Serial graffiti suspect arrested

Charged with six counts of felony vandalism

The King County Prosecutors Office has filed six counts of felony vandalism against a 35-year-old Shoreline resident for serial graffiti within the cities of Shoreline and Edmonds. The vandal uses “KIDD” as his signature mark or “tag.”

The Shoreline Police Department arrested an additional 18 graffiti vandals during the past three months and charges will be filed with the King County Prosecutors Office within the next few weeks.

The majority of suspects are Shoreline residents under the age of 18 and attending high school in Shoreline. If convicted the suspects in all cases may be facing criminal conviction, community service and civil penalties.

Shoreline has been plagued by the serial tagger “KIDD” for several years. He most often used spray paint in a variety of colors, but he also used rollers and house paint to apply his graffiti tags of “KID,” “KID CRUSH,” “KD,” or sometimes just “K.” The vandal targeted businesses, residential fences and homes (as seen below), often targeting the same victims repeatedly. The vandal also targeted City property, such as utility boxes, road signs and guard rails.

The damage incurred by the cities and private victims is in the thousands of dollars.

Shoreline Police formed an anti-graffiti program with the Shoreline School District in conjunction with CrimeStoppers in 2008. The campaign included a video available on YouTube.com/CityofShoreline.

Last year Shoreline Master Patrol Officer Kyle McCutchen developed a Problem Solving Project to combat the graffiti by sorting the cases into common tags, repeat victims and other data. His efforts have paid off in these recent arrests.
AURORA OPEN FOR BUSINESS CONTEST

Winners drive away with the prizes

Congratulations to Gayle Harris, Dina O’Leary and Ray Salmonson who correctly identified all nine Aurora businesses in the City of Shoreline and Shoreline Chamber of Commerce’s Aurora Mile 2: Open for Business contest. Thanks to Doug’s Northwest Cadillac Hummer and Chuck Olson, Chevrolet-Kia, these winners will be driving a new vehicle on a weekend in the near future. Since there were more correct entries than prizes, the three winners were selected using an online random number generator.

The City and Chamber sponsored this contest to support businesses in the Aurora construction zone. For more information about Aurora or the contest, visit www.shorelinewa.gov/aurora.

Answers

1. Chuck Olson Chevrolet-Kia
2. Doug’s Northwest Cadillac
3. Fuji Steak House
4. Club Hollywood Casino
5. Desert Sun Tanning
6. Spiro’s Pizza and Pasta
7. Radio Shack
8. B & D Sheet Metal
9. Parker’s Casino

Special thanks to the contest prize donors!

Rediscover Shoreline. Shop Shoreline.

Hamlin Park dedication in June celebrates improvements
Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.

Hamlin Park, 16006 15th Avenue NE
A new picnic shelter is just one of the many Hamlin improvements to celebrate.
Council moves toward animal control plan

Last month, the City Council indicated Shoreline will likely participate in a regional King County animal control program after the City’s existing contract with King County expires June 30.

The program would be administered and operated by King County’s Animal Care and Control Division and would provide animal control field services, sheltering and licensing to Shoreline and 29 other King County cities.

The Council considered two other options: a sub-regional consortium of North King County cities and an in-house plan.

Staff will continue to work with King County animal control and other participating cities to refine the program.

Regardless of how animal control services are provided, Shoreline has contracted with the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) to provide animal shelter services.

Beginning June 1, PAWS will accept stray dogs and cats picked up by Shoreline residents as well as owners-surrendered dogs and cats through its re-homing program.

PAWS is located at 15305 44th Avenue W in Lynnwood. Call PAWS at (425) 787-2500 ext. 410 or visit www.paws.org for shelter hours and directions.

For more information about animal control services in Shoreline, contact City Manager Office Management Analyst John Norris at (206) 801-2216, jnorris@shorelinewa.gov.

You asked, Finance answered!

Question from a Shoreline community member

I just read the recent Currents (April 2010, page 2, Keeping services that make Shoreline a great community) and was surprised (shocked) by the figure that “the City’s contract for police services increases by nearly $500,00 annually.” Is this a correct figure, and is this amount calculated to be true for the foreseeable future?

Answer from Shoreline Finance Director Debbie Tarry

To give some perspective, the City’s 2010 contract for police services is $9.8 million. We anticipate that the City’s contract will increase on average 4.5% a year, which equates to approximately $450,000.

There are a variety of reasons for the increases – the most prominent being salaries and benefits related to the County’s union agreements. Other reasons include such things as liability insurance, fleet costs including fuel and insurance, training requirements and the City’s share of calls for service, among other things.

