



# REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION



## CPS Monthly Chief's Reports: Bureau of Investigative Support

**Date** | Nov. 13, 2024

### Commission Role

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### Type of Meeting

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

### Purpose

The following report provides an overview of timely crime trends, crime statistics and updates from the Bureau of Investigative Support.

### Highlights

- This month we recognize Family Violence Prevention Month by raising awareness through social and traditional media.
- We continue to record a decrease in shootings compared to last year, and recently we have made significant progress in our investigations targeting organized-crime-related gun violence in Calgary.
- We also continue to track several cyber-related trends, including a rise in ransomware. This is a trend also being seen internationally, as was discussed at our biennial Cyber Summit which we hosted in October.
- Our Robbery Team also made progress on a series that we had been tracking and previously reported on. This arrest was an example of significant collaboration between patrol officers and robbery investigators.

## Summary of Issues, Trends and Examples

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### Gun Violence

- As of Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, there were 69 shootings in Calgary, compared to 87 during the same period in 2023 (21 per cent decrease). We are also sitting at 25 per cent below the five-year average.
  - 42 of these shootings have been determined to have been targeted.
  - So far, 17 have been confirmed to be the result of organized crime conflict in Calgary.
- Our Organized Crime & Offender Management (OCOM) Section has laid [additional charges](#) in a September 2023 shooting on Glenmore Trail and in the southeast community of Seton.
  - Last month, we announced charges against two men who were believed to have orchestrated the attack. Their charges remain the same and they both remain in custody as of Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024.
  - Earlier this month, we announced the addition of three new charges, including conspiracy to commit murder, attempted murder and discharge a firearm with intent, against one man who was initially charged with the shooting in October 2023. He now faces a total of 10 charges in relation to this incident. As of Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, he has been released from custody.
- Our OCOM Section is also investigating a [shooting](#) that occurred on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, in the northwest community of Nolan Hills. Two men were injured in this shooting, which is believed to be motivated by organized crime.

### Homicides

- As of Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, there were 15 confirmed homicides in Calgary, compared to 17 during the same period last year (12 per cent decrease).
  - To date, eight of the 2024 homicides have been cleared (53 per cent).

### Domestic Conflict

- November is Family Violence Prevention Month. Throughout the month of November, we have been sharing information through traditional and social media to help individuals recognize red flags of unhealthy relationships, encourage reporting and promote supports for victims and offenders.



- In October 2024, we responded to 267 incidents of domestic violence, which is down 29 per cent from the five-year average for the month.
  - In the first 10 months of 2024, we responded to 3,610 incidents of domestic violence, which was approximately one per cent more than the same period in 2023 and approximately four per cent more than the five-year average.
- In October 2024, we responded to 1,621 domestic conflict reporting calls, which is up seven per cent from the five-year average for the month.
  - In the first 10 months of 2024, we responded to 15,578 domestic conflict reporting calls, which was approximately three per cent less than during the same period in 2023 and three per cent more than the five-year average.
  - Domestic conflict reporting refers to people recognizing a potentially dangerous domestic situation and placing a call for help. These non-criminal calls can include verbal altercations that escalated to the point that police were called or situations where one party asked police to be present during an interaction with an intimate partner or family member.
- *Note: Following the rollout of the [Community Safety Dashboard](#), this domestic violence and conflict data is reported at the most-serious offence level and cannot be compared to previous month's data included in these reports To dive further into this data, please visit the dashboard*

