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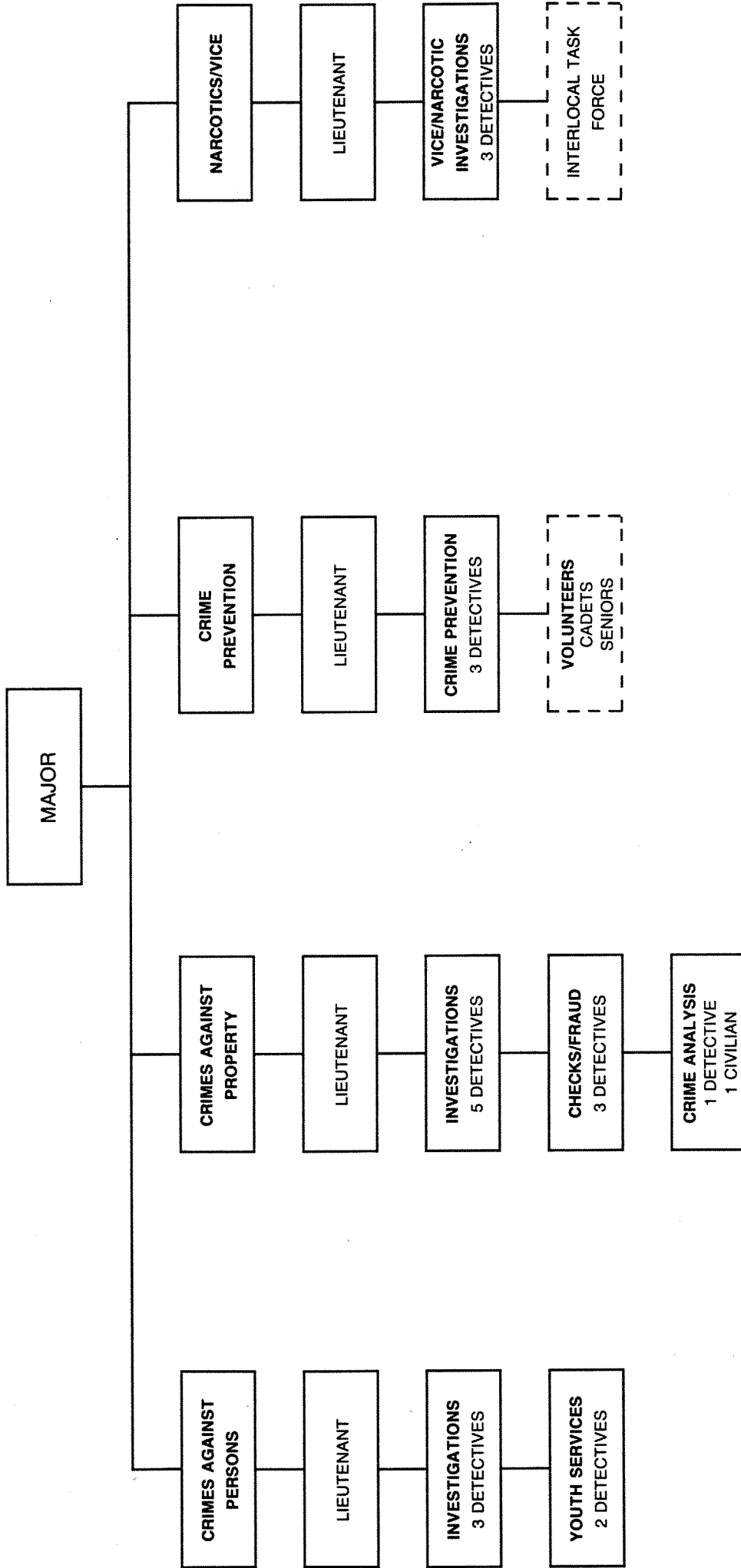


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## PROPERTY CRIMES UNIT

The Property Crimes Unit of the Bellevue Police Department is one of four units within the Investigations Section of the Operations Division. This unit is charged with secondary investigations of all property crimes that occur in the City of Bellevue, as well as assisting other police departments with property crime investigations that occur outside this jurisdiction.

The Property Crimes Unit consists of one Lieutenant, nine detectives, and one civilian. Additionally, in 1987, there was one "Rotating Detective" assigned to the Unit. The "Rotating Detective" is a patrol officer that is assigned to the Investigations Section for a three-month period. This officer is provided with advanced crime scene investigation training, a review of all of the functions of the Section, and then is assigned cases requiring follow-up investigation.

