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*The 10th Anniversary Incidents Booklet of the Ottawa Police Service Liaison
Committee for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Communities*

June 2002



• **Dedication** •

To the memory of Alain Brosseau

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HUMAN DIVERSITY AND DIFFERENCE ARE QUALITIES THAT SHOULD GENERATE CELEBRATION AND A RECOGNITION OF POTENTIAL. SUCCESSFUL SOCIETIES ARE INCLUSIVE, PLURAL AND TOLERANT. DIFFERENCE AND DIVERSITY ARE ENGINES OF CREATIVITY, LEARNING, IDEAS AND PROGRESS. HATE CRIME, HOMOPHOBIA AND RACISM ARE SYMPTOMS OF SOCIAL DISEASE. WHILST SOME GROUPS SUFFER THE BRUNT OF THEIR EFFECT – WE ARE ALL DIMINISHED BY THE PROCESS OF THEIR ACTION AND HARMED BY AN UNWILLINGNESS TO ELIMINATE THEM.

*Ian Wilmott, Chair
National Advisory Group Policing Lesbian and Gay Communities
Manchester, United Kingdom*

In 2001, the Ottawa Police Liaison Committee for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities celebrated the tenth anniversary of its monthly work. A commitment was made by a number of people associated with the Liaison Committee at that time to put together a report on the incidents that have been heard at the Liaison Committee for the past ten years.

This Incident Report is a documentation of best practices for a community-based response to hate crimes in Ottawa.

Documenting the violence and harassment in the lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual communities in Ottawa is an important part of understanding the reality of hate and intolerance against this often targeted group in our community. The documentation of specific incidents by the police and community on a monthly basis, as has occurred in Ottawa since 1991, reveals only a small number of reported or known incidents. Adding these incidents together in one place is a revelation about the magnitude of the problem and the continued need to work toward effective solutions and prevention initiatives in all parts of the community.



David Pepper
Director of Community Development
Ottawa Police Service
June 2002

A Message from the Mayor of Ottawa

The publication of *Heard for the First Time* is another important milestone in the list of achievements of the Ottawa Police Liaison Service Committee for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Communities.

Documentation is a key ingredient of problem-solving which underpins crime prevention work. The partnership and assistance with Ottawa's GLBT communities is invaluable to our city's police service.

I am reminded once again that the Liaison Committee is a leader in developing and sustaining positive relations between the police and the community.

Please continue the good work. Crime prevention is a community activity. A whole-community approach is absolutely essential to ensuring a safe and livable city.



Bob Chiarelli
Mayor of Ottawa

Hate Crimes Awareness Week

8-15 JUNE 2002

WHEREAS, respect for human rights should be promoted; and

WHEREAS, the Ottawa Police Service Hate Crimes Section will mark its 10th anniversary in January 2003; and

WHEREAS, members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community and other minorities are still targets of abuse; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of such abuse diminish the quality of life in our city; and

WHEREAS, public awareness is an effective means to dispel the basis of such prejudice, thus making Ottawa a safer, hate-free and more encompassing city in which to live.

THEREFORE, I, Bob Chiarelli, Mayor of the City of Ottawa, do hereby proclaim 8-15 June 2002 as Hate Crimes Awareness Week.



Mayor / maire

A Message from the Chair of the Ottawa Police Services Board

The publication of the Ottawa Police Liaison Committee's 10th anniversary Incidents Report is a detailed and sober reminder of the magnitude of hostility that confronts members of our community on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Ottawa Police Services Board is committed to providing service to all members of the community. In recognition of the 10th Anniversary of the Liaison Committee in July 2001, the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved that the Ottawa Police Services Board:

- *Recognizes that gay men, lesbians, bisexual and transgender people are an integral part of the Ottawa community, the Ottawa Police Services Board re-affirms that this community should be served and protected in a manner that is sensitive and responsive to its unique needs.*
- *Just as it deplors all forms of hate-motivated crime, violence and harassment, the Board strongly condemns all forms of violence directed towards the LGBT communities and fully endorses the significant results that have been accomplished since 1991.*
- *Furthermore, the Board strongly supports the need for continued consultation, co-operation and dialogue between the police and the GLBT communities in the national capital region.*
- *The Board also recognizes the need for community-based work as accomplished through ten years of partnership work between the Police Service and the LGBT communities and;*
- *In recognition of a decade of progress, encourages all involved to continue to work in partnership and to identify and respond to community identified needs.*

It is my hope that the existence of this report will reach isolated members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered communities. I hope its depiction of pro-active, community-police work will encourage people previously silenced by fear to report hate crimes and incidents to our police service.

Herb Kreling
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A Message from the Crown Attorney

July 2, 2002

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Thank you, for sending me *Heard for the First Time: The 10th Anniversary Incident Booklet of the Ottawa Police Service Liaison Committee for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities*.

Hate crimes, be it sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion, or any other manifestation, warrants unequivocal denunciation. I continue to encourage those targeted by such criminal activity to come forward and report it to the police.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hilary McCormack".

Hilary McCormack
Crown Attorney

HM/sp

A Message from the Chief of Police

June 2002

A hate crime against one individual in our city is a hate crime against the entire community.

Hate crimes in Ottawa are still, unfortunately, both a reality and seriously underreported in the GLBT communities. The production of this report is an important testimony to the partnership between our service and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities in Ottawa. I hope that the report will highlight the reality of hate crimes, recognize the pain and suffering of those who have been victims and encourage people to report hate crimes to the police. Ten years of incidents shows us how important it is to respond to hate crimes in a comprehensive manner.

In 2001 we celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Ottawa Police Liaison Committee for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities. Next January, 2003 the Ottawa Police Service will mark the 10th anniversary of Canada's first community-based hate crimes unit. During the past ten years we have been able to expand the understanding of hate crimes in our community and the police service. We have ensured that we have an organization that is properly prepared to respond to hate crimes when and where they occur.

As you read this report, I encourage you to reflect on the challenge our community faces in responding to hate crimes and the importance of working together to encourage people to report to the police. Please join us in this effort through the Police Liaison Committee on the third Monday of every month.



Vince Bevan
Chief of Police

To sign up to receive information about the Police Liaison Committee,
email us at info@ottawapolice.ca

How to Report a Hate Crime

The **Hate Crime Section** provides an accessible police resource to communities and people who become targets of hate crimes or who are at risk of becoming targets.

Hate crimes are not limited to any specific section of society; ANYONE CAN BE A VICTIM, but some groups in the community are more victimized than others.

Any non-emergency incidents of violence, harassment, vandalism or other crimes that are hate related should be reported to **the Ottawa Police Service Hate Crimes Section at 236-1222, ext. 2466.**

The Ottawa Police Service also provides **Victim Services** to victims of crime:

245 Greenbank Road: Ext. 2200, 2265

474 Elgin Street: Ext. 5372

1700 Blair Road: Ext. 4309

For a life-threatening emergency or crime in progress call 9-1-1. For other police emergencies, call 230-6211 (TTY: 232-1123). For Community Policing Centres and other enquiries call 236-1222.

If you would like to request information or send an email, you can do so by writing info@ottawapolice.ca. You can also visit the Ottawa Police website at www.ottawapolice.ca.

Crime Prevention Flourishes with Commitment, Trust and Dialogue

There are eight entries in the Advocacy and Activism section of recent editions of “In the Pink,” an Ottawa LGBT community publication. One entry is for the Ottawa Police Service Liaison Committee for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities. Another is for the Hate Crime Section of the Ottawa Police.

These two entries, in the non-mainstream publication, are signs of significant change as former adversaries become respected partners in proactive efforts to achieve equity for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered persons in the Ottawa criminal justice system. The community-based, crime prevention partnership work is creative, cross-sectoral, multi-dimensional and highly visible. It has taken the former Chief of the Ottawa-Carleton Police to Parliament Hill (in 1995 and 1996) to present joint police-community briefs in favour of enhanced sentencing for hate-motivated crimes against lesbians and gays and protection from discrimination in the Canadian Human Rights Act. These submissions paved the way in 1999 for joint presentations by a Hate Crime Section officer and an out lesbian community worker to 800 students at a local high school. Since 1998 it has brought police cruisers into the Ottawa Pride Parade and the Rainbow Flag into the lobby of the main Ottawa police station where it hangs during Pride Week.

The unprecedented queer community/police crime prevention work dates back to 1989 when Alain Brosseau, a man who was perceived to be gay, was attacked by a number of young men, robbed and thrown to his death off a bridge linking Ottawa and Hull. Alarmed by the murder and other anti-gay violence, the queer community organized a “Blow the Whistle” campaign and distributed safety pamphlets. The police, meanwhile, were passive and silent: they did not recognize the hate motivation behind the violence.

Concern about police inactivity led in 1991 to the creation of the police-community Liaison Committee. Its crime

prevention goal is to make the nation’s capital safe for individuals whose affectional orientation and gender identity is not that of the majority. Monthly meetings, attended by senior police personnel and strongly supported by volunteers, revolve around incidents and issues that concern the LGBT communities; this is where the police are held accountable. The Liaison Committee is accountable through community group representation on the Committee, its policy of openness, extensive mailing of minutes and reports, and outreach events. It strives to make visible and validate the racial, religious, ethnic and disability diversity within the queer community.

The Liaison Committee has strong links with the Hate Crime Section (originally the Bias Crime Unit), established in 1993 in response to demands from marginalized communities that are the targets of hate-motivated violence.

(When individuals, or their property, are the target of violence because of who they are or who they are thought to be, they are the victims of hate crime. An Ottawa example: harassing a lesbian couple at their home by damaging property, smearing faecal matter on the tires of their car and dumping garbage on their lawn. A distinguishing feature of anti-gay violence can be the viciousness of the violence: a screwdriver to the eyes; multiple fractures that require multiple face reconstruction operations; beating (and not robbing) someone with a baseball bat until he is left in a coma and is permanently scarred.)

Hate crimes do not occur in a vacuum. As a result, they are one of the easiest crimes to prevent through education and strong community standards concerning prejudice. A hate-crime approach exposes the root cause (motivation) of an incident and challenges the community at large – including schools and the mainstream media – to work on solving the underlying problem (prejudice).

The Liaison Committee’s community-based process is grounded in action-oriented, problem-solving work that addresses needs identified by the community. All work

is presented within the context of heterosexism, societal homophobia and transphobia that are the root causes of hate-motivated crime, unsafe school environments for queer youth, widespread harassment and insufficient services for victims and perpetrators of same-sex and transgender partner abuse.

Outcomes include an increase in reporting of hate-motivated incidents, increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender realities in police service policies, procedures and training; police participation in many community events and, above all, informed and sensitive responses to members of the LGBT communities by an increasing number of officers. Overall, community/police partnership work is shifting the service delivery momentum from ignorance and avoidance to understanding and action.

The Liaison Committee has also made progress in the criminal justice system as a whole in the area of same-sex partner abuse. Within two-and-a-half years we went from identifying same-sex partner abuse as a serious problem that was invisible from an organizational perspective (1994), to where the issue is an integral part of an unprecedented (in Ottawa) system-wide, coordinated effort to provide an effective and accountable justice system response to partner assault, through the Partner Assault Support Team (PAST), established in 1997. This is substantive, potentially whole-system change, not piecemeal change.

As with hate crimes, there is now an increase in service calls from victims of same-sex partner abuse. The increase is significant and doubtless reflects that others are working on this issue as well. However, under-reporting (estimated at 90 per cent for hate-motivated crimes) is still very serious in both areas. In 1997, for instance, the Liaison Committee received information about two lesbian students who had to change schools because of the level of harassment and violence. The *victims* had to move.

We've come a long way since the first Liaison Committee meeting in July, 1991. The effects are far-reaching when an institution as powerful as the police legitimizes and affirms a segment of society that is usually rendered invisible. But, we still have a long way to go. Fear, mistrust and

cynicism predominate in minority communities. To promote trust and accountability, we always need to be able to point to genuine progress, genuine change.

To understand the magnitude of the resistance the work can trigger – context is vital. While everyone has an affectional orientation, the affectional orientation of the majority – straight women and men – is seen as part of the whole person. Many view LGBT persons, however, solely through the lens of sex, deviant sex, or deviant gender identity. Humanity, skills and spiritual qualities, the essence of us as individuals is irrationally ignored. As a result, LGBT people have been criminalized, medicalized, villainized, ridiculed, isolated, and dehumanized.

A key ingredient of the success of the partnership is the up-front willingness of the police service to acknowledge its poor responses to the queer community in the past and to work openly on community-identified concerns.

Leadership is crucial. According to a Poli-fax (1994) on Innovations in Canadian Policing by the Canadian Police College, “there are a number of lessons to be learned from Ottawa’s experience. Perhaps the most important is that determined leadership on the part of the police and community can overcome a history marked by mistrust. When conducted with integrity, consultation creates the trust which makes possible concrete improvements in policing services. Trust is the basis for cooperative action and also the buffer against individual acts of insensitivity.”

There is a built-in evaluation component through our community-based process of accountability. As well, there is the very tangible evidence of increased reporting; increased group and individual membership in the Liaison Committee; increased coverage and debate in the community newspaper (Capital Xtra!); community endorsements (both locally and outside Ottawa, and outside Canada); and institutional endorsements, including from the policing community and Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay, former Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. At a 1998 conference in Toronto she stated: “I would particularly like to commend the lesbian and gay community for their tireless efforts to

forge links with other sectors of society on behalf of equality. For example, I'm encouraged to hear about the work lesbian and gay organizations are doing with police forces at the local level, aimed at increasing police awareness of the issues affecting the community."

The Wellness Project, a major health survey released in 2001, reported that a high number of surveyed members of the l/g/b/t communities feel safe in Ottawa. A finding the project attributed, in part, to the work of the Liaison Committee. We have often had a chance to participate in major events only because work with the police opens closed doors. For example, the Sexual Minority Youth Workshop at the national Canada's Children – Canada's Future Conference, held in Ottawa in November 1996.

"I felt heard for the first time"

The most powerful evaluations come from the members of the queer community. For instance, a lesbian who'd been bashed in a bar in a central Ontario city described, at a Liaison Committee meeting, how she was "very surprised to sit in a room with police officers and talk in a format everyone understood. I felt heard for the first time. It was wonderful."