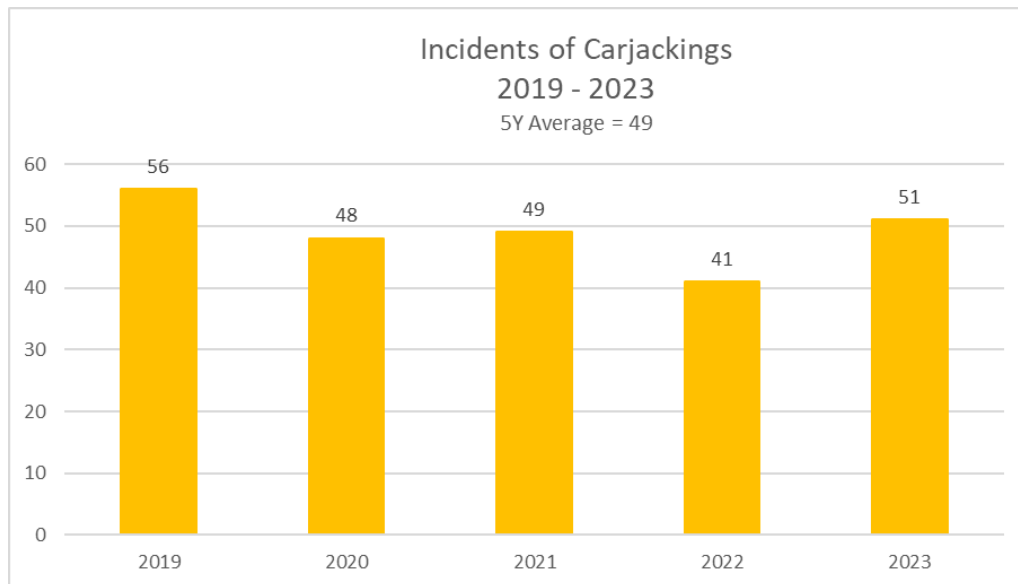
## Human Trafficking

- In the last week of October 2024, the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) Human Trafficking Unit charged one man who is alleged to have forced two young women into the sex trade through violence.
  - In this case, the suspect, a man in his 20s, met two young women, also in their 20s, through social media. The suspect recruited them to travel to Calgary from Quebec under the pretense of a job.

- Once in Calgary, the girls were taken to an AirBnB, where the suspect attempted to force them into working in the sex trade.
  - When one of the victims resisted, she was violently assaulted, being punched several times and had a gun held to her head.
  - The girls were able to discretely contact police in Quebec, who engaged the Calgary Police Service. Officers were able to make sure the women were safe prior to taking the suspect into custody.
  - The investigation was assigned to ALERT's Human Trafficking Unit who conducted extensive follow up and laid a total of nine charges, including attempt to commit trafficking in persons, extortion, aggravated assault with a firearm, in addition to two outstanding warrants. The suspect remains in custody as of Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024.
- Given the complexities involved in human trafficking investigations, including the crossing of multiple jurisdictions and often fearful victims, these investigations would not be successful without support from multiple policing, government and victim-focused agencies. By working to address human trafficking collaboratively, we are able to provide wraparound supports to more victims and ensure that those responsible are held accountable, regardless of jurisdiction.

### **Carjackings & Auto Theft**

- As of Nov. 12, 2024, our Auto Theft Team has charged 134 individuals with 848 criminal charges so far this year. As part of these investigations, ATT recovered 159 stolen vehicles, and seized nine firearms, almost \$100,000 worth of drugs and more than \$4.6 million worth of stolen property.
  - Although all frontline police officers have involvement in auto theft investigations, ATT is an offender management team that specifically targets prolific offenders and individuals with a demonstrated history of auto theft in Calgary.
    - This offender management work includes investigation, suppression and enforcement as well as working with the courts to ensure that individuals who pose a risk to Calgarians are held in custody after being charged.
  - A majority of our auto thefts continue to be crimes of opportunity, where offenders are using stolen vehicles as a means to commit other crimes, including break and enters, robbery, drug trafficking and other violence.
  - The use of stolen vehicles in Calgary poses a significant risk to citizens as they are often involved in dangerous driving incidents.
  - We continue to work with our Crime Prevention Team to share information so that Calgarians can protect themselves and their vehicles.
- We have also been monitoring carjacking trends following several recent incidents in Calgary. As of Wednesday, Nov. 6, there were 39 carjackings reported in 2024.



- Of note, most of the carjackings in Calgary appear to be crimes of opportunity and are not motivated by organized crime.
- Several recent incidents were the result of drivers attempting to intervene in the theft of their vehicle, after it was left running and unattended.