The Property Crimes Unit is divided into three basic investigative groups: Burglary and Theft, White Collar Crime, and Crime Analysis.

### Burglary and Theft

The Burglary and Theft group is comprised of five detectives. This group is charged with the secondary investigation of all residential and commercial burglaries, auto theft, and felony thefts. They also provide assistance to members of the Persons Crimes Unit, as needed.

Four of the detectives are organized into two teams. These two teams are assigned investigations geographically. The "North" team receives investigations that originate in Patrol Districts 1, 3, and 4. The "South" team receives investigations from the remaining Districts 2, 5, and 6. The fifth detective is a floating assignment, taking overload cases, assisting the "teams" where necessary, and taking on investigations that are of a commercial nature.

Detectives from the Burglary and Theft assignment reviewed 1,066 burglaries, 226 auto thefts, and 223 thefts. They provided intensive case follow up on 552 cases of which 278 were closed, (140 by arrest and 48 solved and filed without arrest); they made 117 arrests and charged an additional 41 people without arrest; they served 68 search warrants, performed 64 after-hours call outs, and recovered property valued at approximately \$1,630,717.

In January, detectives concluded a three-month investigation that targeted local fences and burglars. The investigation netted 12 arrests and recoveries of over \$100,000 in stolen property. The most important outcome of this investigation was the destruction of a stolen property network that will take a long time to rebuild. The result of this investigation was felt all year long in the burglary statistics, i.e., a 9.3% reduction in residential burglaries was recorded at the end of 1987.

Burglary detectives spent the better part of the month of April working a case which involved a well-known burglar. He was under surveillance in and around the Kent area for literally hundreds of hours. The case also involved a

court-ordered electronic surveillance device. The suspect was finally apprehended and his prints were identified at a local burglary. He was sent back to prison, which ended a mid-year burglary increase.

Detectives also ended a Fall burglary rash which involved a group of parolees that were committing "pillow case" burglaries. The group, which was operating in and around the Bellevue area, was responsible for hundreds of residential burglaries. One of the principals was arrested in the Kent area by a Bellevue Burglary Detective and is currently in jail awaiting trial. His fingerprints were identified in several of our burglaries. He also has been cooperating with investigators to clear up over 50 burglaries.

### White Collar Crime Unit

White collar crime accounts for an ever-increasing portion of reported and unreported crime. In 1987 reported white collar crime losses were \$1,428,707. Although these losses are not included in UCR statistics, they represent approximately 35% of the value of all other reported loss due to theft. (\$4,106,478 in losses were reported in the Department UCR statistics. This figure does not include white collar crime losses.) Additionally, while white collar crime reporting is generally on the increase, much of the actual loss goes unreported. Many of the victims of this type of crime attempt to recover their losses through civil remedies and never report the actual losses to the police department.

The White Collar Crime Unit consists of three full-time detectives. These detectives are charged with primary and secondary investigation of crimes which include forgery, fraud, extortion, check crimes, and computer-related crimes. Additionally, one of the detectives serves as the Police Department polygraph operator.

In 1987 these detectives actively investigated 924 cases of which 320 were closed (156 by arrest and 46 with charges filed). They also made 70 arrests and charged 41 people without arrest, and they served 44 search warrants and recovered \$559,285 in property and funds. These recoveries were a combination of property recoveries by warrant, victim reimbursements, and court ordered restitution.

Over 50 polygraph tests were administered which include both pre-employment tests and those for criminal suspects.

One of the year's highlights was the arrest and conviction of a forgery suspect who had been operating on the West Coast for several years. The suspect and her son are believed to be responsible for losses between \$250,000 and \$500,000 during the past two years. Members of the White Collar Crime Unit served a search warrant and recovered stolen mail. According to the U.S. Postal authorities this recovery is the largest recovery of stolen mail to date on the West Coast.

Detectives have also been conducting an ongoing investigation into a fraud scam with a Yugoslavian national as the suspect. Local losses in the scam have exceeded \$150,000. The suspect is wanted in several foreign countries as well, and losses appear to be several million dollars.

In November, detectives concluded a case that began in September which involved a forgery scam. A local man forged \$26,000 in his employer's company checks in Bellevue. He committed similar crimes in surrounding jurisdictions. Losses totaled over \$200,000. This case is a good example of the amount of investigative time required on complex white collar crime. The investigation took three months and involved detectives from Seattle and King County, and it involved prosecutors from the King County Prosecutor's Office, Fraud Division.

