



REPORT TO CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION



Bureau of Investigative Support: Crime Report

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Submitted for

☒ Information only ☐ Discussion ☐ Decision / Approval

Type of Meeting

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| ☐ Commission Week 1 | ☒ Commission Regular Meeting |
| ☐ Commission Week 2 (Reserved for Finance, Audit, Infrastructure) | ☒ Public Session |
| ☐ Commission Week 3 | ☐ In-camera with CPS |

Reason for Report

- ☐ *Police Act*, Police Service Regulation, or Police Conduct and Oversight Regulation
- ☐ Obligation under Commission policy
- ☒ Report on program or update on progress
- ☐ Response to Motion
- ☐ Other:

Recommendations

1. That this report be received by the CPC for information.

BIS Crime Statistics

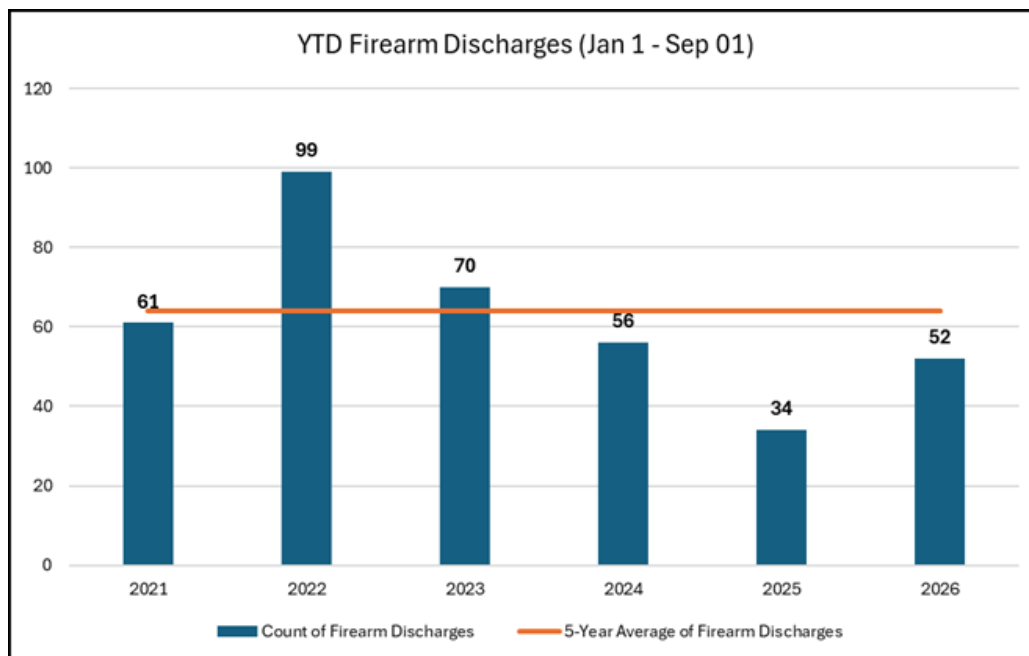
Homicide

- The Homicide Unit investigated three homicide incidents between July and August, bringing the 2026 year-to-date total to 14 homicides, three more than were recorded during the same period in 2025. Ten of these homicide incidents have been cleared by way of charges and four remain under investigation.
 - While 2026 homicide incidents are slightly up from the same period in 2025, only two homicides have involved shootings to date. Shooting deaths currently represent 14% of all homicides.

- In addition to investigating the 14 homicides recorded so far in 2026, the Homicide Unit has attended 12 non-homicide deaths, including sudden deaths, suicides, and deaths involving children. The unit also provided investigative support this summer to the CPS Missing Persons Team during the search for Parker Wells.

Shooting & Extortions

- Shooting activity between January 1 and September 1 2026 has remained below historical levels despite an increase over 2025. A total of 52 firearm discharge incidents were recorded in Calgary during this period, representing a decrease from both the five-year average (18.8%) and the 2022 peak (47.5%).
- Recent activity has been particularly low. Calgary recorded three shootings in July and four in August, both below their respective five-year averages. Together, the two months recorded seven shootings compared with a five-year average of 18.6.
- Extortion-related shootings remain the single most significant contributor to firearm violence in 2026, accounting for eleven incidents year-to-date. These events represent approximately 21% of all shootings in 2026. Notably, the last extortion-related shooting occurred in April 2026, with no additional extortion-related shootings recorded since.
- Despite elevated extortion-related activity earlier in the year, overall shooting volumes remain within the lower range of historical trends and well below the elevated levels experienced in 2022 and 2023.



Cryptocurrency

- 30 cryptocurrency-related files were reported to CPS in July, with 50 additional files in August 2026, accumulating a \$23,447,102.65 in total victim losses year-to-date¹.

¹ Accurate as of September 9, 2026

CPS Auto Theft Team

This month's report highlights a small but effective team whose mandate focuses on prolific auto-theft offenders.

