

TO: CITY MANAGER

**FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE
BURNABY DETACHMENT**

1999 JULY 28
BBY 195-19, 99-34262

SUBJECT: SEXUAL ASSAULT AT CENTRAL PARK

**PURPOSE: TO REPLY TO A REQUEST FROM CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE ON HOW
THE RCMP ARE PROVIDING POLICING SERVICES IN CENTRAL PARK**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Community Policing Committee of Council.

REPORT

The following outlines the 100 calls for service received for Central Park from 1998 September 11 to 1999 July 16. This is down slightly from the 106 reports in the previous ten months (1997 December 01 to 1998 September 10).

	<u>1998/99</u>	<u>1997/98</u>
● Robberies	1	1
● Sexual assault	3	1
● Assaults	2	0
● Assault with a weapon	1	1
● Break and entering	1	4
● Theft of auto	3	4
● Theft from auto	14	18
● Thefts	6	2
● Possession of stolen property	1	0
● Prostitution	1	0
● Possession of weapons	2	0
● Property damage	5	9
● Disturbing the peace	3	2
● Indecent acts (males masturbating)	7	8
● Drug offences	8	8
● Missing persons	1	0
● Lost/Found property	8	9
● Suspicious persons	29	39
● Hit and run accidents	1	0

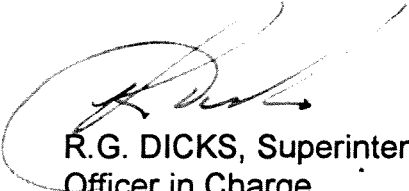
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The above incidents occurred at various times throughout the day and night. With regard to crime trends in the park, the incidents reported to police tend to increase in frequency over the summer months.

CENTRAL PARK POLICING

Policing of Central Park focuses on a team approach. In general, first response units are dispatched to all emergency or urgent calls for service in the park. Neighbourhood Liaison Unit (NLU) has two Constables assigned to the park who handle delayed response calls for service. They are also responsible for dealing with problem-solving initiatives to reduce repeat calls for service through the implementation of Problem Oriented Policing Projects (POPS). The NLU is assisted with the implementation of POPS projects by other detachment sections such as the Special Projects Unit or the Drug Section. In addition, the police provide regular patrols through the park by various sections. The first response section regularly patrols the park in marked police vehicles or on foot. The Bike Squad also regularly patrols the park; however, this capability has been recently diminished due to the redeployment of Bike Squad officers to other priority vacancies within the Detachment. The final patrol capability is handled by the NLU who provide both foot and vehicle patrols throughout the park.

With respect to new innovative policing programs for the Central Park area, it is anticipated that programs will be developed to coincide with the opening of the new Southwest District Community Police Office scheduled for September of this year. The NLU for this district will be looking at programs such as volunteer bike patrols or walks throughout the park as a separate effort or as part of Burnaby's Citizen's Crime Watch. These types of programs will allow for a high profile presence in the park area. In support of police efforts in the park, the NLU for the Southwest District is currently developing partnerships with local businesses to fund and equip the section with bike patrol equipment. This will enhance the patrol capabilities of the NLU Section throughout Central Park.



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