### Crime Analysis Unit

The Crime Analysis Unit is charged with collecting and reviewing all crime data and determining trends and patterns. Additionally, they serve as a liaison between various functions within the Police Department, as well as other local police departments, with the goal of maintaining and building lines of communications.

The unit, comprised of one detective and one civilian analyst, worked on several major projects in 1987 with the goal of improving the crime analysis function. The crime analysis function was totally computer-automated to increase speed and accuracy. In addition, a criminal information bulletin board was placed in the hallway at the police station and is maintained by Crime Analysis. Approximately 25 arrests were made as a result of this effort. A computer bulletin board was also established so that members of other police departments could, with use of a computer, have access to our bulletin information and other analysis information on a 24-hour-a-day basis. Finally, a social security number search system was implemented which allows detectives to search for criminal suspects' last known addresses. Inquiries in this system resulted in detectives being able to locate 34 suspects in 1987.

Additionally, the Crime Analysis Unit has developed computer databases to track robbery case information, burglary information, and information on auto strips and prowls. Specific database files developed were: Property Crimes, Contact File, Suspect Car File, White Collar Crime Case File, Pawn Ticket Tracking File, Stolen Property Tracking File, Homicide Investigation File, Persons Lieutenant's Case Assignment File, Juvenile, Detective Case File, Detective Call Out Telephone Directory, Detective Contact File, Narcotics Case and Tip File, and Hit-and-Run Detective Case File.

The members of the Crime Analysis Unit attended 46 local meetings, published 44 crime analysis bulletins, developed 55 alert bulletins for wanted persons, and made 14,312 computer data entries.

### General Highlights

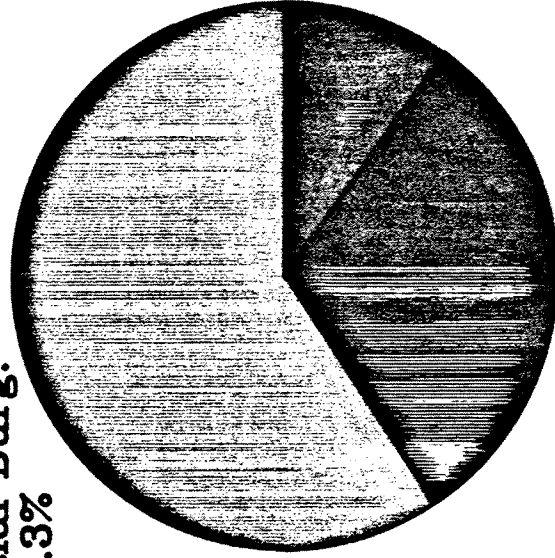
In 1987 the Investigation Section took delivery of three new detectives. Detectives Foote and Barnes were added to the Property Crimes Unit and Detective Ferguson was added to the Crime Analysis Unit. Detective Pentony, a burglary detective, was moved to the White Collar Crime Unit and Detective McBride was moved from a burglary assignment to the new spot in the Juvenile Unit.

Detective Mel Dunbar received a citation from the City Council for his work in the Patterson case.

Our part-time latent print examiner, Jeanne Ward, made a record number of 44 latent/suspect matches. These matches were based on 2,990 comparisons.

