer Edwards began to search the front yard of the residence where neighbors last saw the suspect snooping around. While in the front yard, Officer Edwards heard the sound of someone running. Officer Edwards yelled for the suspect to stop, but the suspect kept on going—hopping the yard’s fence to a nearby commercial property’s parking lot. The suspect quickly ran to the North side of the property’s lot, only to realize that he was blocked-in with no way to escape.

Seeing him blocked-in, Officer Edwards quickly apprehended the suspect—arresting him for auto burglary, resisting arrest, and violation of his probation (BPD Case #14-46895).

**Arrested: Darien Lindsey Foermer, 22, Berkeley, CA**

“Neighbors reporting the things they see have been one of our most effective ways of catching auto burglars!”

—Detective Melanie Turner

Check out the National Neighborhood Watch Institute’s website—([www.nnwi.org](http://www.nnwi.org)).
**BPD encourages Responsible & Safe Celebration**

The beginning of the school year is an exciting time for students in our community. Meeting new friends and gaining new experiences provide lifetime memories. The Berkeley Police Department would like to encourage responsibility with celebratory events and social functions. While celebrating can be fun, abuse of alcohol and/or drugs can lead to illness, injuries and even death. Last year, the Berkeley Fire Department transported over 100 people to the hospital for alcohol intoxication over the first two months of the school year. No one wants to experience an alcohol-related tragedy. As such, BPD is striving to reduce the number of alcohol related calls for service by advocating responsible and safe celebrating as well as stepped up enforcement on alcohol related crimes.

This fall, the Berkeley Police Department is partnering with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to conduct enforcement on alcohol-related crimes. BPD and ABC will focus on three major points of emphasis:

- Possessing an open alcoholic beverage in public
- Reducing the availability of alcohol to persons under the age of 21
- Identifying minors who attempt to purchase or procure alcohol with false forms of identification.
- Over service of alcoholic beverages.

In addition, officers will respond to calls involving intoxicated persons in public and will work with Berkeley Fire Department personnel to provide medical treatment when necessary.

BPD will also be continuing our partnership with UC Berkeley Police Department and begin Southside Safety Patrols on August 21st. Teams of BPD and UCPD officers will work jointly to patrol neighborhoods surrounding the campus. The patrols will run Thursday through Saturday nights. These officers will be enforcing laws related to alcohol offenses. Officers will also be focused on nuisance issues affecting the neighborhoods surrounding the campus, such as large and unruly parties. Please keep in mind that unruly parties disturb the peace, and violators may be issued citations for significant disturbances.

Please be responsible, be good neighbors and party safe. For more information you can visit PartySafe@Cal, [http://uhs.berkeley.edu/psafe/](http://uhs.berkeley.edu/psafe/).
**Felony Battery**

On August 12th at about 12:15 am, the Berkeley Police Department was summoned to a business on the 2500 block of Durant Avenue for an in-progress fight between two men.

As the fight escalated, the friends of one of the men joined the fight—punching and kicking the other man unconscious. Before officers could get there, the group of men got in a white Infiniti and drove away.

Seeing the men drive away, an alert witness called BPD and provided a description of the get-away vehicle.

Hearing the police radio broadcasts about the battery, Officer Norma Caro responded to the area to search for the suspects. As she drove on Ashby Avenue, Officer Caro spotted the white Infiniti pass by her—heading the opposite direction (westbound).

Officer Caro quickly made a U-turn to go after the vehicle—eventually stopping the vehicle after it turned onto Emerson Street.

After several people who saw the fight recognized the occupants of the vehicle as the ones who punched and kicked the man at the business, the occupants of the vehicle were arrested for felony battery and assault with a deadly weapon.

**Arrested:** James Nathaniel Dees, 27, Oakland, CA  
Roger Moore, 26, Oakland, CA

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**What’s Your Tailgating Gameplan?**

—A Message from Mother’s Against Drunk Driving

Football season is upon us! Are you ready to cheer on your favorite team?

Tailgating is a great way to get together with friends and fellow fans before a game to show your team spirit. However, it can also be a challenging environment to monitor alcohol use.