Even though we anticipate cost increases we still believe that the cost we pay for our contract with King County for police services is more cost-effective than if we were to have our own police department. This chart shows our cost for police services on a per-person basis compared with other cities that have their own police departments:

![2008 Police Cost Per Capita Chart](chart)

Annual changes for Shoreline Police costs for the last five years

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Five year average per year: **$527,966**

Learn more about Shoreline’s police, parks and other services by watching City videos at youtube.com/CityofShoreline. For more information, contact Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 801-2301, dtarry@shorelinewa.gov.
During its annual retreat earlier this year, the Shoreline City Council reaffirmed the importance of and its commitment to two-way communication with Shoreline residents by continuing the goal to “Provide enhanced opportunities for effective citizen communication and community engagement.”

Some of the new opportunities include eComments, a way to provide input on agenda items online (see the story below); Shoreline’s new Facebook page and YouTube channel; and several Community Forums that are in the works.

Council also discussed the need to balance its commitment to public comment during meetings with the need for thoughtful deliberation of City business and decorum, especially during election season.

In response, Council adopted modifications to public comment that go into effect June 7 for a six-month trial period:

- **Campaign Speech**
  - No person may use the public comment portion of a meeting to promote or oppose any candidate for public office.

- **Study Sessions**
  - Public comment will focus on individual agenda items and will be heard immediately after the staff presentation for each item.

- **General Public Comment**
  - “General Public Comment” will be renamed “Public Comment” and the public may comment on either agenda items or any other topic during that time.

  - Individuals wishing to speak to agenda items will be called to the podium first. If time remains, anyone wishing to make a general public comment on items not pertaining to the agenda may do so.

  - If an item is before the Council for the first time and action is to be taken at the same meeting, then, for public comment purposes, that item will be treated the same as a study session item and public comment on that agenda item will be permitted after the staff presentation.

  - If warranted, the Council may vote to suspend its rules during study sessions and business meetings to allow for more public comment.

For more information about public comment changes or eComment, contact City Manager’s Office Management Analyst Eric Bratton at (206) 805-2217, ebratton@shorelinewa.gov.
Have you ever wondered who organizes the neighborhood Block Watch, orchestrates the community garage sale or keeps track of important issues affecting your area such as traffic, land use or local improvements? Shoreline residents like you! Often this type of community organizing happens through a neighborhood group.

When Shoreline incorporated 15 years ago, it was divided into 14 neighborhoods. The City created a special program to support these neighborhoods and help residents work together to improve their communities. Neighborhood association volunteers organize social events, coordinate crime prevention activities, implement projects, plan speakers and share information through newsletters and websites.

To find out what is happening in your neighborhood or how to get involved, contact your neighborhood representative or visit your neighborhood website. (See list at right; not all neighborhood have websites.) For more information about the Neighborhood Program, contact Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith at (206) 801-2253, neighborhoodcoordinator@shorelinewa.gov.

Shoreline Neighborhoods
Ballinger
www.ballingerneighborhood.org
Briarcrest
www.briarcrestneighbors.net
Echo Lake
www.echolakeneighborhood.com
The Highlands
Highland Terrace
www.highland-terrace.org
Hillwood
www.hillwoodneighborhood.org
Innis Arden
www.innisarden.com
Meridian Park
www.meridianpark.info
North City
www.northcityneighborhoodassociation.org
Parkwood
Richmond Beach
www.richmondbeachwa.org
Richmond Highlands
www.richmondhighlands.org
Ridgcrest
www.ridgcrestneighborhood.info
Westminster Triangle
Look for Westminster Triangle Network on Facebook

Don’t know what neighborhood you live in? Find out today!
Look for neighborhood welcome signs -- 11 associations have installed them. Or check out the map on the Neighborhood Program’s webpage (look under Popular Links). While you’re there you can also find your neighborhood representative and resources such as step-by-step instructions for organizing neighborhood events, recruiting volunteers, publicizing an event and much more.
Meet the artists at Open House
Thursday, May 27, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

This month, the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council and the City of Shoreline present the next installment in the City Hall Gallery, Sea, Shore and Sky, a new show focusing on the natural landscape. Artists Malcolm Edwards (photography), Betty Hageman (painting), Lisa Snow Lady (mixed media) and Sue Robertson (acrylic painting) use their individual art forms to capture the world around us. The exhibit opened May 5 and will run through August 2 on the second and third floors of the Shoreline City Hall Gallery.