# City of Bellevue 1987 Burglary Information

Residential Burg.  
59.3%



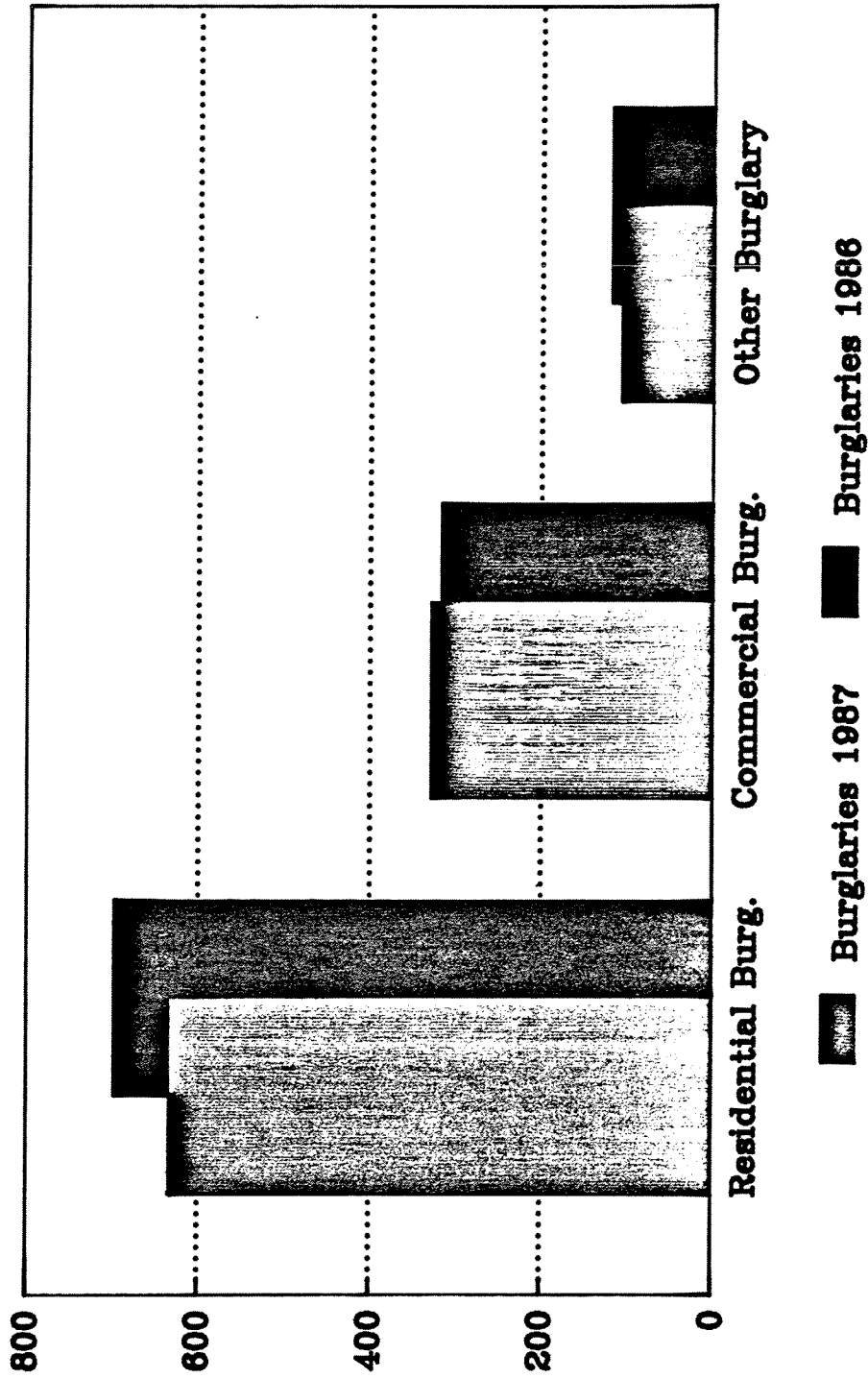
Other Burglary  
9.9%

Commercial Burg.  
30.8%

Percentage of Yearly Total

Total Burglaries: 1066

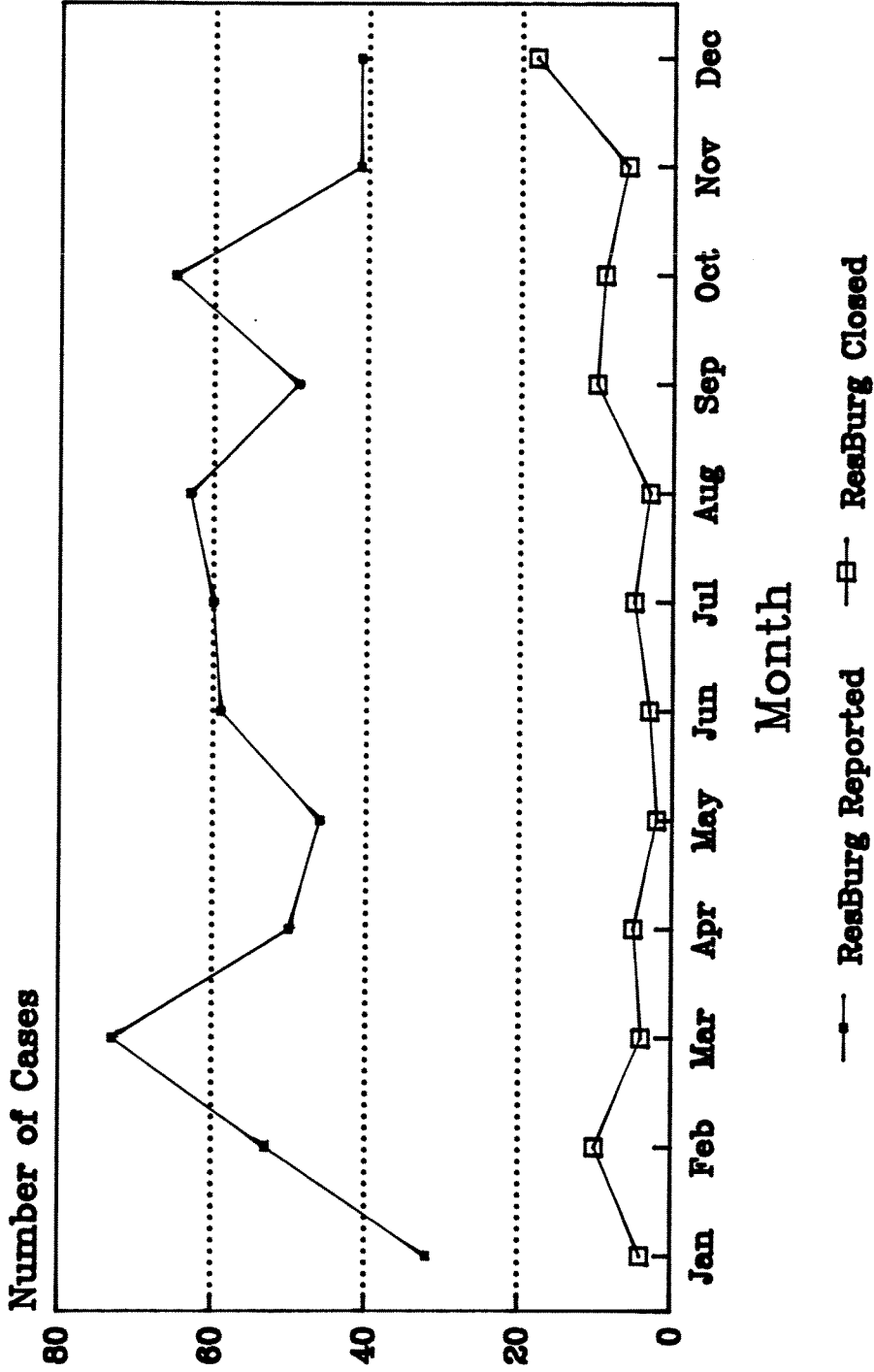
# City of Bellevue Part I Crimes Survey



Burglaries 1986/1987

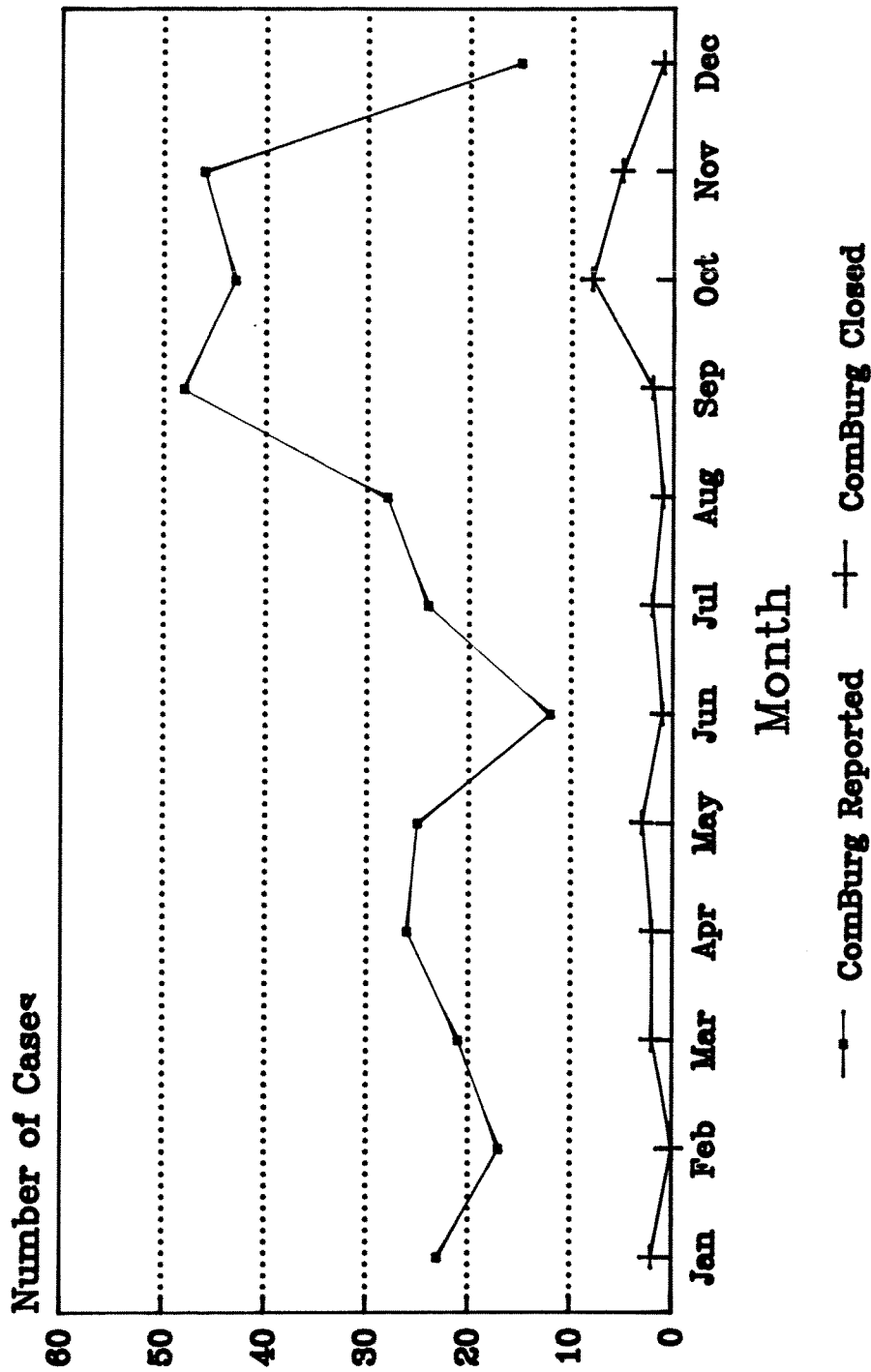


# Property Crimes Unit Residential Burglary Cases



Date: Year 1987

# Property Crimes Unit Commercial Burglary Cases



Data: Year 1987

## PERSONS CRIMES UNIT

The Crimes Against Persons Unit consists of one Lieutenant and five Detectives. Three Detectives are responsible for the investigation of all major crimes including homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, arson, and child sexual exploitation and abuse. As a result of a reorganization of the Unit in 1985, these Detectives were individually assigned specific assignments in robbery, sex offenses, or assault cases. Each Detective has responded favorably to the assignments and has developed a great deal of expertise in these areas of Investigation. Homicide Investigations are shared by the