If you are planning on hosting or participating in a tailgating party, make sure to check out our tailgating gameplan, and read our safe tailgating tips to make sure everyone stays safe, healthy and happy this football season.
**CAR STOPS NET GUNS & NARCOTICS**

On August 9th (Saturday night) at about 10:30 pm, Officer Yu was driving up Ashby Avenue when he noticed that the vehicle in front of him had expired registration. Seeing the violation, Officer Yu stopped the vehicle for the violation and contacted the driver along with its two passengers.

According to the driver—later identified as Clarence Curtis, he did not have his driver’s license with him but did have a valid license issued to him. The driver further explained that the vehicle actually belonged to his girlfriend—later identified as Michelle Mueller (the rear passenger).

After conducting a records check of the occupants, Officer Yu learned that some of the vehicle’s occupants had prior arrests for serious violent crime, weapons violations, and drug possession.

After gaining consent to search the vehicle, Officer Yu had the vehicle’s occupants step out of the car with the assistance of another officer.

Inside the vehicle, Officer Yu discovered a loaded handgun hidden in the rear seat cushions.

After determining that only the driver (Curtis) and his girlfriend (Mueller) had knowledge of the handgun, they were arrested for gun possession and transported to BPD Jail for booking. The front passenger was released at the scene.

Later at BPD Jail, Officers discovered a large amount of narcotics hidden in Michelle Mueller’s pants—including heroin and cocaine (BPD Case #14-46639).

**Arrested: Clarence Kenote Curtis, 35, Oakland, CA**
**Arrested: Michelle Lianna Mueller, 27, Hayward, CA**

On August 22nd at about 9 pm, Officer Gibbs and Officer Hogan were patrolling together—stopped at the stop light at Telegraph Avenue and Ashby Avenue. While there, they saw a car turn onto Telegraph Avenue that had one headlight out. Officer Gibbs and Hogan activated their lights and siren for the vehicle to stop, but it continued for several city blocks—finally yielding at Haste Street and Dana Street.

Just prior to the vehicle stopping, Officer Gibbs and Hogan noticed that the vehicle’s three occupants were noticeably moving around a lot. Their senses heightened further when they saw the rear passenger opened the door and lean out—as if they were about to flee from the vehicle.

When Officer Hogan and Gibbs contacted the occupants, they immediately noticed the smell of marijuana emanating from the vehicle and saw baggies of marijuana on the floor.

With the assistance of an additional officer, Officer Gibbs and Hogan had the occupants step out of the vehicle to sidewalk for a search—where they discovered that the driver had a several handgun bullets in his pockets. When they searched one of the passengers, officers discovered that one of them had a loaded handgun in his pocket. When officers searched the vehicle, they located another loaded handgun hidden underneath the front seats as well as a quantity of marijuana and cash.

A records check of one of the handguns revealed that it had been reported as stolen.

All three occupants (1 adult and 2 juveniles) were arrested for Possession of a concealed firearms, Possession of loaded firearms, and Possession of Marijuana for sales.

The driver **(Ivan Mendoza, 20 years old, Oakland, CA)** was also arrested for being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Possession of Ammunition by a prohibited person, Driving with a Suspended/revoked license, and Violation of probation.

The front passenger (juvenile) was also arrested for Possession of stolen property (BPD Case #14-49406).
On Mondays and Wednesdays, Berkeley’s Young Adult Project hosts a teen group night where teens meet with counselors to discuss topics such as:

- Having open conversations with parents/adults
- Taking care of your body
- Resumes, Experience, Impressions
- Effects of Hygiene issues on others, and
- Open Discussions

There will be free food during the events and the young men and the young woman each have their own separate meeting space.

For more information about this ongoing event, you can contact the program director—Ginsi Bryant at (510) 981-6671.
OTHER ARRESTS AROUND TOWN

On August 4th at about 6:15 pm, Sergeant Okies along with a few other uniformed officers were standing at Center Street and Oxford Street when they noticed a man across the street yelling at another person he was standing next to. Watching the man, Sergeant Okies then saw the man proceed to walk across the street—against the pedestrian traffic signal. After contacting the man for the pedestrian violation, Sergeant Okies discovered a quantity of needles and methamphetamine when he searched him. The man was consequently arrested for Possession of a controlled substance, Possession of hypodermic needles, and violation of probation (BPD Case #14-45504).

Arrested: Robert Ingalls, 51, Berkeley, CA

On August 6th at about 3:30 am, BPD received several reports about a fleeing SUV that crashed into a parked vehicle on Ashby Avenue.

