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Subject: *Commercial Drive: Recommended Charges & Calls for Service*

Analyzing the number of cases¹ where criminal charges were recommended² in the Commercial Drive³ area reveal that in 2006, 761 incidents occurred where 822 people had charges recommended against them. In 2007, 815 incidents occurred where 891 people had charges recommended against them. *Table 1* depicts the number of recommended charges by crime category.

Table 1: Recommended Charges by Crime Categories in 2006 & 2007

| Crime Category | 2006 | 2007 | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Violent Crime | 167 | 175 | 4.8% |
| Property Crime | 267 | 238 | -10.9% |
| Other Criminal Code | 111 | 150 | 35.1% |
| Drug Offences | 154 | 154 | 0.0% |
| Federal Offences | 7 | 13 | 85.7% |
| Provincial Offences | 39 | 62 | 59.0% |
| Survey Codes | 32 | 50 | 56.3% |
| Provincial/Federal Traffic Offences | 45 | 49 | 8.9% |
| Grand Total | 822 | 891 | 8.4% |

To further assist with the Commercial Drive court concept, this data has been further broken down by youth and adult crimes in *Table 2*.

¹ The Most Serious Offence method was used when extracting data from Versadex.

² Role codes used to extract charges include charged, charged/accused, recommended charge, youth charged, and youth recommended charge.

³ For the purposes of this report, the geographic area for Commercial Drive will be defined as Hastings St. (North border), East 13th Ave (South border), Clark Dr. (West border), and Victoria Dr. (East border)

Table 2: Recommended Adult & Youth Charges by Crime Categories in 2006 & 2007

| Crime Category | Role | 2006 | 2007 | Total | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Violent Crime | Adult | 154 | 157 | 311 | 1.9% |
| | Youth | 13 | 18 | 31 | 38.5% |
| Property Crime | Adult | 251 | 230 | 481 | -8.4% |
| | Youth | 16 | 8 | 24 | -50.0% |
| Other Criminal Code | Adult | 108 | 130 | 238 | 20.4% |
| | Youth | 3 | 20 | 23 | 566.7% |
| Drug Offences | Adult | 147 | 149 | 296 | 1.4% |
| | Youth | 7 | 5 | 12 | -28.6% |
| Federal Offences | Adult | - | 2 | 2 | n/c |
| | Youth | 7 | 11 | 18 | 57.1% |
| Provincial Offences | Adult | 38 | 61 | 99 | 60.5% |
| | Youth | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.0% |
| Survey Codes | Adult | 32 | 50 | 82 | 56.3% |
| | Youth | - | - | - | 0% |
| Provincial/Federal Traffic Offences | Adult | 45 | 49 | 94 | 8.9% |
| | Youth | - | - | - | 0% |
| Grand Total | | 822 | 891 | 1,713 | 8.4% |

In addition, the total calls for service⁴ in this area for 2006 were 12,690 and in 2007, there were 13,220 calls for service.

Please advise if there is anything further the Planning, Research & Audit Section can do to assist with this project.

Thank you,

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⁴ For the purposes of this report, calls for service is defined as any call that has been assigned a GO number.