Unit and worked within a "Team" approach concept. Arson Investigations are also handled in a "Team" Concept in that the primary investigators are working in conjunction with each other and with Fire Investigators.

Two Detectives are assigned to the Youth Services Unit and it's their responsibility to determine the appropriate disposition in all juvenile arrest cases for the Department. They ensure that these cases meet filing standards and are complete and sufficient for filing. They also coordinate and monitor the the Unit's Direct Disposition Program.

In June 1987, when the Unit expanded from one to two Detectives, the Juvenile Unit became more actively involved in the investigation of child-related physical and sexual abuse cases. The cross training provided the Juvenile Unit allows the Unit to respond and assist the Persons Detectives when a major crime occurs and additional personnel is needed during the initial investigation.

In 1987 the Adult Crimes Against Persons Unit investigated 250 major cases which included 1 Homicide, 1 Attempted Murder; 31 rapes, and 32 armed robberies. In Actual Offices committed in 1987 there was an increase over 1986 in the following areas: Homicide (+100%); Rape (+24%); and Armed Robbery (+60%). There was a decrease in Actual Offenses committed in 1987 over 1986 in the following areas: Strong-Armed Robbery (-36%); and Felony Assault (-10.9%). In the Offenses Cleared Category the Unit had an exceptional year in 1987 over 1986 with increases in cases cleared in the following areas: Rape (+53.8%); Armed Robbery (+77.8%) and Strong Armed Robbery (+75%). The three Detectives overall clearance rate for cases assigned the Unit in 1987 (250 cases) resulted in a clearance rate of 78.4%. This included 44 cases closed by arrest, 19 cases closed by summons filing, 132 cases closed by other means and 1 unfounded case. Total felony arrests amounted to 65 persons; total misdemeanor arrests consisted on 1 individual. The Persons Detectives served a total of 35 Search Warrants, recovered \$1000 in stolen property; and handled 58 off-duty call-outs. These accomplishments can be attributed to the Detectives' individual investigative ability, and their dedication to duty, and their ability to work as a cohesive "Unit/Team."