The murder of a man who was perceived to be gay initiated the community-based work. Thirteen years later, hate-motivated assault and harassment on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity continue to be concerns. Now, however, the police service has a much greater understanding of the hate-motivation dynamic, the impact on victims and the value of early intervention. For example, a gay man reported the licence number of a car

driven by a young man who made offensive gestures at him. An Hate Crime Section Officer tracked down the offender – a young man who was driving his grandfather's car. As a result of his behaviour, his family has denied him further use of the car. As well, there are major crime prevention projects underway; of particular note are the Education Sub-committee work in schools and the multi-partner Parks Sub-committee.

Conclusion

Our 10th anniversary Incidents Report documents a decade of community/police partnership work to identify safety concerns of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

The Significant Events section documents key developments during the decade, including proactive, partnership efforts to solve identified problems.

Our primary message is simple. Stereotypes break down when individuals engage in dialogue and come to know and trust one another as caring, committed, respectful and respect-worthy human beings.

Community development work to create safer, healthier communities evolves gradually and expands steadily through dialogue, partnerships, mutual learning, multi-sector coordination and resource sharing; it provides an important complement to solutions based in the justice system and in the law.

Ottawa
June 2002

Incidents 1991–2001

Legend

DV = Domestic Violence	CR = Community Report
H = Hate Motivated	PR = Police Report
□ = Outing concerns	CAP = Community Access Project
S/A = Sexual Assault	T = Transgendered Victim
V = Victimization	

1991

Community/police meetings, Aug. 2nd and Sept. 27th. Agreement on police need to document anti-gay and lesbian violence. A report on robberies and assaults for locations that are gay and lesbian identified was given for the period Jan 1st to Aug. 30th (1990 and 1991)

Oct. 22, 1991: Police Chief Flanagan met with lesbian and gay community groups to discuss safety concerns.

91.01 (H) (PR)

Recent incidents of violence. Increased police presence planned. (Nov.)

91.02 (H) (PR)

Victim Crisis Section said lesbians are reporting assaults. (Nov.)

1992

92.01 (PR)

The Ottawa Police acknowledges that a lot of victimization of lesbians and gay is not reported, which concerns police. (March)

92.02 (V) (CR)

Two examples of apparent entrapment in public washrooms, involving private security. Another example given, where a man in plain clothes approached another male in a washroom area and then arrested him. (March) Further discussion, eight criminal charges laid since December. (April)

92.03 (DV) (PR)

A gay man contacted police on April 24th, about threats made by an ex-partner. (April)

92.04 (CR) (PR)

U. of O., Rideau Centre and Bay Security; dialogue on washroom issues; trespass warning notices issued (April) Further discussion. (May)

June Minutes unavailable at present.

92.05 (H) (PR) and 92.06 (H) (PR)

Weekend of June 27/28. Serious gay bashing. Victim required brain surgery. Reference to a murder that had occurred on Slater Street. (July) Police said evidence will probably indicate that the Bay Street murder was a gay bashing (Oct.)

92.07 (CR)

Continuous noise complaint, near a fraternity house. Police will enter a premise history, to keep women's identity unknown for safety reasons. (July)

92.08 (H) (PR)

Patrol officers reported possible gay bashing (beating and robbery, Confederation Park, 3am-5am). Two witnesses, victim could not be found. (Aug.)

92.09 (V) (CR)

Gay male met another man at Tactics Bar, left with him; soon after he was beaten up and robbed. Victim seems fearful to report to police. (Aug.)

92.010 (DV) (CR)

Gay partner assault incident. Encouraging the victim to call the VCU; he will not pursue charges. (Aug.)

1993

93.01 (H) (PR)

Skinhead threat against a gay man. (Feb.)

93.02 (DV) (PR)

Same-sex domestic incident. (Feb.)

93.03 (DV) (PR)

Same-sex domestic incident. (Feb.)

93.04 (H) (PR)

Incident at Carleton University – threat against a lesbian. (Feb.)

93.05 (CR)

Several break-ins and thefts at the ACO Living Room. (Feb.)

93.06 (CR)

Break-ins at ALGO. (Feb.)

93.07 (H) (PR)

Incident (verbal). (May)

93.08 (H) (PR)

Incident (assault). (May)

93.09 (H) (PR)

The BCU said a pedestrian, on Stewart Street, was assaulted by a motorist who jumped out of his car after asking a pedestrian if he was a homosexual. The car had Quebec licence plates. A suspect has been charged with assault (gay bashing). (Aug.)

93.10 (H)

June 6, 1993 incident. Caller was attacked on bridge between Hull and Ottawa. He called Ottawa police, was referred to the Hull police, who referred him to Ottawa police. Police surveillance of a suspect. (Aug.)

93.11 (PR)

A self-described bisexual sent a letter to Glebe Collegiate, threatening to harm blacks, Pakistanis, males, females in the shotgun fashion of Robert Poulin (St. Pius murders), and to kill himself. His Aug. 5 target date passed without incident. The committee will ask Gayline personnel if they received a call from anyone who might match the letter writer, to help police locate him; he uses the initials D.C.P. (Aug.)

93.12 (CR)

A man with a wife and family who'd had an affair with a man came to the Bias Crime Unit to express concern about an article he received in the mail from an anonymous individual. The article described a heterosexual father coming out of the closet, and was written from the point of view of the man's family. The information is now on file with the police. (Aug.)

93.13 (H) (CR)

An Ottawa man was directed by the Task Force on Violence to the Bias Crime Unit after he was threatened and then hit in the face by an uncle and an aunt. The police were prepared to lay charges, but the victim didn't want to cause trouble for his family. He also declined a police offer to speak to the relatives, to convey the seriousness of the assault. It helped the victim immensely just to know the police documented the incident. (Aug.)

93.14 (H) (CR)

Received from a friend of the victim; a man returning to Ottawa from Hull was approached by two men whom he thought were friendly. They asked where he'd been, he said Le Club, they exclaimed: "Oh, you're a fag," and beat him so badly he was in hospital a couple of days. He did not report the incident to police. BCU said it sounded like a June incident at Middle and Booth streets; the victim, who had also mentioned he'd been at Le Club, was beaten up and called the police. The incident was handled by the Criminal Investigations Unit before it finally reached the BCU. The same assailants might be involved in the two cases. (Middle Street is at the end of Victoria Island). (Aug.)

93.15 (PR)

A man found a photocopy of a customized car licence plate on his car; it reads: "I'm gay." The man was not gay. (Sept.)

93.16 (CR)

Letter received from Gender Mosaic outlining cross dressers' concerns in case of arrest on a driving charge. Assurances provided re: single cell option in jail, clothing for court appearance, washrooms. (Sept.)

93.17 (CR)

Anecdotal reports and calls to the Task Force on Violence regarding bike tires slashed at Remic Rapids. (Sept.)

93.18 (CR)

Ottawa woman described an incident in Peterborough where she used to live. When a man heard “Hey Fag” and turned, someone attacked him with a bat; he needed reconstructive surgery on his face. BCU offered to speak to Peterborough police about safety concerns she identified there. (Sept.)

93.19 (H) (CR)

Incident on an OC Transpo Bus. BCU: details to follow. (Oct.)

93.20 (H) (PR)

On Oct. 6th about 3:30am, a man was punched in the mouth and his teeth were chipped by a white, male assailant who said: “Hey queer, I’m going to kill you.” The victim called police to report the incident but didn’t want the police to pursue the matter. (Oct.)

93.21 (H) (CR)

Call, from a man threatened at a bus stop. In the summer, the switchboard sent VCU a call from a man who was badly shaken up after a man in paramilitary gear called him a faggot and made threatening gestures at him. (Oct.)

93.22 (S/A) (PR)

BCU will obtain information about how the police handled a case, reported in the local press, in which a woman was sexually assaulted by a woman (identified by the media as her roommate). (Oct.)

93:23 (H) (PR)

Oct. 6 about 3:30 a.m., at the corner of Cumberland and Laurier. A man was punched in the mouth and his teeth were chipped by a white, male assailant who said: “Hey queer, I’m going to kill you.” The victim called police to report the incident but didn’t want the police to pursue the matter. The victim’s reluctance to pursue the matter was attributed to the fact that the victim was inebriated and not to the attitude of the investigating officer, who is fairly sensitive to the issue (of gay bashing).

93.24 (H) (CR)

Defacement of police service poster “Being lesbian or gay is not a crime, bashing is,” at Adult High School. (Nov.)

93.25 (H) (CR)

A woman who self-identified as a bisexual had had four ribs broken by a man wielding a baseball bat because he resented her relationship with another woman (the woman said she had never talked openly before about the cause of the attack, in a city south of Ottawa). Adult High School Class. (Nov.)

93.26 (H) (CR)

An Adult High School student told presenters, during anti-violence week, that a gay friend in Ottawa had been gay-bashed. (Nov.)

93.27 (H) (CAP)

Gay man who attended November 4, 1993 meeting on bias crimes disclosed for the first time that an attack a year earlier (assailants broke his nose) was a gay bashing. He was too fearful to disclose this to police at the time. (Nov.)

93.28 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay graffiti; 317 Bank St. (Dec.)

93.29 (H) (CR)

Harassment of a man by neighbors in the fall. (Dec.)

In February 1994 the Bias Crime Unit reported that it officially handled 18 anti-gay/lesbian incidents in 1993.

OTHER

The BCU was asked to look into a knifing incident three weeks ago near the canal. The victim, who was found by Armed Forces individuals, was described by media as being uncooperative about giving information. The media alluded to drug implications. (Oct.) Police found no anti-gay component. (Subsequent meeting) (PR)

1994

94.01 (H) (PR)

Two charged in attack on gay man reported earlier in minutes. (Feb.)

94.02 (H) (PR) Hull Police.

Many anti-gay incidents occur at Leamy Park, Blvd. Fournier, near Lady Aberdeen Bridge in Gatineau. Hull Police do not keep record of anti-gay incidents. (Feb.)

- 94.03 (H) (PR) Hull Police.
Many anti-gay incidents occur at Jacques Cartier Park. As well, a prevention patrol was started in 1993 because of incidents in a parking lot at the north end of Laurier (near Dusseault St.) (Feb.)
- 94.04 (H) (CAP)
Information was relayed about a daylight incident in Hull on March 10th, around St. Joseph/Maisoneuve. A woman was attacked by Nazi skinheads who first threw snowballs, then pulled her behind a store, calling her a dyke; she was left with two cracked ribs and a badly bruised face. CAP was told that the Hull Police spoke to the victim and said that there was nothing they could do, and that they did not file a report. (Mar.)
- 94.05 (CR)
A nurse who works in the emergency department at the Ottawa Civic Hospital said four Ottawa police officers displayed “very bigoted” attitudes when they brought in an inebriated woman who’d slashed her wrists at a woman’s shelter. They talked behind her back and said “she did this over some woman,” implying she was “one of those kind” of women. Their behaviour, which was not very professional, did not help diffuse the situation. (Mar.)
- 94.06 (H) (CAP)
A man reported homophobic gestures and remarks made by a clerk in a west-end store whenever he enters the shop. (Mar.)
- 94.07 (H) (CR)
Two heterosexual Ottawa men, University of Ottawa professors, gay-bashed on a visit to London Ontario; the men raised concerns about inadequate and insensitive London police treatment. Source: Capital Xtra! (March/April)
- 94.08 (H) (CR) (O)
Verbal and physical attack on gay male May 26, within a tunnel at Carleton University, by two men known to the victim. Not reported, in part because the victim does not want to come out. (April)
- 94.09 (H) (CR) (PR)
Hate stickers appearing at Carleton University. BCU following. (April)
- 94.10 (CR)
Local man has a complaint against a Hull police officer concerning an incident outside a gay bar in Hull, Nov. 11, 1993. (April)
- 94.11 (PR)
Be on the lookout for members of the Hammerskin group whose initiation ritual includes assaults. Identification markings provided. (April)
- 94.12 (H) (PR)
BCU to receive information from the Hull police about an incident in Jacques Cartier Park in Hull on the weekend of May14/15. The area is a hot spot. (May)
- 94.13 (H) (PR)
A serious assault on a man by skinheads near Bar 363 (363 Bank St), April 20th. The victim, who was also robbed, was unwilling to come forward. Hate indicators: verbal slurs. April 20th is Adolf Hitler’s birthday. (May)
- 94.14 (H) (T) (CR)
Two incidents brought to the attention of Gender Mosaic. One incident, on May 2, 1994 at 2:30pm, involved a transsexual member of the group who was verbally harassed by three male teenagers as she walked to a bus stop on Gladstone near Bell Street. Comments included: “Look at the guy in the black coat dressed as a woman.” In another incident, three or four males followed a cross dresser for a while in St. Laurent Shopping Centre. (May)
- 94.15 (H) (PR)
The BCU said charges will be laid against a neo-Nazi skinhead who threatened an employee at Club 363 about 8:30pm on May 22nd. (June)
- 94.16 (H) (CAP)
A contributor to CKCU Defiant Voices said June 15th that she is repeatedly harassed in the Bank Street area but fears going to the police in case the offenders become even more hostile towards her. She is reviewing the option of anonymous reporting. (June)
- 94.17 (H) (PR)
BCU responded to a recent call about a forested area behind Algonquin College, in the Hurdman Station, Rideau River area. “Kill Queers” and “AIDS will kill all fags” graffiti was found on cement blocks in an area with

crosses and evidence of being used as a meeting place. The BCU will keep an eye on the area. (June)

94.18 (H) (CAP)

CAP reported details from a bashing report filled out by the Gayline concerning the Saturday evening incident in April. A woman was sexually assaulted in her home by a male acquaintance who made anti-lesbian comments. She reported the incident to the police, but didn't tell them it was an anti-lesbian attack because she feared having to come out; she was also afraid of harassment. (June)

94.19 (H) (PR)

VCU said two men are being charged in connection with an assault in June on a gay man who works as a security person in a Gilmour St. apartment building. Anti-gay name calling accompanied the assault. (July)

94.20 (H) (PR)

A 27 year-old male is being charged with mischief to property and possession of cocaine, after trying to break into an apartment on Hinton Ave. on July 8th. Slurs about lesbians flagged it as a bias incident. (July)

94.21 (H) (PR)

VCU said that a group of Carleton University Students received a lot of verbal harassment from 3 rough looking young men on Pride Day about 8:30pm in the area of Gloucester and Kent St. The BCU will keep an eye on the area. (July)

94.22 (H) (T) (CR)

A cross dresser who lives in the Nelson and St. Patrick area is regularly sworn at and spit at in the area in the evenings; she has scratches and bruises all over her body, but won't come forward, go to a community centre or a hospital. A complicating factor is her frequent inebriation. (Aug.)