## Robbery

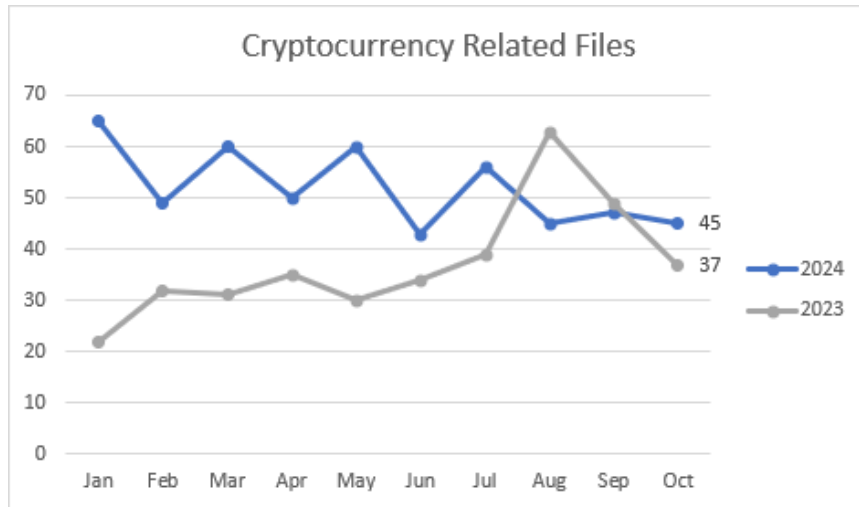
- Our Robbery/Arson Team has laid charges in a robbery series that we reported in our October report.
  - In this series, it is believed the same offender targeted a total of eight cannabis, liquor and convenience stores in Calgary.
  - He is now facing 27 criminal charges, including robbery, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, breach of a firearms prohibition and failure to comply with a release order.
  - At the time of the offence, the accused was on parole and as of Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, he remains in custody.

## Cyber

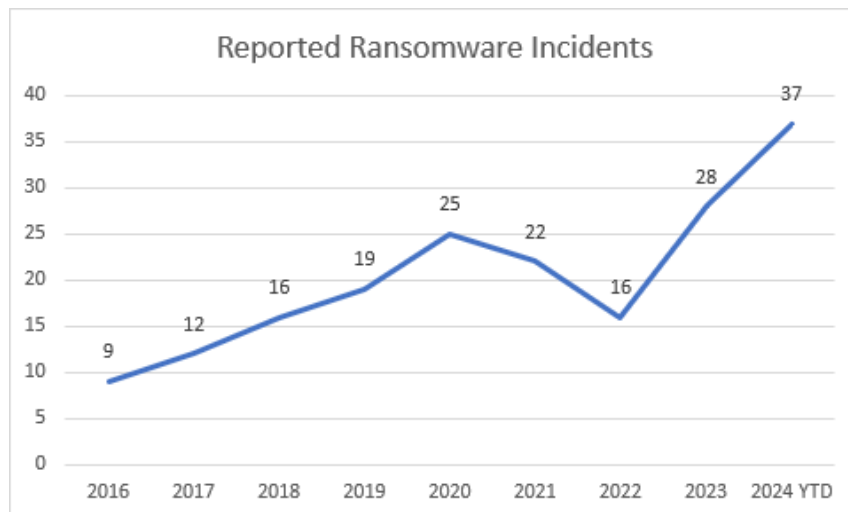
- Last month, our Cyber/Forensics Unit successfully hosted our Service's biennial Cyber Summit.
  - The summit was attended by 400 law enforcement and cyber-industry professionals from across the globe.
  - This summit is an important event for our Service, which provides important training and networking opportunities that our own investigators can leverage as we work to address cybercrime locally. Given the cross-

jurisdictional nature of cybercrime, this is an essential part of our investigations.

- Themes of this year’s summit included ransomware, sextortion, metaverse, artificial intelligence, dark web and cyber education.
- We are now collecting feedback to inform the planning of our next summit.
- In October, we saw 45 files reported in Calgary involving cryptocurrency, which is slightly more than October 2023. Overall, we have seen a decline in these files since the beginning of the 2024.



- So far this year, Calgary residents have lost \$35,903,954.77 in cryptocurrency-related crimes.
- Our Bitcoin Investigation Team (BIT), which focuses solely on cryptocurrency crimes, has concluded 146 out of 167 investigations that have been assigned so far this year. Eighty-nine of the concluded files were able to be traced, and the remaining 57 files were non-viable traces.
- We also continue to see an increase in reported ransomware incidents in Calgary and our year-to-date total has already surpassed any previous year’s reported incidents.



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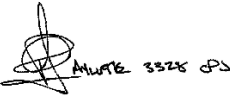
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