The Persons Detectives investigated a number of significant cases in 1987.

1. A 29-year-old female was arrested for her involvement in three armed robberies of local 7-11 Stores in Bellevue in January, 1987. The defendant pleaded guilty to three counts of robbery and was sentenced to confinement for 87 months.

2. On January 19, 1987 a Bellevue man was charged with first degree arson in the 1986 Christmas Day fire at the Arjanwood Condominiums which caused an estimated \$150,000 damage to the structure and \$50,000 to contents.
3. In 1987 the "Blue-Hooded Sex Offender" responsible for numerous offenses to include rape, indecent liberties, exposing, burglary, and assault was identified and arrested. A 61-year-old Bellevue man was convicted of six counts of Rape and First Degree Burglary and sentenced to a minimum of 12-1/2 years confinement. As a result of the investigation, 44 other Bellevue cases were closed, some as early as 1981, and an additional 30 cases from surrounding jurisdictions were also resolved.
4. A 45-year-old Bellevue man was arrested for Attempted Murder in the shooting of a 50-year-old male companion and was subsequently found guilty of First Degree Assault in King County Superior Court. The initial incident was reported to the Bellevue Police Department by the RCMP in Maple Ridge, B.C. after the victim was treated at a local hospital for a gun-shot wound to the head. Investigation revealed that the victim had come to Bellevue to take the suspect back to Canada. As the victim bent down to gather the suspect's cat into a travel cage, the victim went unconsciously. When he gained consciousness, the suspect told the victim that he had been struck by a BB or pellet that had come through the open window. They drove to Canada where the victim sought medical attention and it was learned that the victim had been struck with a .22 caliber bullet at close range. The suspect had borrowed a .22 caliber weapon from a friend prior to the victim's arrival. The apparent motive for the assault was money. The suspect was unemployed; being forced from his apartment for nonpayment; owed several people money; and was named as the victim's beneficiary in case of death.
5. Two defendants were convicted in the Linda Ross Homicide Case. One defendant was convicted for Murder 1st Degree and was sentenced to 22-1/2 years confinement while the other was found guilty of Manslaughter 1st Degree and received a sentence of 90 months.
6. In April and May, 1987 we experienced three Asian Restaurant Robberies. Investigation led to the identification of three Asian suspects, two brothers and an associate. The associate was subsequently identified as the suspect in one of Bellevue's restaurant robberies and was charged in King County Superior Court for Robbery First Degree. This defendant and one of the brothers were charged with 4 robberies in Seattle. Currently all three suspects are in custody in California; one brother for murder and the other two for robbery.
7. In May, 1987 the Crimes Against Persons Unit assisted Redmond PD following the arrest of a 25-year-old male for Investigation Armed Robbery in reference to five Eastside bank robberies. The Detective interrogated and obtained confessions from the suspect which cleared three Bellevue bank robbers, one robbery in Redmond, and one in Factoria.
8. In June, 1987, eleven members of an Asian family were robbed during the early morning hours by four armed Asian males who entered the residence and bound the victims with phone and electrical cords. The suspects

removed jewelry from the victims and cash and gold from the home. The loss amounted to approximately \$25,000.

The investigation led to Southern California where three suspects were arrested and a portion of the jewelry recovered. All four suspects have been charged with Robbery First Degree in King County Superior Court. One suspect remains at large. The suspects were additionally charged with seven similar robberies in Seattle and King County.

9. In June 1987 two young males robbed the downtown Radio Shack and subsequently shot the victim execution style before leaving the store. The victim survived the shooting and at this time the case remains unsolved.
10. In August 1987 a 32-year-old male was arrested for burglarizing the apartment of a single female residing at the Woodside East Apartments. The victim was away from her apartment at the time of the burglary. The arrested suspect was subsequently identified as the "Bellevue Rapist," who in 1976 committed 28 rapes, attempted rapes and burglaries in Bellevue.
11. In September 1987, the badly decomposed body of a 29-year-old Redmond woman was found in her vehicle at the Lincoln Place Apartments. The investigation revealed that the victim had suffered numerous stab wounds to her body and cause of death was by homicidal means. The investigation is still actively being pursued.
12. In October 1987 a 64-year-old male reported that he was the victim of an extortion. An investigation into the matter resulted in the arrest of a 41-year-old Kirkland man when he attempted to extort \$4,000 from the victim by threatening to expose him as a homosexual.
13. In December 1987, an eleven-year-old female reported that she had been sexually assaulted by her 43-year-old stepfather and 36-year-old uncle. Both suspects were arrested and charged with three counts of Rape 2nd. The uncle has plead guilty to the charges and the stepfather is awaiting trial.
14. In December 1987, a 23-year-old male was arrested for Arson in reference to a fire at the Aspenwood Apartments that caused \$100,000 damage to the structure and \$30,000 to contents. The suspect's apartment was destroyed as was the unit directly above it. The case has been filed with the King County Prosecutor's Office.