94.23 (H) (CAP)

A woman reported that a friend was called a "fucking lesbian" by a man while walking along Elgin Street in early July. Her friend followed the offender into the court house where she learned he works as a security guard; she laid a complaint with his supervisor and was told they have other complaints about him. The woman is reluctant to speak directly to the BCU about the incident. (Aug.)

94.24 (H) (PR)

The Director of Community Development reported a serious assault on a man by skinheads near Bar 363. This report was received second hand – the victim was unwilling to come forward. (Sept.)

94.25 (H) (CR)

A man was attacked by three men in a west end park across from Draper Avenue. Unknown motivation; the victim can not be reached. (Sept.)

94.26 (H) (PR)

Two white males hit two men as they walked down Elgin St., at 1:30 a.m. (Aug.) The victims were unable to give a description of the attackers. (Sept.)

94.27 (DV) (CR)

A city councillor relayed a constituent's complaint about police response to a same-sex domestic violence incident; officers, who arrived wearing latex gloves, giggled about the victim's situation. (Sept.)

94.28 (H) (PR)

BCU visited two lesbians who received a threatening, anti-lesbian letter in the mail on October 3rd. The recipients were unable to identify any suspects. (Oct.)

94.29 (H) (PR)

The BCU followed up on a call received by CAP from a man after he had been assaulted at Kent and Laurier on Sept. 30, early in the morning. The man had reported the assault to police, he has decided not to proceed further. The accused was arrested within 20 minutes on an unrelated matter. (Oct.)

94.30 (H) (PR)

Rockcliffe park incident. Attacks accompanied by anti-gay, anti-Semitic comments. Three incidents; two involve the Ottawa police, one OPP, all on Friday evening. The BCU said a group of fourteen and fifteen year olds were swarmed about 8 or 9pm on September 17th at the Lookout "tearoom"; skinheads came out of a white van and attacked them with boots (one youth suffered a concussion, had teeth dislodged). Another attack a week earlier being handled by the OPP, was on Lisgar road. Police have one suspect. (Oct.) The BCU reported that the unit walked around the Rockcliffe Park "tearoom" area for several weeks after incidents there. (Nov.)

94.31 (H) (CR)

Late October, west end harassment, attempted assault. Two gay men were in a car, men approached the car. One sought money, the other yelled “faggots” and kicked the window three times. They drove off. (Nov.)

94.32 (H) (CR)

Canterbury incident in August, once closed, has been reopened. Two men yelled anti-gay remarks at an employee and punched him. An arrest is pending because the complaint subsequently saw where his attackers live and notified police. (Nov.)

94.33 (H) (CAP)

Near Club 363, a gay man found four guys jumping on his car. “Shut up fag, what are you going to do about it,” they told him. He approached an RCMP officer sitting in a car on a nearby side street; he said the police wouldn’t come to a call unless there’s been \$700 damage. “If I were you I’d hit them, but don’t tell anyone I said that.” The young man who related the story was blown away by the fact that the officer was too lazy to get out of his car. (Nov.)

94.34 (CAP)

A lesbian who’s been harassed by another lesbian was referred to a police officer in the sexual assault section – the line was blurred between whether it was a work related or relationship issue; the complainant said she was very satisfied with the officer’s response... the threat seems to be lessening and she’s keeping a record of everything that happens. (Nov.)

94.35 (S/A) (PR)

A sexual assault on a male on the weekend of November 19th, 20th went to the Bias Crime Unit because the unit is trusted. (Nov.)

94.36 (H) (PR)

The BCU reported on a case involving two white supremacists and a gay man who was harassed repeatedly. One man was charged with assault, the other with possession of a prohibited weapon. It took a year for the case, which has been reported in Capital Xtra, to come to trial. Outcome: a peace bond instead of the trauma of trial. No direct communication, many addresses now off limits, the two who’ve been charged can’t communicate with each other. They’ll be picked up again if any item is breached.

Basically took them away from their turf—might not have had so much leverage if the case had gone to trial. (Nov.)

94.37 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay robbery. No suspects. (Nov.)

94.38 (H) (PR)

Two men yelled anti-gay remarks at a clothing store employee and punched him. There have been arrests and charges laid against the assault suspects. (Nov./Dec.)

94.39 (H) (PR)

Two women assaulted early Dec. in an incident near Bar 363 on Bank St. No complaints laid. Description: young males, short brown hair, driving a jeep. The BCU spoke to the owner of Bar 363 about the incident. (Dec.)

94.40 (H) (PR)

Two males were assaulted at 4 a.m. at Frank and Elgin streets in December by men who got out of a passing car. There were remarks about sexual orientation during the attack. (Dec.)

94.41 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay fliers were posted on Bank St. and distributed Dec. 11/12, in the Glebe, in connection with a speaking engagement by regional councillor Alex Munter at Octopus Book Store. There was BCU surveillance of the event. (Dec.)

94.42 (V) (PR)

A pick-up robbery occurred Nov. 27th following a meeting at Centretown Pub; involved the brandishing of a knife. (Dec.)

94.43 (H) (CR-CAP)

Ottawa high school student reported being chased across the Inter-provincial Bridge from Ottawa in Nov., at about 1:30 a.m., on Saturday, by two men who might have noticed a gay-positive bumper sticker on his car. The victim’s car broke down as he headed to the City of Gatineau. He went to a stranger’s home for help. The car following him left and Gatineau police were called. (Dec.)

94.44 (H) (CR)

At a presentation to Ottawa Board of Education teachers and guidance counsellors on Dec. 1, 1994, a guidance counsellor said she and her husband assisted a teenage male who had been assaulted in a park last summer. They

were disturbed at how difficult it was for the youth to file a report with the Ottawa police. She thinks the youth was attacked because he was perceived to be gay. (Dec.)

94.45 (H) (CAP)

At a recent workshop on same-sex partner abuse at the University of Ottawa, a lesbian reported early-morning safety concerns along the bar strip in Hull. CAP will contact a Hull police officer involved in a recent police crackdown to make the area safer and to ensure lesbian/gay concerns are known. (Dec.)

94.46 (T) (CR)

A transsexual, leaving Le Club on Dec. 16, was verbally harassed and her wig was knocked off; she was able to escape by getting into a cab. (Dec.)

94.47 (H)

A woman reported frequent harassment by another tenant in her City Living building. Complaints to City Living and the Ontario Human Rights Commission have been unsuccessful. The Chair requested copies of letters sent to City Living, suggesting pursuing the matter with the local city councillor. (Dec.)

94.48 (PR)

A man was assaulted in a restaurant's washroom by the man with whom he had been having dinner.

94.49 (PR)

A bondage incident in which a male was the victim of an opposite sex couple.

94.50 (H) (PR)

Market incident: a charge was laid. The issue is complicated as the crime has three components: a bias aspect; non-provision of service when an officer was told the car chase began with an anti-gay life threat; Highway Traffic Act violations.

1995

95:01 (H) (T) (CR)

A transgender person brought correspondence pertaining to her harassment concerns. Following the meeting, she was able to discuss a recommended course of action with the Chair. (Jan.)

95:02 (CR-CAP)

At a recent community meeting, a Rape Crisis Centre worker said the Centre received a call last year from a woman who'd been sexually assaulted by another woman. They advised her to call the police, which she did, reporting back the response was ridicule. She refused to proceed further or leave her name. (Jan.) Contact made with Sexual Assault Section. (April)

95:03 (H) (CR)

Carleton University student's op-ed piece in the Ottawa Citizen (Dec. 13, 1994), about being assaulted on Somerset near Bronson, revealed anti-gay motivation. (Jan.) By phone, BCU confirmed the hate motivation with the student but he hasn't come forward so that an investigation can proceed. (May)

95:04 (H) (PR)

An individual came to the station on Feb. 20th to report being threatened at a BGLAD information table at Carleton University. (Feb.)

95:05 (H) (PR)

An election poster at Carleton University was vandalized with anti-gay comments during BGLAD week. (Feb.)

95:06 (H) (PR)

Also during BGLAD week: homophobic, racist and sexist graffiti appeared at St. Patrick Hall at Carleton University. Circulated at meeting: a gay-positive poster that was defaced with the writing "must all die". (Jan.) Outcome: BCU has identified a possible suspect. (March)

95:07 (DV) (CR-CAP)

A lesbian, who read about CAP and same-sex partner abuse issues in Labrys, called for information about receiving a non-threatening police escort to retrieve personal belongings from the residence she had to leave because of domestic abuse. CAP called the on-duty patrol sergeant who then took her call directly. She called CAP the next day to say everything worked out well. (Feb.)

95:08 (DV) (CR)

A lesbian called CAP to determine an appropriate course of action after a potential harassment call on an answering machine from a former partner. Police advised her that one call does not constitute harassment and to document subsequent calls. The caller was satisfied with the advice received. (Feb.)

95:09 (T) (CR)

A transgendered woman drew attention to a newspaper editorial that bashed transexuals. CAP explained that there are no Criminal Code sanctions against such writing and that some believe that education/interaction, not the Criminal Code, is the way to go. (Feb.)

95:10 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay fight on Sparks St.; homophobic remarks escalated to assault. Victim reported incident but didn't want to pursue charges; perpetrator known to victim. (March)

95:11 (H) (PR)

One person charged concerning a Feb. 27, 1995 assault on a gay man by a fellow boarder in a rooming-house. (March)

95:12 (DV) (PR)

Investigating assault, possible shooting, outside Somerset St. gay club. Suspect identified. Relationship slant. (March)

95:13 (PR)

Three members of a Catherine St. private club, the Loonie Bin, charged following an assault on another club member in December. Most club members are gay. Hard to determine if there is anti-gay motivation. (March)

95:14 (T) (CR)

A transgender person said she now experiences constant harassment from neighbourhood youth, the stressful situation is becoming explosive; no one is assisting her, and she is trying to move. Action: premise history on police computer system (by BCU), urged to call 911 if there are further incidents. Document all incidents. Director of Community Development and a city councillor will follow re: City Living inaction. (March)

95:15 (H) (PR)

Bus stop assault of a high school student. (Feb.) BCU information pending. (March) (May)

95:16 (H) (CR)

Third-party report to CAP about a possible gay bashing on Bank St. near Lewis St. about 10 p.m., March 7th. No information received by the BCU. (March)

95:17 (H) (CR)

Barry Deeprise, president of PTS, told CAP that hate calls to the Gayline are usually against lesbians. (March)

95:18 (H) (CR)

Call from The Well, an Elgin St. drop-in for women. A man appeared two weeks in a row, made anti-women, anti-lesbian comments. Action: alerted neighbourhood officer area patrol cars. (Apr.)

95:19 (H) (CR)

A lesbian called CAP from a shelter, about two death threats from her partner's parent. Reported to the BCU, which had some difficulty reaching them. The Access Project provided support-group information (as there had been abuse in the relationship). (Apr.)

95:20 (H) (CR)

A woman called CAP after she was threatened by the man her ex-partner is now involved with. BCU followed-up to ensure appropriate support services in place given history of attempted suicide. (April)

95:21 (H) (CR)

April 15/16 weekend. The Director of Community Development received a report of a man who was verbally assaulted and threatened by four individuals in a car on Rideau Street. He is trying to get the victim to call the BCU. (April) BCU reported the victim is not returning calls. (May)

95:22 (H) (T) (CR)

A member of the transgender community said she called 911 two weeks earlier about verbal harassment ("pull down your pants") when she was about to enter a store on Bell St. Two officers arrived in about 10 minutes. They talked to everyone then said she should stop going to the store. The individual said it was too risky to go the extra distance to the only other corner store open at that hour of the night. An officer said she should consider moving away. (Apr.) BCU officer spoke to the store owner, the individual may return at will. Call BCU directly if problems recur. (May)

95:23 (CR)

Report of a serious delay when a client at The Well called 911 about being stalked. Neighbourhood Officer alerted; phone number provided for Sexual Assault Section Officer. (April)

95:24 (CR)

Gay man called CAP, frightened when followed by a car while jogging in Rockcliffe Park area. Caller concerned because the driver, who likely was cruising, wouldn't leave him alone. Obtained licence number. Good to see willingness to call the Liaison Committee. (April)

95:25 (H) (PR)

A Ridgemont High School student, referred to BCU through CAP, reported anti-gay harassment of a grade 12 student on May 2 by two groups of students outside the school. (May)

95:26 (H) (PR)

New anti-gay report from Carleton University detailing verbal and physical threats. Details at June meeting. (May) Reported harassment incidents at Carleton University are not proceeding because people do not wish to identify suspects, even anonymously. Five complaints received in recent months (homophobic comments, poster defacement). No cases proceeding. BCU and CAP to visit the GLB Centre to stress the ability to report anonymously, so police can speak to suspects. (later meeting)

95:27 (H) (CR)

Two anti-gay messages on Carleton GLB Centre answering machine: "Yeah, I can't believe Carleton students pay for this fucking fag line" and "All fags should get back in the fucking closet before they get their heads beat in out in the streets.....". No subsequent calls. BCU will install a call display if there are more problems. (May)

95:28 (H) (PR)

The Director of Community Development said a verbal and physical anti-gay assault at Wilde's was handled appropriately by patrol officers. There was an arrest and a charge. (May) Outcome: Ottawa man, Randal Kim Taranin, was sentenced to four months in a maximum security facility plus two years probation for the May 2, 1995 attack on an owner of Wilde's and a local gay video store. The Ontario Court judge convicted the 38-year old man of assault. Capital Xtra! reports "in her ruling, Judge Desouza said hate was a definite motive in the crime and recommended that Taranin receive counselling to help him overcome his homophobia." The judge also imposed a restraining order, keeping the attacker 100 metres from the victim and the store.

