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PROBLEM REPORT
PS-1**

Problem ID: 43

Reporting Division :NORTH

District:

Neighbourhood: KIRKNESS

Address : 401 KIRKNESS ROAD

Reg	Rank	Last Name	First Name
1239	CST	FACEY	DAVE

Key Description : THEFTS FROM AUTOS

Problem Description:

During the last three months of 1993 and early 1994, Constable Facey noted a considerable increase in the number of thefts from autos at the apartment complex at 401 Kirkness Road. Examination of the various incidents revealed little as there was no set pattern of days or times for the crimes. There were no suspect either.

Problem solving strategies and results :

Cst. Facey met with the apartment manager who was obviously quite concerned about the situation. They agreed (hat the residents partly contributed to the problem in that they often left valuables in their cars. Dave then obtained some theft from vehicle signs from the divisional Crime Prevention Officer and the manager had them erected in the parking area. He also obtained and distributed crime prevention leaflets about thefts from cars to all the residents.

During the meeting, Dave and the manager discussed how the apartment occupancy rate was being affected by the rash of crime. The manager decided to approach the management company in the hopes that he could secure the services of a security guard for the night hours. He would point out that the costs would be significantly less than the actual costs of the vacancies.

Management agreed to hire security in early March 1994. In November 1994, the time of evaluation, follow-up interviews with the manager shows that the problem has been virtually eliminated. As expected, the occupancy rate has increased and the turn-over of renters experienced in 1993 has stopped. The manager also reports that the presence of security has had a positive effect on other incidents at the apartments (ie, mischiefs, noisy parties, prowling youths).