The Crimes Against Persons Unit provided 32 hours of Crime Scene Investigation training to the Bellevue Police Department Crime Scene Techs. This training included basic, advanced and follow-up. Individual crimescene training was also provided to new Detectives in the unit and to the Rotating Detective.

The Crimes Against Persons Unit also provided training to local bank employees on robbery in conjunction with the Crime Prevention Unit.

## JUVENILE

In 1987 the Youth Services Unit processed 688 cases for the Department. Of this amount 513 cases were referred to King County Juvenile Court; 39 cases were handled through the Direct Diversion Program; and 27 cases were handled through parental discipline. Six hundred nineteen cases were closed by arrest; 49 cases were closed by summons; 11 cases closed by other means.

In 1987 there were 993 juveniles arrested which included 226 felonies (23%) and 767 misdemeanors (77%). From the total number of juveniles arrested, 764 were referred to King County Juvenile Court (77%); 120 were handled through the Direct Diversion Program (12%); 44 through parental discipline (4%); and 65 handled by other or exceptional means (7%).

In 1987 there were 232 Juvenile Runaways reported. There are currently 7 outstanding runaways carried over into 1988. The Juvenile Runaway monthly average amounted to 19.3 runaways per month. Runaways decreased slightly in 1987; however, the number of chronic runaways increased.

In 1987 the Juvenile Unit was assigned 82 cases for investigation, including 20 that had been carried over from 1986, for a total of 102 cases. Ten cases were closed/arrest; 19 cases closed/summons; 35 cases closed/other; and four cases were unfounded for a 67% total closure rate. In all, they arrested 34 persons, including 28 felony arrests and 6 misdemeanor arrests.

In 1987 the Juvenile Unit investigated 55 Child Physical and Sexual Abuse cases and closed a total of 33 cases, 12 by summons arrest.

The Juvenile Unit served 5 Search Warrants and recovered \$3,036 in Stolen Property.

Some of the significant cases handled by the Juvenile Unit in 1987 were as follows:

1. A 19-year-old Bellevue man raped a 12-year-old female in April 1987 and was sentenced to confinement. The victim gave birth of a child as a result of this sexual assault and the child was adopted. The victim was severely traumatized by the ordeal.
2. In July 1987 a 12-year-old sexually assaulted his 9-year-old sister and was subsequently found guilty of the crime and sentenced to confinement and psychiatric care.

In 1987 the Juvenile Unit agreed to participate in the Child Protective Service Community Protection Team. The team reviews cases where case workers request input from representatives of the various disciplines (Police, Medical, Counseling). Generally, the types of cases reviewed are complex. The teams meet bi-weekly and consider three cases per meeting on average.

In 1987, the Juvenile Unit helped establish a program to help juveniles stay in school. The Community School Success Program as it is known, brings together representatives from the Police, School, Counseling and Probation and

is funded by the School District. The Program will use volunteer advocates to work one-on-one with juveniles at risk of dropping out of school, in trouble with law enforcement, or with general family problems. The Juvenile Unit helped establish how the program would function and will continue meeting to review case progress..

In 1987 the Juvenile Unit was involved in lobbying efforts in Olympia in reference to sex law legislation and to defend the Bellevue Police Department Diversion Program.

In June 1987 the Juvenile Unit was increased with a second Detective. This allowed the Unit to take on more extensive responsibilities. The Juvenile Unit currently investigates approximately 90% of all juvenile physical and sexual abuse cases in addition to reviewing and filing approximately 1,000 juvenile arrests per year. The Unit computerized their record-keeping system and known offender files. This enables the Unit to more efficiently compile data on juvenile crime and identify trends.

In 1987 the Juvenile Unit became more actively involved in assisting the Crimes Against Persons Unit with major crime scene investigations. A tremendous amount of time was spent working with Person Detectives on a major homicide investigation as well as numerous other cases.

The Juvenile Unit is actively involved in the Youth Eastside Service Program. One Juvenile Detective is the President of the Board of Trustees. With this involvement the Bellevue Police Department's concerns are addressed in community issues and planning.