95:29 (D) (CR)

Kanata women concerned about OPP handling of her 911 call involving her ex husband; police identified her as a lesbian on the report which she subsequently saw. Caller feels her sexual orientation is of no relevance in the situation. An OPP contact gave her an assurance no histories are available for 911 calls. She spoke to an OPP supervisor, who offered the apology she was seeking. She will follow with OPCC, seeking to create a protocol ensuring no inappropriate police report references to sexual orientation. (May)

95:30 (H) (PR)

Threats to two women on June 11th. Man charged with uttering death threats, released on conditions not to be around the victims. (June)

95:31 (H) (PR)

A man was beaten up June 3rd while walking home from a bus stop. The perpetrator could have been a fellow high school student. Patrol took the call, the BCU was alerted to the hate motivation by a teacher who'd attended a BCU presentation. BCU monitoring the investigation. (June)

95:32 (T) (CR)

A woman said that she and another transgender friend were approached recently at the food court at the St. Laurent shopping centre and asked: "are you two guys transvestites?" He was told to get lost and finally left. She did not report the incident to the shopping mall security. She was advised to call police if the situation ever escalates. (June)

95:33 (H) (CR)

Report of an unnerving "hey you fucking faggots" being yelled outside the home of two men; unknown whether it was aimed at them directly. Advised to document any further occurrences. The men are pleased with the contact they had already made with a police inspector when she was in the neighbourhood, and are relieved to see police cars checking the area frequently. (June)

95:34 (DV) (CR)

A lawyer asked CAP for a lesbian-positive Hull police contact for a lesbian client who is being stalked by her ex-partner. Victim declines restraining order route, wants police to warn the ex-partner about the Criminal Code implications of stalking. Outcome positive, lawyer reported later. (June)

95:35 (DV) (CR)

A lesbian received a police safety escort to her former apartment so she could remove her belongings; before she finished, however, her ex appeared, threatened her and then called 911; other police officers responded and allowed the ex to stay. Police to follow up concerns: there is a need for a premise history, to ensure information about safety concerns is available to all officers. (June) Third-party feedback to CAP: a woman helping with the move said one officer who answered the 911 call became less aggressive as soon as she mentioned her work with the Liaison Committee. (July)

95:36 (CR) (PR)

Threats and libellous accusations against an individual reported to a public official, under investigation to see if there is a safety component. (June) BCU follow-up: homophobic names yelled in restaurant part of ongoing feud between two individuals, sexual orientation not a central issue. No criminal charges laid. Victim advised of civil recourse and peace bond route. (July)

95:37 (H) (PR)

July 15, 2:30 a.m. Patrol responded to attack on two males in Major's Hill park by about six males described as skin-heads, sexual orientation component to the attack. Isolated incident to date; BCU monitoring situation closely. (July)

95:38 (T) (PR)

June 15 incident behind the Chateau Laurier about 1 a.m. Two male acquaintances, argument resulted in a physical assault. Victim, a member of the transgender community, adamant he did not want to go to court, that the problem had been worked out. (July)

95:39 (H) (CR)

Man threatened and physically assaulted at a rooming house. HCS following. (July)

95:40 (DV) (CAP)

The sexual assault unit sought counselling recommendation for aboriginal, gay male in hospital after possible domestic incident. Director of Native Women's Support Centre kindly offered to visit him. (July)

95:41 (H) (PR)

Assault in Major's Hill Park. Youth arrested August 21st in Whitby, Ontario and will be charged. Victim expressed

concern about initial treatment by responding patrol officers. HCS has spoken with the officers and believes that there will not be a repeat of the concerns.

95:42 (H) (PR)

July 31st incident. Two men returning home from a party were assaulted as they walked along a downtown Ottawa street. The 18-year old has been charged. (Aug.)

95:43 (H) (T) (PR)

Transsexual woman, Park Avenue near Cartier. Incident not yet reported. (Aug.)

95:44 (H) (CR)

Report of two friends beaten up, punched in the head, in Kingston; they didn't report it as they don't trust the Kingston police. (Aug.)

95:45 (H) (PR)

Gay bashing of two males about 2 a.m. August 26 on Bell Street. They were mistaken for being gay by several skin-heads. Victims punched; no serious injuries. No suspects. Victims called 911; patrol flagged the incident for the BCU because of references to queers by the attackers. (Sept.)

95:46 (H) (T) (CR)

A letter received from a member of the transsexual community about recently being beaten up on a public street. (Sept.) BCU investigated, reported perpetrator was arrested at the scene. (Oct.)

95:47 (H) (CR-CAP)

July 18, video night, homophobic comments by two men in front of PSAC Building on Gilmour St. Patrol handled quickly and well. Men got away before police arrived. (Sept.)

95:48 (CR)

Complaint about sweatshirts sold at the Stittsville flea market: silly faggots, dicks are for chicks; silly dykes, licks are for dicks. Bias Crime Unit investigating. (Sept.) An OPP officer referred the matter to Project "P" which is responsible for pornographic and hate material. They determined the sweatshirts do not fall into either category. (Nov.) Offensive T-shirt still on sale; no reply to liaison committee letter to the flea market. (1996)

95:49 (DV) (PR)

A lesbian couple are victims of home/workplace harassment, possible stalking by an ex-partner. Harassment of long duration, only recently has the comfort level been great enough to speak openly about the situation. CAP visited the couple. (Sept.)

95:50 (H) (CR)

Laurentian High School, Grade 9 student, boy, harassed by older students on bus first week of school, exits bus in tears. Called faggot, etc. The school has a zero tolerance policy, however police were told disturbances now happening away from school. Laurentian was specifically targeted for anti-bias programs after difficulties last year. (Sept.)

95:51 (PR)

Criminal investigation of a robbery; victim is gay, motivation undetermined. Investigation ongoing. (Oct.)

95:52 (PR)

Arson, no damage, at the Club at 1065 Wellington Street. No suspects. (Oct.)

95:53 (CR)

A woman is feeling quite threatened in her apartment building; reassured after contact with Access Project and BCU. She will call the Unit if anything escalates. (Oct.)

95:54 (H) (PR)

The lesbian couple who received a death threat in the spring at their home moved as a result of the threat. A suspect has been charged. (Oct.)

95:55 (T) (PR)

First anti-transgender matter. Ongoing, probably a civil matter. (Nov.)

95:56 (DV) (PR)

Two incidents involving two men, probably a domestic issue. (Nov.)

95:57 (H) (PR)

Student expelled following ongoing, disruptive, anti-gay (and anti-Semitic) displays at Carleton University. Brought first to the attention of campus security. Individual is seeking psychiatric help and has apologized to affected individuals. (Nov.)

95:58 (H) (PR)

E-mail, FreeNet site entered, anti-gay material posted. Anti-gay material seen by Liaison Committee volunteer Oct. 28, on the gay and lesbian SIG (Special Interest Group). "You fucking faggots make me sick...BLAM BLAM BLAM that's all you'll hear coming from wherever u fuckers walk up to me..." (Nov.)

95:59 (PR)

Follow to year-old incident, assault of gay Laurentian High School; Principal said there was no proof of bias. Incident resolved appropriately through mediation, resulting in the perpetrator transferring to another school. BCU beginning liaison work with School Resource Officers (Nov.)

95:60 (H) (CR)

A Nepean officer has opened a file documenting recurring, possible hate-motivated harassment of lesbian couple over a couple of years. Property damage, garbage dumped on property, faecal matter smeared on tires of car, eggs tossed most recently. No known suspect. Victims put up with the incidents for a long time before reporting. (Nov.)

95:61 (H) (PR)

A man trashed (in a garbage can) the entire stack of Capital Xtra! newspapers at Hartman's grocery store, Bank St. (Nov.)

95:62 (DV) (PR)

October 19, police report referral. Disturbance, break-in. No charges. Gay male domestic situation, both interested in third-party intervention to resolve differences. Police and CAP followed. (Nov.)

95:63 (DV) (CAP)

Call received late afternoon Nov. 8, from a lesbian in an abusive domestic situation. Caller was referred to a lesbian counsellor at a community centre who visited the victim in a safe place. (Nov.)

95:64 (H) (PR)

Gay man threatened by an anonymous man. Ongoing investigation. (Dec.)

95:65 (H) (PR)

Anti-lesbian, anti-women concerns, residence at University of Ottawa. BCU talked to security, they'll have a full investigation, complainant happy. BCU has offered to do some diversity training. (Dec.)

95:66 (DV) (CAP)

Officer in the spousal unit visited the office to request information about referral services for a gay man charged with assaulting his partner. (Dec)

OTHER

Carroll commended Sgt. Jim McKenna who called her at home early on Sat. Dec. 24, 1994 to request contacts for a woman whose partner committed suicide the previous night. The Victim Crisis Unit office was closed and he wanted the bereaved woman to have more appropriate counselling than might be available from the average weekend medical clinic. CAP called the bereaved woman, provided information about lesbian positive counselling services listed in GO INFO and Capital Xtra!, provided some liaison with a lawyer and maintained occasional contact until support from another city arrived for her on Christmas Day. The bereaved woman expressed appreciation for the contact. (1995 CR-CAP)

A woman called to report an officer's inappropriate handling of an early-morning call to obtain call-trace information after being disturbed at home by a call. The caller is consulting with the officer's supervisor to determine if it's possible to resolve the case informally. Successful resolution. The officer's supervisor conveyed the female caller's concerns in a satisfactory manner and she doesn't feel the need to proceed with a formal complaint. She feels the officer is sincere about not realizing the impact of what he said and he would take the complaint as a learning experience. The supervisor found the caller open-minded. (Feb./April 1995 CAP)

A Citizen article on the history of the gay community in Ottawa, including police action that led to two suicides, prompted a gay man to call the station (May 8) and come in person the next day. He wanted the article posted as a warning so this sort of thing wouldn't happen again. A duty sergeant told the caller to call the Director of Community Development (which he did). They spoke about calls generated by the Citizen article. Good liaison. The information desk referred the man to the Access Project in the morning – again, good follow-through. CAP presented the posting request to the Committee on the caller's behalf; we share his concern about the need

for training, believe it's more effective to integrate material in training programs instead of posting a lone article that lacks a broader context. (May 1995 CAP)

The lesbian identity of a University of Ottawa student became known to the roommate's father, causing the student to be moved to a private room and being told she can talk to her ex-roommate once she is "less overt" about her sexual orientation. (1995 CAP)

Follow-up of community anecdotal report of anti-gay harassment of straight couple by skinheads, woman had to expose her breasts to prove she wasn't gay. Story comes from the U.S. (1995 PR)

Community member angry that a man delivering a downtown, street corner "God rant" started making hateful, anti-lesbian/gay comments as soon as she and her partner walked by. Frustrated that we can't do anything to stop such comments. (1995 CR)

An OPP officer reported, to the Round Table recently, a victim's concern about a police officer's report reference to a "homosexual fight." Another possible interpretation is that the gay victims were assaulted by non-gay men. Need for accurate analysis. (Sept 1995 CAP)

Thirteen-minute informal resolution: member of the transgender community called about an individual who answered the BCU phone and continued to call her "sir", even though she made two requests that he not. CAP spoke to the officer, who just happened to answer the BCU phone (he is not part of the unit); he said he wasn't used to a male-sounding voice attached to a female name. CAP said the caller didn't want to make a big deal out of the exchange, just wanted to convey how insulting it was to hear the repeated reference to "sir." The officer's "thanks for telling me" was genuine. The caller, informed of the response, replied: "that's wonderful." (Nov. 1995 CAP)

Call to Access Project from a gay man concerning his ex-partner who skipped out on bills. Referred to BCU for assessment; likely a civil matter. Caller asked for a gay-positive officer. (Dec. 1995 CAP)

Victim Crisis Unit asked for a contact in the transgendered community. Referred to Gender Mosaic. (Dec. 1995 CAP)

A gay man called CAP in November to protest the hateful, inaccurate statements about gays being made on a CFRA radio program by American “Dr.” Cameron. He asked what the police could do about a purveyor of such hate. He was advised the BCU had been made aware of the Ottawa visit of “Dr.” Cameron, as his public engagements can draw trouble-making individuals. (Dec. 1995)

Annual statistics indicate a 27 per cent increase in incidents against lesbians and gays in 1995. The rise is attributed to an increase in reporting.

1996

96:01 (H) (PR)

Ongoing investigation concerning hate-motivated death threat against a gay man by a heterosexual male, the new boyfriend of a fellow resident. Victim homeless as a result of the incident. (Jan.) Police investigation of the threat, which involved a gun, led to charge (Feb.)

96:02 (T) (H) (PR)

Report taken, concerning inappropriate gestures made in a store to a transgender person. (Jan.)

96:03 (T) (PR)

Ongoing case, threat to a transgender person. (Jan.)

96:04 (H)

Ongoing destruction of Capital Xtra! newspapers at a number of locations. A committee member said this has been an ongoing problem at the University of Ottawa. (Jan.) BCU charged a man with four counts of mischief and two of theft. (Feb.)

96:05 (H) (CR)

At a community meeting, a mother reported that her gay son received a telephone death threat after appearing on a TV show. (Jan.)

96:06 (CR)

Black youth was verbally harassed by Nazi skinheads who targeted him on a bus. (Jan.)

96:07 (H)

A gay man submitted a written report, for the record, of theft/intimidation by a hustler a few years ago; initial report to police lacked the hustler information. (Jan.)

96:08 (O) (CR)

Student who fortunately survived a suicide attempt called with concerns about being outed by investigating police; information relayed to his landlady and parents with negative results. Very worried sexual orientation would be permanently on his record, widely available. BCU established incident report contained no reference to caller's sexual orientation. (Jan.)

96:09 (H) (CR) and 96:10 (DV) (CR)

Two gay men called the counsellor who placed an ad in Capital Xtra! about lesbian partner abuse workshops. One had been threatened by another man, was referred to the Bias Crime Unit. No call was received by the unit. The second man had left an abusive relationship, was looking for counselling/support. The counsellor knows that the Centre de ressources communautaire de La Basse-ville is gay positive, will refer the individual there even though it will mean having to speak to a woman. (Jan.)

96:11 (DV) (CAP)

Request for referral for lesbian friend, who broke down at the office and spoke of being physically abused by her partner. Caller told to contact Victim Crisis Unit, as it handles crises and refers for counselling, or Gloucester Resource Centre to speak to a lesbian. Expressed interest in the latter because of his friend's shyness. (Jan.)

96:12 (H) (CR)

Gay man called Nepean police because a man was trying to beat down his locked front door: the officer's response – why didn't you let him in? (This happened a few years ago; for the record). (Jan.)

96:13 (H) (PR)

Hate-motivated, anti-gay message reported on FREE NET by FREE NET user. (Feb.)

96:14 (H) (PR)

Recorded for data purposes: anti-gay harassment in the market, reported to the GLB Centre at Carleton University. Copies of the report sent to the Bias Crime Unit, the Liaison Committee. (Feb.)

96:15 (H) (PR)

Eight reports of anti-gay graffiti at the Tory Building, Carleton University campus. (Feb.)

96:16 (PR)

Call from a lesbian couple concerning a firebomb incident initiated a police investigation that resulted in possible charges against the women concerning another matter. (Feb.)

