



REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION



CPS Monthly Chief's Reports: Bureau of Investigative Support

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- Full Commission meeting
 Governance and Personnel (G&P) Sub-Committee
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 Complaint Oversight (COC) Sub-Committee
 Anti-Racism Committee

Purpose

The following report provides an overview of timely crime trends and crime statistics for May and part of June 2022 originating from the Bureau of Investigative Support.

Key Messages

- We continue to collaborate with the Alberta College of Pharmacy to provide information on **pharmacy robberies** as well as recommendations to prevent further robberies. There have been 46 pharmacy robberies this year so far.
- This year, for **sexual assault investigations**, May 2022 was our busiest month since February 2022. May also saw us partner with Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse for a social media campaign to provide awareness, education and to support victims of sexual assault.
- A **cybercrime** investigation CPS assisted with wrapped up this month resulting in a prison sentence for a US-based offender.
- An **organized crime investigation** resulted in charges against two men known to police and seizure of drugs, weapons and other materials.

Summary of Issues and Trends

Pharmacy Robberies

- Similar to last month, commercial and pharmacy robberies continue to be a trend.
- We have had 46 pharmacy robberies so far this year. In 2021, we had 89 for the entire year. Two weeks ago, we had a significant one-day spike, with six occurring on Thursday, June 16. This was because offenders were unable to get into a safe (due to time-released safes or panic alarms), so they moved quickly to a new target, often within the hour.
- So far in June, there have been 19 pharmacy robberies. This is only five fewer than we had in August 2021, when **Operation Remedy** was initiated.
- The new provincial mandate for time-delayed safes was announced earlier this month, which when paired with other crime prevention measures should lead to safer workplaces for pharmacy employees as well as customers.
- Pharmacists are actively working with their advocacy organizations and with police on ways to prevent these robberies. We continue to focus on prevention keeping pharmacists up to date on trends within the city after each offence.

Sexual Assault Investigations Update

- May was this Unit's busiest month since February, and investigative numbers are higher for May than the last two years, but are on par with pre-pandemic (2019) figures.
- We are actively working on 171 files this year, with 12 investigators (14 files/investigator). We cleared 17 files in May and completed 10 Sexual Assault Evidence Kits.
- May was Sexual Violence Awareness Month and we were proud to partner with Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse on a month-long social media campaign to raise awareness and provide education on sexual assault and resources for victims.

Cybercrime Update

- We are proud to share an example of CPS Cyber working with internal and external partners to hold an individual accountable for his cybercrimes.
- Between February 2015 and January 2017, the victim was in an online relationship with the accused. The accused recorded intimate video without the knowledge or consent of the victim. The accused began distributing intimate images of the victim to her friends and family and threatened to post all the images and videos online.
- The Cybercrimes team was engaged to assist in gathering evidence and locating the offender. Cybercrimes was able to trace phone numbers, locate social media

accounts associated to the offender, and engaged in an online undercover operation.

- Cybercrimes determined that the offender was in Chicago and engaged the FBI for support. Subsequently, the FBI arrested him on related offences and the investigation conducted by CPS Cyber was a factor in the sentencing of the offender. Facts from this case were read in and he received an eight-year sentence.

Organized Crime and Offender Management Update

- We are also pleased to share information about an **organized crime investigation** that resulted in charges against two men known to police along with the seizure of drugs, weapons and other materials.
- In late April 2022, CPS conducted a traffic stop on a rental vehicle that had a licence plate concealment device that could be activated from inside the vehicle.
- The vehicle was towed, and the Organized Crime Response Unit assumed the investigation. Subsequent search warrants on several vehicles and a residence resulted in the seizure of cocaine, oxycontin, cash, a fully loaded, semi-automatic handgun concealed in a hidden compartment, a kidnapping kit, knife and GPS tracking devices.
- Two brothers, both known to CPS, have been charged in the investigation and on June 9, 2022, were released back into community after paying \$500 and \$10,000 cash bail, respectively, and receiving court-imposed conditions pending trial.

Attachments (if any)


CRIME SUMMARY FOR JUNE POLICE COMMISSION

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