



Whangarei / Kaipara Area COUNCIL REPORT

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CURRENT INVESTIGATION:

Operation AVIATOR – Homicide investigation.

On the 5th October 2014 a 111 call was received at 0758hrs advising a that a 56 year old male was knocked out with blood coming from his head.

Unfortunately the victim passed away due to his injuries and a Homicide investigation commenced.

An arrest has been made by Police but there is still a large amount of work to be done.

On Friday, 12 September 2014 Police conducted inquiries at an address in Kamo after receiving information relating to stolen hot water cylinders. A search of the address was completed and a significant amount of stolen property was located. This included a rare Nissan skyline race car, 3 motorbikes, a quad bike, 12 firearms and a number of other smaller items. The stolen property have been linked to multiple burglary incidents.

On Thursday 9th October 2014 a 14 year old youth was arrested charged for a spate of vehicle related offences centred around the Whangarei Hospital.

BURGLARY OFFENCES:

Burglaries have been averaging 30 offences per week through September which is slightly more than for July.

The Southern Suburbs, Kamo and Bream Bay were the hot areas.

A number of commercial premises were targeted in the industrial area of Raumanga in September, the majority over the same weekend more than likely at night.

Entry was gained to vehicles and offices although property was only stolen from one address.

Given the nature of the offending it is more than likely that younger offenders were responsible.

THEFT EX SHOP OFFENCES:

Offences in September (48) were higher than offences in August (39).

Theft ex-shop offences have been averaging 12 offences per week for September compared with 7 offences per week in August.

Top repeat locations for theft ex-shop offences are all national business chains.

UNLAWFUL TAKINGS OFFENCES:

With the exception of the first week of September (21 offences) Whangarei/Kaipara area has averaged 12 car conversion offences per week, this is on par with the projected number of offences for this period.

Nearly half of all car conversion offences have occurred in the CBD, with the majority of the others occurring in suburban Whangarei.

Subaru Impreza and Legacy are the most common vehicles targeted.

Peak days are Sat, Tue and Wed.

The Town Hall car park at 71 Bank Street is a new repeat location identified during this period with four offences reported.

ROAD POLICING:

Over the last month the implementation of our new Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system has proven to be an extremely valuable asset.

There has been a number of significant arrests after the ANPR detected vehicles and persons of interest.

An example being - On Saturday, 27 September 2014 a stolen vehicle was travelling towards Hikurangi with false number plates. The Automatic Number Plate Recognition system was triggered. Police activated their lights and the vehicle sped off. A Pursuit then commenced, shortly after the pursuit was abandoned. It was recommenced out towards Helena Bay after the driver had attempted a handbrake turn on State Highway 1. The driver decamped up a driveway in Oakura. Cordons were put in place and Delta tracked the driver. The driver was apprehended and charged.

Inspector Murray HODSON, Road Policing Manager will also be attending the Council meeting this month.

Regards

Chris

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