96:17 (DV) (CAP)

Call to the Access Project from a man whose partner was charged with assault under the domestic violence policy. While pleased that investigating officers validated the relationship, he felt that the criminal justice system is not appropriate for his partner, who needs anger management assistance; he also believes the domestic violence policy is inappropriate for gays since it is modelled on heterosexual partnerships – he is not, he said, afraid of his partner. The Access Project offered to provide assistance to ensure access to information and appropriate services (legal, counselling, etc.) (Feb.)

96:18 (DV) (PR)

In a recent partner assault incident; both men were arrested in the evening by patrol officers and held overnight; the spousal unit, with daytime access to criminal record information, was able to distinguish the perpetrator and establish that his counter claim of sexual assault was not valid. The victim was released immediately. (Feb.)

96:19 (PR)

HCS to meet with a newcomer after the meeting to discuss a personal incident. The newcomer is concerned a perpetrator might misrepresent herself to police as a victim of domestic violence.

96:20 (H) (PR)

Two reports of March 8, 1996 incidents at Oliver's Pub, Carleton University, reports filed through Carleton GLB Centre. Heckled, remarks about being gay, near closing time. No names. (March)

96:21 (H) (PR)

Tenant, Merivale Road area, claims anti-gay harassment from neighbours. (March)

96:22 (H) (PR)

Neighbour dispute, Vanier. One person reports being called a faggot by neighbour; the neighbour says it is a dispute about parking. (March)

96:23 (H) (CAP)

An organizer of a March 21st anti-racism event went through the Access Project to report safety concerns to the Bias Crime Unit. Because Carleton University was hosting an event the same day featuring "Web of Hate" author Warren Kinsella, caller especially concerned about safety. (March)

96:24 (DV) (CAP)

A lesbian lawyer reports meeting another lawyer who was not aware of any support services in the Ottawa-Carleton community for her lesbian client who was the victim of partner assault; the case is now before the courts. Reaffirms the need for ongoing efforts to make services more accessible to lesbians and to publicize new developments in this area. (March)

96:25 (H)(PR)

Arrest, charges, following anti-gay assault on two men leaving a bar at the market. Male faces an assault and a weapons charge. (Apr.)

96:26 (H) (PR)

Ongoing, from Division 22 (Gloucester). A landlord has received threats since a gay couple moved into his house. (Apr.)

96:27 (H) (CR-PR)

Lesbian woman harassed, subjected to anti-lesbian slurs, while refereeing games. Surrounded, yelled at by youths. BCU to follow (Apr.)

96:28 (H) (PR)

Ongoing investigation concerning anti-lesbian comments directed at a business woman who is perceived to be a lesbian. (Apr.)

96:29 (H) (PR)

Anti-bisexual/anti-women graffiti at University of Ottawa; being followed by both University security and the Bias Crime Unit. (Apr.)

96:30 (H) (PR)

Anonymous report of a March attack, requiring 11 facial stitches, on a gay man who came out to his best friend, a man he'd known for 17 years. The attack occurred in the victim's home. The victim, who was treated at the Civic hospital, doesn't want to file a police report. (Apr.)

96:31 (DV) (OPCC)

Ottawa staff received a call from a man who was very unhappy about police handling of a same-sex domestic dispute. No formal complaint was laid. Staff was satisfied that the police followed the same procedures followed with heterosexual couples. (The police attended twice at a residence and removed one person from the residence after the second call). (Apr.)

96:32 (DV) (CAP)

Call to the Access Project office from a man who had reported an assault by an ex partner; was unsure how welcoming the investigating officer would be. (Apr.)

96:33 (DV) (CAP)

A woman called to report long-standing harassment by an ex-partner; she fears for the other woman's safety. (Apr.) She has gotten in touch with the Victim Crisis Unit in her area. (Division 21) (June)

96:34 (H) (CAP)

A young gay man left his father's home following negative reactions when he disclosed his sexual orientation. He now lives with his mom, a lesbian, who is being harassed by phone calls from her ex-partner. (Apr.)

96:35 (H) (CR)

A young woman is receiving counselling after threatening her mother, who is a lesbian. (Apr.)

96:36 (H) (PR)

Complaint re: street preacher; anti-gay/lesbian placard (No thieves or homosexuals...will inherit the kingdom of God). Propaganda sections of the Criminal Code do not cover this. BCU will monitor the situation. (May)

96:37 (PR)

Referred from the Access Project: lesbian couple have received two letters from a woman who has singled them out concerning her distress at perceived alienation by a lesbian mom's group. (The woman, who is not a lesbian, has had her children removed to the custody of the Children's Aid Society). Letters non-threatening. (May)

96:38 (OPCC)

Staff was contacted by a lesbian candidate for a police service position in the region. The multilingual candidate said that sexual orientation came up several times in the interview. She believes she may have been turned down

because of her sexual orientation; she also is concerned that launching a complaint might hinder her application to another police service position. Appeal routes include a Police Services Board or, in the case of the Ontario Provincial Police, the personnel staffing branch. (May)

96:39 (H) (CAP)

Verbal comment at Carleton pub, March 29th, report to BCU and Access Project by Carleton Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Centre. Centre staff will keep an eye on the individual who made the remark. (May)

96:40 (S/A) (CAP)

Riverside Hospital Sexual Assault Treatment Centre called re: an individual who was sexually assaulted in Quebec in 1995 by three men, including an ex partner. The Centre will provide counselling. The man made a report to police who later reported they did not have enough evidence to proceed. Secured an offer of half-an-hour of legal advice for the man, who is unable to obtain legal aid. Checks with Ottawa-Carleton police re: avenues open to the individual. Bias Crime Unit will do a telephone follow-up with the Centre. (May)

96:41 (H) (CAP)

Group of students on bus, one male overheard to say: "He looks like a fucking fag. Let's kick in his head." Students were in Grade 9 at Sir Guy Carleton. (May)

96:42 (H) (PR)

Mid-twenties suspect charged with assault with a weapon (knife) concerning downtown fight: two persons, anti-gay comments. Three patrol officers involved (recruit and one other have received diversity training on lesbian and gay issues). (June)

96:43 (H) (PR)

Man harassed by a street person who perceived him to be gay called a regional councillor because of dissatisfaction with response of initial intake officer. Ongoing; Bias Crime Unit looking into it. (June)

96:44 (OPCC)

Three gay men have called the OPCC to complain that the RCMP is telling men, who are sitting and talking near Remic Rapids, "What are you doing here? Move along." The RCMP told the OPCC it has the right to ask people

to move on if loitering after a certain hour. The OPCC has asked for the legislation which governs this ruling. (June)

96:45 (CAP)

Ottawa lawyer contacted Access Project about a rural client who is now in a shelter; she was beaten when she came out to her husband, investigating OPP officers told her: "If you press charges we'll have to press charges, since your husband said you threatened him with a key."

Custody ramifications; a child is still with the father and has been told to stay away from the lesbian. (June)

96:46 (DV) (CAP)

A police officer came to the Access Office re: domestic call; second time, gay man threatened by his partner. Victim didn't want a charge (of robbery) laid against the perpetrator. Victim referred to the Victim Crisis Unit; asked the investigating officer to put a premise history on the computer. (June)

96:47 (DV) (CAP)

Officer in spousal unit reports recently handling a case in which a lesbian pleaded guilty to a charge of assault because she didn't want her partner to have to appear in court. (June)

96:48 (H) (PR)

Lesbian harassed in the Bayview area; anti-lesbian comments. Perpetrator evicted by owner of premises, no charges. (July)

96:49 (H) (PR)

Woman perceived to be a lesbian attacked by skinheads July 7, 1996, Bank and Somerset. Sexual orientation slurs, beer bottle thrown at her, punched by a woman. No suspects. (July)

96:50 (H) (PR)

Pride Week car wash fundraiser: received information second hand about homophobic comments yelled by a group of young men ("We'll get you Saturday at the Coliseum..."; the July 13th dance). (July)

96:51 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay demonstrators at Pride parade. HCS will file a report with bylaw officials; it appears that there isn't even a fine if you break the bylaw by demonstrating without a permit. A number of people asked the HCS Officer to intervene; he asked the anti-gay demonstrator to leave,

the demonstrator said no. The Officer said he could only act if there were a breach of peace or if there was an obstruction of justice (police officer obstructed) (July)

96:52 (H) (CAP)

PTS received a call at the end of June from a man who reported that a tall man with a pony tail who was riding a motorcycle, has threatened people in the Remic Rapids area on several occasions. (July)

96:53 (H) (CR)

On July 13th, a man harassed a woman he perceived to be a lesbian, at Elgin and Somerset Streets ("I'll take you to a parking lot; I love women, not dykes"). Patrol responded to the call.

96:54 (H) (PR)

Aug. 1, 1996, about 2:30 a.m., anti-gay assault on a lone male at Elgin and Somerset. Minor injuries. Robbery not involved. Under investigation. (Aug.)

96:55 (H) (PR) and 96:56 (H)(PR)

Anti-gay motivation in two robberies on July 29, 1996, about 3:30 a.m. Suspect same in both cases: white male, age 28-30, slim, hair short and straight, rode a bike. First case: man at bank machine robbed of \$200. In the second instance, cash and medication stolen. (Aug.)

96:57 (H) (PR) and 96:58 (H) (PR)

Two incidents (July 29th weekend) in Wellington/Parkdale area. Victim, who did not report the first incident by the same individual, was kicked, threatened with a knife, anti-gay verbal abuse. A man has been arrested, faces four charges. (Aug.)

96:59 (H) (PR)

Anti-lesbian incident July 7, Bank and Somerset. Woman sustained minor injuries when hit by a beer bottle. Investigation ongoing. (Aug.)

96:60 (V) (CAP)

A police officer left a message for the Access Project, seeking assistance concerning the robbery of a male by another male in a washroom at the Citadel Inn, Sept. 13. No indication that gay-related, but officer seeking input because: 1) the washrooms have been a meeting place for men 2) the victim was very upset; not comfortable when the officer tried to talk to him, officer wonders if there might be more to the incident. (Sept.)

96:61 (DV) (CAP)

Counsellor in private practice called. Gay client is in a seriously abusive relationship (including broken bones) over a period of two years. He has called 911 on more than one occasion, police don't charge the abusive partner. His concerns: time and again officers put his client in danger by not following official policy (mandatory charging). He's now hesitant about advising such clients to call the police. The couple no longer lives together. Restraining order in place. (Sept.) VCU established contact. (Oct.)

96:62 (DV) (CAP)

Forwarded to the Access Project by police officer: copy of an incident report on a gay domestic violence call, 911 called by a child. Not clear who the perpetrator is; occurrence to be investigated by spousal assault section. (Sept.) The couple has separated. (Oct.)

96:63 (H) (CAP)

A man who was at the Bulldog Pub on Elgin Street about midnight Sept. 11th: male in his early twenties repeatedly made accusing comments such as "you're gay, eh?" whenever the man walked by the youth's table. He felt he could have been looking for trouble. "What is this?" he asked the woman behind the bar who replied: "I'm not involved." BCU to follow. (Sept.). The pub manager was grateful to know of the incident; he has zero tolerance for this behaviour. (Oct.)

96:64 (PR)

Hate Crime Unit: The perennial street preachers (2) are under investigation for using a public address system to broadcast their messages in the market area. HCS advised them that they would be charged under the bylaws if they use a PA system, they stopped doing same. (Oct.)

96:65 (H) (PR)

Mid-Sept.; anti-gay drive-by comments made to some gay men in the Gilmour and Bank St. area by four males (white, anglophone, clean-cut, about 18-25, driving a forest-green 1995 Cadillac). Victims made report for statistical purposes, to aid HCS investigators. (Oct.)

96:66 (H) (PR)

Oct. 7, about 8 p.m.; two street youth harassed with anti-gay comments. Youth Services Bureau worker reported the harassment to the HCS. (Oct.)

96:67 (DV)

A gay man, victim of partner abuse, reported an incident mid-Oct. by calling the Hate Crimes Unit; felt comfortable calling there. Incident passed on to the Spousal Unit. (Oct.)

96:68 (OPCC)

Complaint against two officers by a male who was arrested and charged after an attack on a gay man; claim of wrong behaviour by police because of his (gay) sexual orientation. Outcome: Civilian witnesses identified the complainant as the aggressor, said police used only necessary restraining force. The victim was amazed at the number of people who called about his safety; he had always felt an outcast before. (Oct.)

96:69 (OPCC)

Complaint about excessive use of force by police and assault re: a domestic complaint. In their statements, officers made comments concerning sexual orientation that are considered inappropriate.

96:70 (DV) (CR-CAP)

The Spousal Unit investigated another gay partner abuse incident that occurred Aug. 27; perpetrator tried to choke victim, hit him with a table, answering machine broken. No charge (Oct.)

96:71 (S/A) (CR-CAP)

An officer reported her section is now receiving reports of sexual assault from gay men. (Oct.)

96:72 (OPCC)

The area OPCC office reviewed, at a complainant's request, an initial complaint investigation by a professional standards department. There was no lesbian/gay issue in the original complaint but the OPCC noted anti-gay comments by police officers in reviewing their statements. Two officers were contacted; they will likely receive in-service training. (Nov.)

96:73 (H) (PR)

Potential gay bashing (slap on the head) at the downtown workplace, victim didn't want to proceed. The accused lost his job. (Dec.)

96:74 (H) (PR)

Member of community called to protest about homophobic signs of protesters in the market. Not a criminal offence. The protesters are well known to our community. (Dec.)

96:75 (H) (PR)

Wilde's on Bank Street; someone regularly spits on the glass, phlegm wiped off on a daily basis. Report made; no suspects. The harassment continues. (Dec.)

96:76 (DV) (PR)

Anti-transgender incident that is more of a domestic issue. No injuries. Resolved informally. (Dec.)

96:77 (H) (CR-CAP)

CAP relayed anti-lesbian harassment reported by a lesbian student at Glebe Collegiate to a November peer outreach meeting on lesbian and gay issues at the school. The student transferred to Glebe following a physical assault, defacement of her school locker and having eggs thrown at her home. (Dec.)