The CPS's six-member Auto Theft Team (ATT) has laid 319 criminal charges, recovered 90 stolen vehicles, and seized firearms, suppressors, high-capacity magazines, drugs worth \$8,000, and stolen property valued at over \$3.8 million from January to August 2026. The following highlights provide a snapshot of some of ATT's notable successes and enforcement activities over the summer months. These results show that auto theft investigations rarely involve vehicles alone. ATT's work frequently leads to the identification of repeat offenders, firearms, drugs, stolen property, and organized criminal activity operating within Calgary

Investigation summary 1

At the end of June, ATT was conducting proactive patrols in northeast Calgary and located a stolen U-Haul van. Over the next few days, ATT noted the van in southwest Calgary and arrested two individuals. The investigation resulted in charges including possession of stolen property over \$5,000, unauthorized occupancy of a motor vehicle, possession of methamphetamine, and multiple breaches of court-ordered release conditions.

What began as a stolen vehicle file quickly revealed a more extensive criminal history. One of the accused was wanted on 17 outstanding warrants, while both individuals were alleged to have breached previously imposed court conditions. This file highlights the reality that auto theft is often connected to chronic offending, with investigators frequently encountering individuals who are already subject to court orders or wanted for other offences.

Investigation summary 2

Following that event, ATT located an unoccupied stolen Chevrolet Express van in the northeast quadrant of Calgary. The team conducted mobile surveillance on the vehicle and was followed to communities in southwest Calgary. Once the van was parked the lone occupant entered a grocery store. Members devised an arrest plan in consultation with RTOC. At the time of the arrest, several significant incidents were unfolding elsewhere in the city, limiting the availability of frontline resources to attend. ATT members adjusted their plan and worked with available canine resources to safely take the individual into custody. The individual was arrested with eight charges including driving while suspended, and two counts of possession of stolen property.

Investigation summary 3

In early August, ATT concluded a two-week investigation into a stolen and fraudulently registered Toyota Tundra that had become connected to multiple active investigations across the Service. Before proceeding with enforcement action, investigators worked with several CPS

units to ensure the arrest would not interfere with parallel investigations and to coordinate a safe takedown of an individual who was wanted on numerous outstanding warrants.

When officers attempted to stop the vehicle in the downtown core, the driver fled and briefly disappeared into traffic before being relocated. A short time later, the suspect was observed retrieving property from the stolen truck, entering a taxi, and again attempting to evade arrest before being taken into custody.

Following the arrest, investigators seized two loaded prohibited firearms, including a submachine gun fitted with a suppressor and a revolver. Search warrants executed as part of the investigation led to the seizure of approximately 20 grams of cocaine, 47 grams of methamphetamine, multiple suppressors, high-capacity magazines, handgun receivers, fraudulent identification documents, and other items associated with firearms and vehicle crime. CPS Firearm Investigative Unit subsequently determined the recovered firearms had been smuggled into Canada from Texas. Charges laid included flight from police, resisting arrest, possession of loaded prohibited firearms, possession of stolen property over \$5,000, numerous firearms-related offences, drug possession offences, and breaches of both release and firearm prohibition orders. The offender remains in custody with a court date scheduled later this September. Additional firearms-related charges remain under review and may be added pending the outcome of the ongoing investigation.

Investigation summary 4

Later that August, ATT began connecting a series of stolen vehicles that were moving between Calgary communities, industrial compounds, and locations outside the city. Over several days, ATT tracked multiple vehicles, identified links between separate thefts, and coordinated with the Edmonton Police Service after one of the vehicles travelled to Edmonton. Information gathered through surveillance, vehicle tracking, and intelligence analysis ultimately led investigators to a suspected chop shop operating in an industrial area.

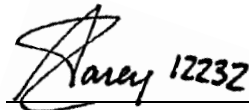
The resulting search warrant led to the recovery of nine stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$500,000, along with vehicle parts, engines, transmissions, and other components in various stages of dismantling or preparation for resale. Investigators observed evidence that some vehicles were being stripped within days of being stolen, and several recovered vehicles had already had identifying information removed.

The investigation remained active following the warrant execution. While preparing to execute a second warrant connected to an outstanding stolen vehicle, ATT received an alert that the vehicle had suddenly begun moving toward Calgary. Team members immediately redeployed, working alongside HAWCS, RTOC, patrol officers, and other supporting units to locate the vehicle and identify the driver. The investigation concluded with an arrest and the seizure of reprogrammed vehicle keys, electronic devices associated with vehicle theft, additional vehicle key fobs, counterfeit currency, and other evidence connected to the broader file. Charges included possession of stolen property, dangerous driving, flight from police, and possession of an electronic device used in the theft of motor vehicles.

While the team has achieved strong outcomes in 2026, vehicle crime continues to evolve. The growing use of electronic key-programming devices, increasing instances of VIN cloning and fraudulent vehicle registrations, and greater involvement from organized criminal networks have made investigations more complex and requiring specialized investigative techniques to identify stolen vehicles and offenders. These trends are broadening the scope of vehicle crime investigations, requiring follow-up that often extends beyond the theft itself into fraud, organized criminal activity, and other associated offences.

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