Hearing the police radio broadcast, Officer Neff responded to the area to search for the reported SUV. While on the 2400 block of Ashby Avenue, Officer Neff heard the sound of an engine running—an engine in need of repair. Following the sound, Officer Neff spotted an SUV parked on Ashby Avenue with noticeable front end damage. As Officer Neff approached the SUV, a man (later identified as Adrian Smith) got out of the vehicle—where Officer Neff subsequently detained him.

After poor performance during a series of Field Sobriety Tests, Adrian Smith was subsequently arrested for DUI as well as Misdemeanor Hit & Run. Inside the vehicle, officers located a methamphetamine smoking pipe as well as a quantity of methamphetamine.

Further investigation into the incident revealed that Adrian Smith's Driver's License was suspended and the vehicle was reported stolen from San Francisco, CA. Based on this, Adrian Smith was also charged with Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Stolen Vehicle, and Driving on a suspended Driver’s License (BPD Case #14-45796).

Arrested: Adrian Reynard Smith, 33, San Francisco, CA

On August 6th at about 9 am, Officer Flores and Sergeant Curtin were on foot-patrol in the area of Telegraph Avenue and Dwight Way.

While there, Officer Flores recognized a man walking out of People’s Park whom he recognized from a previous police contact. Because Officer Flores knew that the man was not legally allowed to be inside People’s Park, Officer Flores and Sergeant Curtin detained the man for the violation.

When Officer Flores and Sergeant Curtin searched the man, they discovered he had a quantity of methamphetamine and cash in his possession. The man was subsequently arrested for Possession of a controlled substance for sale, violation of a court order, and for violation of probation (BPD Case #14-45828).

Arrested: Jimmie Gamble, 57, Berkeley, CA
OTHER ARRESTS AROUND TOWN CONT’D

On August 14th at about 3:14 am, a neighbor on Tamalpais Road noticed a man opening the trunk of their car.

While calling BPD, the neighbor watched as the man rummaged through their trunk in the darkness.

Hearing the police radio broadcast, Officer Marble responded to the area—quickly locating the burglarized vehicle. Noticing several backpacks on the ground near the vehicle, Officer Marble sensed that the suspect was nearby. With the assistance of several other officers, Officer Marble searched the area and located the suspect hiding about 30’ away, where he was arrested for auto burglary as well as a warrant for violating parole.

After investigating the actions of the suspect further, detectives determined the man to responsible for other burglaries as well.

Arrested: Billy Bailey, 52 years old.

On August 8th at about 9 pm, Officer Edwards and Officer Smith were patrolling the area of Cedar Street and 2nd Street in response to a reported encampment in the area. As they drove down Cedar Street, they spotted a man whom they recognized through a prior police contact. When Officer Edwards and Officer Smith got out of their car to speak with the man, they quickly noticed that he was holding a lit marijuana cigarette in one hand and had a meth pipe in the other. The man was subsequently arrested for possession of narcotics, drug paraphernalia, and violation of his probation (BPD Case #14-46376).

Arrested: Rufus Lee White, 41 years old, Berkeley, CA

UNFORTUNATE FALLS

On August 5th at about 12:20 am, emergency personnel responded to the 2300 block of Dwight Way on a report of an 18 year old woman who had previously ingested psychedelic mushrooms and subsequently jumped from a 2nd floor apartment window. BFD personnel transported the woman to Highland Hospital—where she was treated for minor injuries (BPD Incident #14-45568).

On August 22nd at about 10:30 pm, emergency personnel were summoned to a residence on the 1600 block of Walnut Street on report of a man who had accidentally fallen from the roof of a three story building. Upon arrival, emergency personnel located the 27 year old man in the driveway—noticeably intoxicated. Further investigation into the incident revealed that the man was trying to get onto the roof by climbing from the 3rd story balcony after having several drinks with friends.

The man was transported to Highland Hospital with major injuries, but is expected to make a full recovery (BPD Incident #14-49431).
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- [Application for Dumpster Program](#)
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To get a complete view of crimes happening in your neighborhood, visit BPD’s Community Crime View web page—(http://berkeley.ca.crimeviewcommunity.com/default.aspx) or Crimemapping.com (http://www.crimemapping.com/).

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