OTHER

Protest by 15 individuals against the Red Cross on Carleton campus earlier in the month. Carleton security called in the Ottawa-Carleton police, which brought at least six officers of the tactical unit, in addition to Carleton security. The peaceful protesters found it "really disturbing." An apology said to be on the way from the University concerning the reaction of security personnel. The tactical unit officers left almost as soon as they arrived. (Feb. 1996 CR)

A committee member expressed concern about the way a woman verbally attacked a man during the March 8th International Women's Day parade; men had been asked not to join the march, the man who walked with a woman friend apparently had not heard the request. The incident was not reported to the Bias Crime Unit. (1996 CR)

CAP received a telephone message from a Carleton University teaching assistant concerning an incident in which he said about six people were beaten by the police. When contacted, the caller indicated the matter would be pursued by another individual who never called back. Committee member suggested the call was likely about something that occurred in the market area and has been

described in quite different ways in the Sun and the Express. OPCC noted that her office has not received a complaint about the matter. (March 1996)

J.S. Woodsworth teacher called CAP, concerned about the homophobia expressed by an all-male grade 12 health class. HCS presentation recommended (Nov. 1996). HCS reported the presentation went well (Dec. CR)

Gay man murdered in Chelsea home (Capital Xtra!, Dec. 1996 issue). Hull Police said it appears the motive was theft, not an anti-gay action. The Quebec Police Service is handling the case. (1996 CR)

1997

97:01 (H) (PR)

Handled by Carleton University police, who work closely with the Ottawa-Carleton police. Anti-gay statements made by a couple of men who accosted two men in the tunnel. Fight, cuts and bruises: two men charged. The individuals knew one another, there had been a dispute. (Jan.)

97:02 (H) (PR)

Resolved: man picketing Wilde's, on Bank Street, moved on when requested by police. (Jan.)

97:03 (H) (PR)

Resolved by School Resource Officers: Two lesbians at McArthur High School were harassed to the point where they had to change schools. HCS spoke to the school principal, offered help in sensitivity training. (Jan.)

97:04 (DV) (CR)

Profound concern expressed about O-C Police handling of a gay friend's report of partner assault. His friend hired a lawyer, the victim was assured a charge would be laid, concern re attitude of new investigating officer assigned the case: "I thought you might get over it." Hospital reports and records, yet incident being handled in an unprofessional manner. The victim feels he is not being taken seriously. "The frustration level is very high." HCS to assist. (Jan.)

97:05 (DV) (CR-CAP)

Housing Help received a call from a victim of gay partner assault. (Jan.)

97:06 (H) (CR-CAP)

“Allah hate homos” graffiti in black marker ink on seat of OC Transpo bus. CAP alerted driver who said he would take it to the section that handles these issues. Another committee member said he has already written OC Transpo with a similar complaint. (Jan.)

97:07 (H) (PR)

An OPP officer, who is a member of the Round Table, said that she is receiving hate-motivated incident reports although it is not her designated area; she is in the hate-crimes training video for police that was released last year by the province. (Jan.)

97:08 (H) (PR)

Lost in the system; victim, who has separated from his wife, harassed by wife’s family on basis of perceived gay sexual orientation. Threats involved. Congratulations to an officer in the Spousal Unit for retrieving a report completed by the victim that went in error to filing, instead of investigation. Discussion about supports for victim. (March). The Spousal Unit Officer discussed restraining order option with the victim; he hasn’t called back and no longer has an answering machine. HCS noted that fear sometimes prevents individuals from pursuing a matter (ensuing Liaison Committee Meeting).

97:09 (H) (PR)

E-mail threat to Carleton University Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Centre. “I have a gun and all you fags are going to pay.” Threat taken seriously by everyone, including Carleton Internet personnel. Carleton security officers did the legwork, passed the information on to the HCS. There are some suspects. (March)

97:10 (H) (PR)

Feb/5th, late in the evening. A gay prostitute was beaten up by three men in the Mackenzie Avenue area. A second person who intervened was also beaten up. Three persons arrested and charged with hate-motivated assault. (March)

97:11 (H) (PR)

Two men at a downtown Ottawa bar were joined by another man. They became sick after he left, presuming they were poisoned. Request for a description to be circulated for community safety, as they felt there is a risk of repeat offending. (March) Toxicology report ruled out poisons. Issue considered resolved. (Oct.)

97:12 (H) (CR/PR)

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Centre at Carleton University; incident report, with anti-gay remarks. HCS pleased with the response of University security. (March)

97:13 (H) (PR)

Two women embracing, saying goodbye, at Daly and Nicholas, spat at by two young men as they drove by. No charges as no suspects; investigation concluded to the satisfaction of the women. (March)

97:14 (H) (PR)

The Director of Community Development had just received a call from a woman asking the where-to-go, what-to-do basic questions concerning anti-lesbian obscene phone calls. (March) Caller is now confident the calls will not continue. (May)

97:15 (H) (CR-CAP)

Out-of-province hate-motivated assault causing bodily harm, against a woman perceived to be a lesbian. Request for information about if and where assailant jailed, probation period, seeking release information. Fear of stalking. Obtaining the information, safety planning referral. (March) VCU instructed the victim to file a report with the police, to have a record of her concerns. The police officer at the front desk refused to take the report; “Would you call your insurance company if you thought your car was going to be stolen?” (CR-CAP) (May). Very positive comments received by CAP from the victim. In response to her questions, she was told the earliest date the man will be released from jail; the O-C Police will, if possible, obtain a copy of the terms of probation and see if she can get information if he violates his parole. There is already one condition of release; he can’t carry firearms for 10 years. (June)

97:16 (CR-CAP)

Call from member of transgender community; upset at comments of apartment owner in shared living space. Police were called, provided the caller with a ride to another location where she could stay. Caller connected with the HCS, decided to move in spite of loss of rent; referred to Housing Help. (March)

97:17 (DV) (CAP)

Received information about a lesbian partner assault incident, about 1993. Victim called 911 after she’d been

thrown against the wall, choked, bruises on her neck. The officer's response: "We can't do anything. You violated her right to silence; we could charge you." Overall, officers conveyed the message that "girls can't hurt each other." Victim called the officer's supervisor, found out she had the right to move her ex partner's property from her home, but no complaint made with professional standards. (March)

97:18 (H) (CR-CAP) (PR)

Flier, distributed by women's coffee house, noted openness to bisexual, straight and lesbian women. Call received from someone who claimed to be a police officer, who said that the poster was nasty and should not be used. HCS assured the caller it had been a bogus call; arrangements made for special patrols in the area that evening, preferably by a woman police officer. In the end the duty sergeant, a woman officer, dropped by the coffee house. There were no incidents. Director of Community Development received feedback that the coffee house owners were pleased with the response of the police. (March)

97:19 (H) (CR-CAP)

Two public school youths, age 12 and 13, face harassment at school if they disclose that their moms are lesbians; they are under considerable pressure. (March)

97:20 (H) (PR)

Victim of anti-gay robbery (theft of wallet) was hit over the head at Holmwood and Bank Streets and required seven stitches at hospital. Unsolved. (May)

97:21 (H) (PR)

Homophobic comments on a west-end high school Web page. Perpetrator caught and disciplined; School Resource Officers and parents involved. (May)

97:22 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay remarks and threats against a gay man in a shared residence. Ongoing investigation. (May)

97:23 (H) (PR)

Two lesbians reported, for the record, having "lesbians, lesbians" called at them and "Christian" scriptures read at them when they were in the market. The perpetrator was not the perennial, anti-lesbian/gay preacher. (May)

97:24 (H) (PR)

Under investigation: hate mail sent to a lesbian at her home. (May)

97:25 (OPCC)

Under investigation: allegation concerning a police officer's unprofessional conduct. This type of complaint has been identified as a problem; it comes up from time to time. (May)

97:26 (OPCC)

A review of a police officer's record of contact has led to a look at the way a same-sex spousal assault incident was handled. (May)

97:27 (H) (CR-CAP)

Call to the Liaison Committee from a gay couple who are being harassed by a woman neighbour. Police responded after an assault and anti-gay remarks; no physical threats now, but the woman and her male partner go to their windows and stare with hostility at the couple when they are outside their home; late-night party noise continues to be a problem. HCS to follow. (May) The HCS is willing to offer a pre-charge, conflict resolution option. The couple, who are considering selling their home, welcome the offer but the situation has left such a sour taste they will probably want to leave. (June) Continuing harassment. Officers respond, but they are not aware of the history. The HCS is asking several officers for reports, will be looking at the pattern, consider criminal charges. Usually noise complaints are addressed with tickets. (Nov.) The HCS is consulting with the Crown about the ongoing harassment; no charges yet, may be able to break new ground in the area. (Dec.) HCS: there have been a number of police responses to calls about the problem and the victims have raised their concerns with Capital Xtra! (Jan. 1998) Charges of noise harassment laid against two people, relatively innovative use of the Criminal Code. A good precedent for the future. In addition, the investigation identified shortcomings within the police system that will be addressed. Patrol officers who responded to disturbance calls were not aware of prior police responses. (Feb. 1998)

97:28 (H) (CR)

Regional councillor Diane Holmes reported intervention on behalf of a gay man at the Regional Detention Centre following concerns raised by his partner about being beaten by others while in detention. No first-hand report: the man in detention subsequently told Diane Holmes' office that he wanted no further intervention; HCS made a courtesy call to the Centre; staff reported they spoke to

the man in detention and he indicated that there were no problems. Shortly after, the individual was picked up by police from another jurisdiction where he faces charges. Action: Councillor Holmes will write to the Superintendent of the Detention Centre to obtain the Centre's procedures for handling complaints of this sort and to determine the procedure for public input. (May)

97:29 (DV) (CR-CAP)

Call in April from a lesbian whose ex-partner was stalking her and causing trouble at work. She quickly received an appointment with a volunteer in the VCU and reported that the volunteer "was wonderful." In addition to handling the victim's immediate concerns, the counsellor handled the issue of sexual orientation in a very good way; she introduced the topic, said that she didn't have a lot of experience in the area and asked the victim to let her know if she said anything that was insensitive. Positive feedback relayed to the volunteer counsellor. (May)

97:30 (H) (PR)

Harassment of a gay couple and their lesbian roommate after the TV program on which Ellen came out – neighbours put up lawn sign that had homophobic references. Other low-level harassment. The household doesn't want to proceed with a charge because they were moving anyway, were pleased with the response of the HCS. (June)

97:31 (H) (PR)

A neighbour harassed two lesbians in an apartment complex near Mechanicsville; comments included: "those fucking lesbians living next door. I guess I'll have to show them they can't fuck with me." Unresolved as the victims are not returning HCS calls. (June)

97:32 (H) (T) (PR)

Centretown resident called names (such as "queer party boy") by newcomers to the area. The HCS Police spoke to the harassers and the harassment ceased. (June)

97:33 (H) (T) (PR)

City Living provided mediation for a member of the transgender community who was the subject of harassment in the building in which she lives. (June)

97:34 (H) (PR)

"Christians" picketing two pro-Pride stores. HCS to follow. (June)

97:35 (PR)

Remic Rapids complaint. The Westboro-area Community Police Station and the Director of Community Development received calls from a man who was disturbed about a recent weekend event: the man was picnicking with children and visitors in the Remic Rapids area of the Ottawa River; his children went into the bushes to urinate and witnessed two men in a sexual encounter. The complainant is calling back early in July to obtain details about a problem-solving community process in which he can participate. Action: set up police/community parks sub-committee to develop a problem-solving strategy. (June)

97:36 (H) (PR)

July 4th. Two young, white males identified re graffiti on a wall at Bronson Avenue and the Queensway ("all you fucking faggots"). Under investigation. (July) Suspects charged. The HCS said they were very remorseful; their biggest concern was not about the damage but that the comments were thought to be hateful. (Aug.)

97:37 (H) (PR)

Three men (age 18-20, black) yelled "you fucking faggot" as they assaulted a man. The victim refused to co-operate because he said that he is straight. Unresolved. (July 97)

97:38 (H) (PR)

A gay man and his partner received threatening calls, suspect identified. The suspect said the man sodomized a young person. (July)

97:39 (H) (PR)

One evening, two young, white males driving a red jeep were reported to be yelling "fucking fags," part of reported harassment incidents in the Rockcliffe Park area. (July)

97:40 (T) (CR-GM)

Report of an anonymous transgender person's complaint, late June, linked to the lock up at the Elgin St. station. (July) Concern raised again; HCS to follow. (Sept.)

97:41 (V) (CR-ACO)

The park outreach worker for the ACO said he has heard of men at Remic Rapids being robbed – a situation of vulnerable people being taken advantage of. (July)

97:42 (DV) (CR-CAP)

A hospital social worker called concerning a gay client who is a victim of partner assault; the victim spoke to an

HCS officer, the social worker was arranging emergency housing. The next step is up to the victim who fears physical violence from his partner's friends if he leaves the relationship. The social worker is concerned about the lack of mainstream community resources for victims of gay partner abuse. (July)

97:43 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay harassment in a downtown apartment complex by a woman against a gay man. Reported in case of escalation. No further incidents. (Aug.)

97:44 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay threat in the federal public service: a male employee threatened another employee on the basis of sexual orientation; the threat was relatively serious. The HCS met with department managers who were told they must resolve the issue or charges will be laid. The perpetrator is remorseful and acknowledges that he needs help. (Aug.)

97:45 (H) (PR)

HCS has spoken to a gay couple about the possibility of mediation concerning harassment from a man and a woman, a couple, that has been going on for a year. (Aug.)

97:46 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay and anti-French comments during an assault on two men about 1:45 a.m. in Vanier. Suspects unknown. Patrol officers who handled the call and filed a report identified it as hate motivated. (Aug.)

97:47 (H) (CR)

A community member said that O-C Police responded on Aug. 15 to a call about a young man on a bike who was verbally harassing and aggressive to Remic park users about 6:30- 7 p.m.; the individual was posting signs saying: "Fags this way." The investigating officer has the signs. HCS to follow. (Aug.) No report has reached the HCS. (Oct.)

97:48 (CR-PTS)

A member of the PTS Board said that a man spoke to the Board of Directors of Pink Triangle Services recently about Hull police handing out loitering tickets to men at Jacques Cartier Park in Hull. CAP received a call from the same individual and referred him to the Hull Police Service officer who is a member of the Liaison Committee. The caller also spoke about trespassing notices at Rockcliffe

Park. CAP encouraged him to attend Liaison Committee meetings and hear the reports of the parks subcommittee. (Aug.)

97:49 (H) (DV) (CR-CAP)

Call received from a lesbian couple in an OPP jurisdiction of Ottawa-Carleton. Peace bond wanted to stop anti-lesbian threats by blood family, but the couple was apprehensive about dealing with the OPP because no action was taken in prior calls about beating, stalking and a break-in by an ex-husband. An OPP member of the Round Table who is the area domestic violence supervisor for the OPP provided CAP with the names of skilled officers in this area for the victims to call. (Aug.)

97:50 (DV) (PR)

The Director of Community Development received a call from a gay man who wanted domestic violence charges against him dropped. "No" was the answer from the police officer on the Partner Assault Support Team (PAST). (Aug.)