Attend a special open house at City Hall on Thursday, May 27, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for an opportunity to meet the artists, ask questions about their art and enjoy some refreshments. The Caprice String Quartet will provide live music.

Also on exhibit are two large carved wooden heads by Vashon Island sculptor Shawn Nordfors. Nordfors has exhibited his work throughout the Northwest and has several pieces in public collections in the area.

For more information contact the Arts Council at (206) 417-4645, info@shorelinearts.net.
Soapy wash water produced during a group car wash is not allowed to enter a storm drain. Wash water contains detergents, oil, grime and sediments that can be harmful to fish and wildlife. If allowed to enter a drain, the untreated water flows directly to a stream, lake or Puget Sound.

To prevent wash water from entering the storm drain, borrow a free car wash kit from the City. Staff will help make sure your planned car wash site is suitable for use with a car wash kit. They will also show you where the kit should be placed and how to use it.

For information or to borrow the kit, please contact Water Quality Specialist Jessica Williams at (206) 801-2453, jwilliams@shorelinewa.gov.

Keep dogs on leash in Shoreline parks

Although Shoreline has established off-leash dog areas at Shoreview and Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, the rest of the City parks still require that dogs be on a leash and under control at all times.

- Keeping your dog on leash protects other users of the park, the environment and your dog. The ordinance was established to balance the needs of all park users so everyone feels safe and comfortable enjoying Shoreline’s open spaces.
- Please clean up after your pet. Dog feces contain E. coli and fecal coliforms, diseases that can infect children and adults and cause severe illness. The City tries to minimize or eliminate the chance of children coming in contact with E. coli while playing at parks, so please keep dogs away from fields, playgrounds and beaches.
- King County Animal Control Officers patrol Shoreline parks to enforce the City’s leash law and will issue tickets for violations. To report violations, please contact Park Maintenance Superintendent Kirk Peterson at (206) 801-2611, kpeterso@shorelinewa.gov.
- The Shoreview off-leash dog area is open year round at 320 NW Innis Arden Way.

Free pamphlets on these and related topics are available at the permitting counter on the first floor of Shoreline City Hall. The Planning and Development Services Department also offers educational items for children.

May is National Building Safety Month

To raise safety awareness, the City and Shoreline Fire Department join the state and nation in celebrating Building Safety Month during May. The theme is Building Safety: Comemorating a 30-year Legacy of Leadership and highlights four areas during the month: Energy and Green Building; Disaster Safety and Mitigation; Fire Safety and Awareness; and Backyard Safety.

Building safety and fire prevention codes are important in all aspects of construction, including structural soundness of buildings, reliability of fire prevention and suppression systems, plumbing and mechanical systems and energy efficiency and sustainability. Making and keeping buildings safe requires the participation of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, builders, engineers, the construction industry and property owners.

If you are interested in retrofitting your home for earthquake safety call (877) 2-BOLT-IT to sign up for free educational seminars and information. For more information about building codes and safety in Shoreline, contact Building Official Ray Allshouse at (206) 801-2541, ralls-house@shorelinewa.gov.

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Meeting Location 
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Agenda Line: (206) 801-2236 

Study Sessions: First and third Mondays 6:30 p.m. 
Business Meetings: Second and fourth Mondays 7:30 p.m. 

Televisioned City Council Meeting 
Comcast Cable Channel 21 & Verizon Cable Channel 37 
Tuesday noon & 8:00 p.m., Wednesday - Sunday 6:00 a.m., noon & 8:00 p.m. 
Meetings may be watched live or reviewed as archives at www.shorelinewa.gov 

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Human Services (206) 801-2251 
Jobs (206) 801-2243 
Neighborhoods & Volunteers (206) 801-2253 
Parks and Recreation (206) 801-2600 
Permits, Zoning & Land Use (206) 801-2500 
Public Works (206) 801-2400 
Projects & Engineering (206) 801-2470 
Recycling (206) 801-2450 
Street Maintenance (206) 801-2440 
Traffic Services (206) 801-2430 

Shoreline Police 
Emergency: 911 
Shoreline Police Station 
Chief Dan Pingrey 
1206 N 185th Street 
Shoreline, WA 98133 
(206) 801-2710 

Eastside Police Neighborhood Center 
Officer Greg McKinney 
521 NE 165th Street 
Shoreline, WA 98155 
(206) 363-8424 

Westside Police Neighborhood Center 
Officer Leona Ostler 
624 NW Richmond Beach Road 
Shoreline, WA 98177 
(206) 546-3636 

Popular Numbers 
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Comcast (877) 824-2288 
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Shoreline (206) 362-7550 
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