97:51 (OPCC)

The Ontario Police Complaints Commission referred a man to the Liaison Committee; he had contacted the office about inappropriate comments to him by police officers; it was not possible to proceed on the matter because there were no independent corroborating witnesses. Around this time CAP received a couple of hang-up calls on the office answering machine; the phone is not staffed on a full-time basis, which appears to discourage some people who do not wish to leave messages. (Aug.)

97:52 (H) (PR)

Neighbour dispute south end; man, perceived to be gay, assaulted in the daytime. Victim required stitches to an eye. Under investigation. (Sept.)

97:53 (H) (PR)

A store that has gay clients received a postcard mailed from Winnipeg: "Hell is waiting for people like you – soon you will feel the heat of fire and brimstone." A single occurrence, no action possible. Victim advised to take fingerprints in future (to be used if the perpetrator has a record). (Sept.)

97:54 (H) (PR)

Two suspects punched and kicked a man who was pulled off his bicycle about 9 p.m. on Elgin St. Relatively minor injuries. No suspects. Ongoing investigation. (Sept.)

97:55 (V) (PR)

Break-in at the home of a gay man; one of the thieves was a prostitute the homeowner had brought home a couple of weeks earlier. Discussion about how to get warnings about tricks who become thieves out into the community. HCS will raise the issue with enforcement, the policing section that handles prostitution. (Sept.) CAP received a call from a community member who said his friend, the victim, is afraid that his name will be revealed to the public. (Oct.)

97:56 (DV) (PR)

First report (Sept.). On Feb. 11, 1998, Hull Police received a call from O-C Police alerting them to a threat a man made against his former partner during a courthouse appearance in Ottawa. After appearing in court, the accused said to a police officer "It will be over for (the estranged partner)." The estranged partner lives in Hull, and Hull Police located safe no-cost counselling in Hull. Both police services placed premise histories on the victim's new residence and place of work. The victim did not want to proceed with police action out of fear of his ex-partner. Hull Police provided the former partner with a portable alarm device. PAST is in daily contact with the victim, who works in Ottawa, because he faces "very high risk." (Feb. 1998) The incident provided a good example of the working relationship between O-C and Hull police services.

97:57 (H) (CR-CAP)

A community member alerted CAP to a co-worker's concern about anti-lesbian harassment of her daughter, a Grade 8 student. No response by the school when the harassment was first reported last spring; harassing phone message over the summer, police said they could not respond to a single incident. In September, on the first day of school, four girls approached the youngster, who was with friends, and accused her of raping another girl. Reported to the principal of Winston Churchill; the mother has filed a complaint and wants: to see the OBE harassment policy; to see the incident followed up and on school records; to see the school instruct the harassers to

stay away from the young woman, among other actions. Police intervention sought to trace three harassment calls and ensure the school addresses the problem adequately. (Sept.) HCS following (Oct.)

97:58 (H) (PR)

Widely publicised in student newspaper but no official report, that five University of Ottawa students during frosh week stalked and injured a gay man leaving a bar. HCS spoke on the student radio. The story spread by the grapevine; the victim did not speak to either O-C Police or campus police; even if the report isn't for real, discussion about the problem of gay bashing opened a lot of eyes. (Fulcrum: Sept. 18. 1997; "Homophobic frosh get violent. Man victim of gang beating while leaving a gay bar.") (Oct.)

97:59 (H) (PR)

Report received through patrol office: Sept. 26, 1 a.m., two white males yelled "you faggots" as they pushed and kicked two men in a corner store in Vanier. There are witnesses, descriptions, no suspects at present. (Oct.)

97:60 (H) (PR)

Aug. 24, 4:50 a.m. Macdonald Garden Park, Cobourg St.: a man was attacked and robbed by two men in a situation where a prostitute turned out to be a gay-basher (two attackers involved). The victim is in the closet and very fearful. He described the investigating officer (Const. Andre Rozon) as "an angel" who didn't judge him and could provide an example for other officers. The victim's comments were relayed to the officer's supervisor. The incident initially went to records because the victim did not want to proceed; the HCS only became involved because a friend of the victim urged him to call the HCS. The HCS identified the suspects and spoke to them, letting them know police are aware of what they did. The victim is happy they didn't get away with it. While the police were able to do little in the traditional sense, the victim's sense of security increased tremendously. (Oct.)

97:61 (V) (PR)

A man answered a knock on his door, confronted by a prostitute he'd been with; threatened, robbed, assaulted. Ongoing investigation. (Oct.) Prior incident involving

robbery of a gay man by a prostitute; accused was identified, warrant issued. Care needed so criminal proceedings won't cause the victim to be "outed". (Dec.)

97:62 (H) (PR)

Regional Chair received a call in October from a man who said he was going "to burn down Remic Rapids." Unable to track the call, presume it is the same person whose Remic Rapids report about a young person seeing sexual activity in the daytime led to creation of the Parks sub-committee and ensuing recommendations (incident #35). A policy is in the works. A special bulletin went to all patrol officers. The threat didn't materialise. (Oct.)

97:63 (DV) (PR)

Partner Assault Support Team: working on one gay partner assault file. (Oct.)

97:64 (DV)

An Ottawa lesbian reports that police responded to a Sunday, Sept. 28 call about a fight, two men involved. The woman's friend did not disclose that it was domestic violence. Ongoing violence. (Oct.)

97:65 (H) (CR-CAP)

Youth reported rocks, accompanied by anti-gay comments, thrown at him by another youth since last May, on the way to school. Reported to schools, no action at either Frank Ryan (senior elementary school) or at his new school, St. Pius X. Reported to Hate Crime Section. (Oct.)

97:66 (H) (CAP)

Youth in incident #65: in July, at about 11 p.m, while walking with his mom's partner on Kirkwood Avenue near Carling, was called "fucking faggots" by a white male in a two-door, black car. Encouraged to report any incidents of this type. (Oct.)

97:67 (DV) (CR-CAP)

A lesbian spoke about an abusive relationship that ended about three years ago; police were called twice, she referred to her partner as a friend. Of note: police took the calls seriously, she didn't expect that. (Oct.)

97:68 (DV) (CR-CAP)

Two women reported knowing about five or six lesbian partner abuse incidents in Ottawa and Hull over the last seven or eight years. Police were called in only one instance (in Hull). Women were afraid to report the incidents, they

didn't want to be "out". The issue, they said, is "shrouded in secrecy". (Oct.)

97:69 (H) (CR-CAP)

Lesbian couple concerned about the "very homophobic" environment at St. Pat's Intermediate School that their son started to attend this year. (Oct.)

97:70 (H) (CR)

For the second time in five days, the Chair said he has heard of children of gay couples being subjected to verbal abuse because of the sexual orientation of their parents. Is this a criminal offence? Response; someone can be a victim of hate crime without being a member of a targeted group. (Oct.)

97:71 (DV) (PR)

Gay man victimised, harassed for several months by ex-lover. Ex-partner's threats to "out" the victim at his workplace amounted almost to extortion. Report filed with the suspect's name, not victim's name. Suspect and others spoken to, warned, the harassment has stopped. Someone in the community referred the victim directly to HCS. (Nov.)

97:72 (H) (PR)

Report from criminal investigation copied to HCS, three or four white males in their twenties swarmed a clerk in a west end convenience store at about 9:00 p.m. on August 19th. Bodily harm threats, anti-gay comments, exposed anatomy to the victim. Unsolved. (Nov.)

97:73 (H) (PR)

Two lesbians, Carleton University students, riding home on their bikes, were clipped by a car, yelled at, spat at. Bank Street, in the Glebe. (Nov.)

97:74 (DV) (PR)

Report received on gay partner abuse situation, contact made, counselling provided. No charge laid. PAST (Nov.)

97:75 (DV) (PR)

A charge is being laid against a lesbian in a partner-abuse incident. (Nov.)

97:76 (DV) (CR-CAP)

A doctor with the University of Ottawa student health services responded positively to the inclusiveness of the team's Partner Assault title and noted that she sees a number of same-sex partner abuse cases. (Nov.)

97:77 (H) (CR-CAP)

Evidence of hate-motivated incidents at Elgin Computer on Elgin Street, evident in story about the firm in November Capital Xtra! (reference to “a campaign of anti-queer harassment.”) No indication the incidents were reported to police. (Nov.)

97:78 (H) (CR-CAP)

University of Ottawa Women’s Studies student says students have given the University president and University security a report on extensive hate-motivated markings at the University library. Request for information to go to the HCS. (Nov.)

97:79 (DV) (CR-CAP)

CAP’s social worker contact at the General Hospital reports another case involving a victim of same-sex partner abuse. (Nov.)

97:80 (H) (PR)

Assault by male against a perceived gay man, in the Gloucester area two months ago. Ongoing neighbour dispute, not enough to lay charges. Referred directly to Hate Crime Section. (Dec.)

97:81 (H) (PR)

An “out” gay student was attacked by a group of male students at a west-end Carleton Board of Education high school. The school resource officers identified the accused who were suspended; criminal charges possible. (Dec.)

97:82 (H) (PR)

Anti-lesbian threats, including death threats, against a west-end Ottawa teenager by another teenager (ages 16 and 17). Incident sparked by a disagreement over an ex-boyfriend. Ongoing investigation. (Dec.)

97:83 (H) (PR)

Hate Crime Section received report of anti-gay graffiti in large black print on a seat near the rear exit of an OC Transpo bus: “Homos are full of mold”. The Hate Crime Section contacted the OC Transpo executive to remove the graffiti and is following up on training potential with OC Transpo staff. (Dec.)

97:84 (DV) (PR)

A man has been charged following an incident related to a relationship triangle. (Dec.)

97:85 (DV) (PR)

A gay man has been charged a second time in connection with an incident involving his partner, a gay man who is developmentally delayed. (Dec.)

97:86 (DV) (CR)

The OPP is investigating the alleged murder of Tony Tavares by Ben Watson who then committed suicide; their bodies were found Nov. 28, 1997 in a farmhouse outside of Perth. (Dec.) OPP to report to the February Round Table meeting. (CAP) (Jan 1998) OPP officer Heather Lamarche reviewed the case. The OPP had arrested Watson prior to the murder/suicide, but he had been released from custody; the tragedy occurred soon after. Officer Lamarche concluded that OPP officers recognized the men’s relationship; she found no problems in the domestic violence procedures they followed. Both the OPP and a family doctor opposed Watson’s release at a show-cause hearing; a psychiatrist from Brockville, however, said that Watson was not a danger. Watson was released on condition he not associate with his ex-partner. Both men failed to abide by the non-association conditions of the release; officer Lamarche said that this is a common occurrence regardless of one’s sexual orientation (Feb 1998).

97:87 (PR)

Custody issue; the caller said the criminal justice system is against her as she is a lesbian. Referrals: a gay lawyer, Victim Support Services, PAST. (Dec.)

97:88 (H) (CR-CAP)

Report of an anti-gay incident at a school in Orleans. (Dec.)

OTHER

Gender Mosaic received a call from the Children’s Aid Society about a transgender youth, 13, who wants to go to school in women’s clothing. The Director of Community Development recalled how he and an officer from the Bias Crime Unit responded to a similar call two years ago from the Adult High School; they provided the principal with a range of information. In that case, the school designated a washroom for the student’s use. (Jan. 1997 CR)

A former Bias Crime Unit Officer noted anti-gay remarks when a suspect was arrested on another matter; he passed the information to the Hate Crime Section; the individual has been identified as a potential gay-basher. (March 1997 PR)

A committee member noted that the Sunday Sun (March 16) ran a one-column item about homosexual sinners, “quoting” Corinthians. Are the individuals who place such ads potential gay bashers? If they do this, could they do more? The HCS said that the point was well taken. Grace Baptist Church has put forth this kind of material before, there has been no evidence to date of violence resulting from it. (March 1997 CR)

The Hate Crime Section investigated an incident involving the harassment of a youth by a male at a PTS youth meeting. Police warned the individual that he will be in trouble unless his behaviour improves. (May 1997 PR)

A lesbian who was the target of comments by a youth called to find out if an officer has the right to ask if she was targeted because of her sexual orientation. Staff talked about the work of the Hate Crime Section and the caller appeared satisfied that the question was not intended to offend her. (May 1997. OPCC)

A woman is being evicted from her apartment because she is a lesbian. Referred to the Ontario Human Rights Commission. (July 1997 CR)

Call from an individual who was kicked out of a family picnic because of sexual orientation. Referral to the Ontario Human Rights Commission. (Aug 1997 PR)

The Director of Community Development said a man in crisis concerning sexual orientation called the police and was put in touch with a senior police officer who was both a sympathetic and informed ear. Example of the importance of having access to individuals of this calibre. (Aug. 1997. PR)

A co-op student with the John Howard Society outlines the agency’s efforts to address an identified gap. They are receiving calls from gay men who are victims of domestic violence but have nowhere to refer them for services. Police statistics indicate 3 percent of 800 partner assault incidents Jan. 1-Sept., 1997, involve gay men. There may be more cases that are unreported. (Oct. 1997 CR)

Complaint by a lesbian couple about ads in the Citizen from a Baptist church that compare being gay to having sex with dogs; also, a complaint about a Kanata newspaper that ran a letter to the editor that equated lesbians with murderers and bestiality. “Kids have to read this – it’s a level of violence to me. Is there a law – protection in hate laws to protect us?” While there is no legal recourse, the Ontario Human Rights Commission is trying innovative approaches to deal with this. (1997 CR-CAP)

Crisis-line worker, Sexual Assault Support Centre, spoke of women’s calls not being taken seriously by police officers. (Oct. 1997 CR-CAP)

Women’s Place said that a woman came to the police station to report a man in her apartment building who kept exposing himself. Response of officer at the front desk: “Don’t worry, that’s how he gets his jollies”. She reported the officer and was told “We can’t do anything. What do you want us to do, transfer him to filing”? Someone advised her to go to a provincial body with the complaint but not to waste her time. Request by Councillor Diane Holmes to put the complaint in writing to the Chief of Police. (1997 CR-CAP)

A male prostitute broke into the residence of an ex-john and trashed the residence. Police arrested the perpetrator at the scene. (Nov. 1997)

Request for information from Montreal gay community concerning successful police/community collaboration that resulted in a quick arrest following the August 8th, 1996 murder in Montreal of an older man. The Director of Ottawa Community Development will supply the information, including the Ottawa Crown Attorney contact.

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98:01 (H) (CR)

A lesbian student member of Rainbow Youth Coalition is concerned about an incident at an October pep rally attended by all Gloucester High School students. The alligator mascot of the Catholic school was dressed in a costume, the “Gaytor” was mobbed by the football team; students were stirred up. “Not an issue,” responded the principal, the student organization and a guidance counsellor. HCS to follow; it would like the School Board to address this. (Jan)

98:02 (H) (PR)

Report (to the main floor information desk at police headquarters) of anti-gay harassment; the victim told the HCS later that he just wanted to get the incident behind him. Two possibilities: the initial complaint was false; the complaint was legitimate but the victim has gotten cold feet. (Jan.)

98:03 (H) (PR)

First anti-gay report from Cumberland which is now under the Ottawa-Carleton Police Service (as of Jan. 1, 1998). Telephone harassment of a gay father over a three-week period; the father is concerned for the safety of his two sons who live with him. The victim called the HCS directly. (Jan.)

98:04 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay death threats, harassment of a straight man by a young person. Comments included: "You suck big cocks and you're a fucking faggot." Suspect identified, investigation ongoing. (Jan.)

98:05 (DV) (PR)

Lesbian partner abuse, charge might be pending. The victim is very clear about her rights and the support she needs; she is getting good support. Observation: each lesbian partner abuse incident is radically different. (Jan.)

98:06 (CR)

"Bashed on campus" incident; Capital Xtra! (December 1997 issue interview) with a lesbian who said football team members pushed her against a wall and called her a fucking dyke. The victim did not call the Pride Centre at the University; the Centre was surprised with the victim's report (that the University protection service laughed off her complaint). A member of the Pride Centre board said the protection service is excellent; recently it requested an anti-homophobia workshop for the foot patrol. HCS to follow. (Jan.)

98:07 (H) (PR) (From previous minutes)

Anti-gay harassment and death threats by a teenager and his friends. The parents of the teen, who are gay, are very upset. HCS following. (Feb.)

98:08 (H) (PR)

Harassment of another gay couple, also by neighbours. The police helped to clarify matters; the situation seems to be rectified. (Feb.)

98:09 (H) (PR)

Anti-lesbian harassment; complaint by victim to the information desk, forwarded to the Hate Crime Section. Under investigation. (Feb.)

98:10 (H) (PR)

Second report from the community of anti-gay graffiti, using black marker, on OC Transpo buses. Again, "homos are full of mold" and "Allah hates homos." Removed by OC Transpo staff. (Feb.)

98:11 (PR)

Two lesbians involved in a mutual consent fight. (Feb.)

98:12 (PR)

A lesbian therapist reported to be stalking a client. PAST may handle the case of criminal harassment, even though it is not partner abuse; others may not understand the dynamics. (Feb.)

98:13 (H) (CR-GLBT Centre, Carleton)

"Allah hates queers" graffiti reported on an OC Transpo bus. OC Transpo has a program to remove graffiti within 12 hours; the bus was tracked the next day, the graffiti had been removed. (Feb.)

98:14 (H) (PR)

The Hate Crime Section received a complaint from a man about Sylvia MacEachern homophobic propaganda against lesbian and gay people and is investigating the complaint. Committee discussed anti-gay articles, distributed by MacEachern and about 11 others the same evening they protested at an AIDS information night for parents, held at Good Shepherd school. Protesters' anti-gay placards included such statements as: "Accept homosexuality today, accept paedophilia tomorrow", "Public health alert: gay sex kills" and "Promote chastity, not sexual perversion." Also discussed the concerns of a gay man whose letter of protest about Citizen coverage ("Traditional Catholics attack AIDS course") has not been printed: "The publishing of such nonsense should not be allowed by any newspaper. You would not be allowed to print anything against Blacks or Jews, so the same applies to gays and lesbians." (Feb.) HCS; there are no charges, the situation is being monitored. (Mar.)

98:15 (H) (PR)

Fourth report of anti-gay graffiti reported by community member on Mar. 2nd, again on an OC Transpo bus:

“Allah hate homos”. The HCS Section is working on the problem. (Mar.)

98:16 (H) (PR)

March 5th: man gay-bashed in bar, assaulted by three more men when he left the bar. Ongoing investigation. (Mar.)

98:17 (H) (PR)

Harassment of a gay man in a Centretown high rise: graffiti, taunts. Ongoing. (Mar.)

98:18 (H) (PR)

Three men were convicted today, March 9th for stalking and gay-bashing a sex-trade prostitute. (Mar.)

98:19 (H) (CR-CAP)

Anti-gay assault reported to Operation Go Home by a young man; he was assaulted twice before he spoke about it. Operation Go Home first called PTS, followed up on referral to the Community Access Project. (Mar.)

98:20 (V) (CR-CAP)

A lesbian called to discuss her concerns about a woman boss claiming the employee is sexually harassing her. Referred to Victim Support, PAST. Assured the caller it was very safe to call Victim Support; her initial concern was “will she laugh at me?” (Mar.)

98:21 (H) (CR-CAP)

Fifth report of anti-gay graffiti on the seats of OC Transpo buses. (Mar.) The HCS said the police service is working with OC Transpo to develop a policy for removing graffiti on buses and training staff on the issues. (Apr.) The HCS completed two training sessions for by-law and security personnel at OC Transpo. (June)

98:22 (H) (PR)

Anonymous hate-motivated threats sent to the Fulcrum (student newspaper), University of Ottawa. Followed up by HCS and Director of Community Development, Fulcrum staff satisfied. (Apr.)

98:23 (DV) (PR)

A repeat complaint; there is concern about the level of violence. (Apr.)

98:24 (DV) (PR)

Same-sex partner abuse incident; the victim did not want police intervention. (Apr.)

98:25 (H) (CR)

A gay committee member reported verbal harassment on two occasions from someone in an apartment, aimed at himself and a friend as they walked down the street. (Apr.)

98:26 (DV) (CR)

Third-party report of breach of non-association conditions, gay partner abuse. Second party too fearful of repercussion to advise the victim to speak to the Partner Abuse Support Team. (Apr.)

98:27 (H) (PR)

Hate Crime Section investigating anti-gay “artwork” at a community college (“death to gays”; public figures named, real risk assessed as low). Ongoing investigation The school reported the situation when the “artwork” was presented as part of a class project. (May)

98:28 (H) (T) (PR)

Ongoing; investigation of harassment of a transgendered person by neighbours. (May)

98:29 (H) (PR)

Semester-long anti-gay harassment of a community college student by high school students. Both the high school principal and the victim reported directly to the Hate Crime Section. Resolved by the Section at the high school. (May)

98:30 (H) (PR)

A media person, who did a report on same-sex marriages, received a nasty e-mail from someone in Ottawa-Carleton. Under investigation. (May). HCS tracked it down and spoke to the perpetrator, a man. No threats; it was not a criminal offence. (June)

98:31 (DV) (PR)

Breach of probation. Ongoing. The perpetrator becomes violent when drinking, the victim refuses assistance, refuses counselling. The victim is moving to the U.S. Fears that the victim won’t have a support system; identified risk: trans-border stalking by ex-gay partners. (May)

98:32 (DV) (PR)

A lesbian couple; police were called, then told on arrival to leave. (May)

98:33 (DV) (PR)

Gay couple; neighbours called police because of a disturbance. Assault unlikely; one man, who has psychiatric

difficulties, went out of control and trashed the apartment. Determination: he had been on medication for a year but the medication had never been monitored. Both partners welcomed referrals to community agencies. (May)

98:34 (DV) (PR)

Gay couple, incident under investigation. No immediate arrest as the perpetrator had fled. (May)

98:35 (DV) (CR-CAP)

A lawyer reported a police officer's response to a gay domestic occurrence: "it's just a lover's quarrel." Ongoing. (June) A PAST police officer spoke to the officer in question. He said that there had been no violence or threats. The two men were splitting up; one said "leave", the other said "you can't make me". The police were called as they're often called in heterosexual difficulties of this nature. The officer did refer to a lover's quarrel; the PAST officer knows the officer in question well and said it was a comment that he would use with anyone. The officer refused to kick the ex-partner out as requested and suggested that one man pay for a hotel room for his ex-partner, which he did. The PAST officer described it as an interesting resolution. (subsequent meeting)

98:36 (T) (CR)

A member of the transgendered community said the May 10th Sun reported that a man, who is a transvestite, was stabbed on the weekend in the market area. Noted: a caller to a May 11th radio program spoke about a gay-bashing in the market on the weekend. Is this the same incident? (May)

98:37 (H) (CR-CAP)

CAP staff said that there are indications of a "homosexual panic" defence in the current Gilling murder trial; Gilling is charged with murdering Guy Robert, his roommate, in 1995. (On May 13, 1998, Steve Gilling was found guilty of manslaughter). (May)

98:38 (H) (PR)

"Conspiracy" material circulating at Lisgar High School, references to homosexuality. Reported by the school. Evaluation: nuisance material being handed out by a lawyer who has been disbarred. (June)

98:39 (H) (CR-Carleton University GLBT Centre)

Carleton security personnel investigated publication of

The Art Fag, turned out to be an experiment (backlash to censorship), to see how Carleton University would react. Security personnel collected all copies within an hour of their arrival at the Unicentre. (June)

98:40 (DV) (PR)

Personal safety issue: harassment of a gay man by a man he met through a personals ad. The connection went sour. Important for the community to be aware of this sort of personal safety issue. (July) The stalker even moved into the same apartment building. The victim requested certain actions, then changed his mind and went another route. The victim was quite concerned that he might be labelled gay; the two individuals had never had a relationship. (Aug.)

98:41 (H) (PR)

Report of anti-gay harassment by neighbours (overhearing conversation about killing him). The complaints are not substantiated. (July)

98:42 (H)

Lesbian couple in Vanier are being harassed by male neighbours (name-calling concerning sexual orientation). Ongoing. (July)

98:43 (H) (PR)

Received today, possibly related to Pride Day, anonymous letter dropped off at the University of Ottawa Pride Centre: general criticism of lesbian and gay "lifestyle," no threats. (July) Letter posted to the Pride Centre Door. U of O security checked all facilities for similar incidents before or after the July 13th incident. There were no other reports. (Aug.)

98:44 (H) (T) (CR-GM)

Report of an assault with injuries on a transgender (female to male) individual and his boyfriend (a Hull couple) on Portage Street in Hull about a month ago. (July)

98:45 (H) (CR)

Report swastikas painted in the Pretoria Avenue area near the Queensway. A lot of this graffiti on Somerset Street. There has been a recent graffiti outburst. (July)

98:46 (H) (CR-CAP)

June Capital Xtra! Article reports anti-gay harassment at Philemon Wright High School in Hull. (Aug.)

98:47 (H) (PR)

Eggs thrown at the house of an east-end gay couple. No suspects. Victims called 911, information desk took the report. Report was referred to the HCS. (Aug.)

98:48 (H) (PR)

Anti-lesbian verbal abuse towards an east-end lesbian couple by a male neighbour. The victim is dropping the complaint because the suspect is moving from the neighbourhood. (Aug.)

98:49 (V) (PR)

August 3rd: a gay man met a man, a stranger, in the lobby of his building and invited him to his apartment. When the visitor left, the man realized his apartment keys were missing and had the lock changed. Subsequently, the suspect returned, broke into the apartment, handcuffed the victim and started to steal his belongings. The victim managed to escape and call for help; the suspect dropped his pager and was arrested. Charges: robbery, theft, forcible confinement.

98:50 (DV) (PR)

Call from a lesbian who then disappeared; she didn't return PAST's call. (Aug.)

98:51 (DV) (PR)

Domestic violence involving a gay couple; the perpetrator was under age. No charges. (Aug.)

98:52 (DV) (PR-CAP)

Lesbian partner abuse victim referred from an employee at the Pride Week office; he'd met a troubled woman in the corridor that the Pride Week office shares with PTS. She didn't know what to do. PAST got the victim safely into a shelter and the Spousal Section is handling the case. (Aug.)

98:53 (S/A) (CR)

A man, who is in the process of coming out, reported to the Chair that he was sexually assaulted about a week ago by a cab driver on the way back from the baths. Still not reported to police. (Aug.) A community member and an HCS Officer met with the owner of Steam Works to discuss the problem. Information about reporting hate crimes will be displayed at the bath. (Nov.)

98:54 (V) (CR)

Incident of coercive sexual contact reported by a gay man who is HIV positive and has received a death threat from the perpetrator. (Aug.)

98:55 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay incident, east end of Ottawa. Victim withdrew, no data on incident. (Nov.)

98:56 (H) (PR)

Mid-Sept. Anonymous report, by letter. Gay man driving Walkley and Albion area, pride stickers on car. Hand gestures and "homo" calls from another car. Victim sent in offender's licence plate. On file; unable to proceed unless victim identifies himself. (Oct.)

98:57 (H) (PR)

Ongoing investigation of recently reported July incident; racial and anti-gay slurs yelled at someone near a GLBT bar on Bank St. Licence number reported. (Oct.)

98:58 (H) (PR)

New, few details yet; verbal anti-gay harassment of a man in Centretown. (Oct.)

98:59 (H) (PR)

Swarming of a man, 24, who was power walking in Orleans about 10:15 p.m. Sept. 22, by three young men ages 19-21. They started by yelling "queer, queer, queer" at him, poured beer over his head, then beat him up. Assailants: two white males, one black male. The responding patrol officer forwarded a lengthy report to the HCS. (Oct.)

98:60 (H) (PR)

Harassment of a gay youth in an east-end high school. Resolved informally by the school Resource Officer and school personnel. (Oct.)

98:61 (H) (PR)

Harassment of an employee at a west-end store; the HCS is working with the store owner on the issue, which involves criminal/human rights violation (Oct.)

98:62 (H)

Anti-HIV concerns, public environment "employees acting goofy," objective to make sure the employers are aware of what's going on. (Oct.)

98:63 (H) (CR-CAP)

Recent defacement of “Bias-free zone for lesbians and gays” sticker on a door in a residence. Unknown whether it was reported to campus security. (Oct.)

98:64 (H) (CR-CAP)

Historical (at least a couple of years). Anti-lesbian threats in Dunn’s restaurant when it was on Dalhousie. Management refused to call the police. How often are businesses reluctant to call the police like this possibly because they don’t want negative publicity? (Oct.)

98:65 (H) (CR-CAP)

A community member called on behalf of a friend who saw his attacker on the street, he thought the attacker was in jail. Response of the police when he expressed his concerns: “follow him home so that you can tell us where he lives.” HCS to follow. (Oct.)

98:66 (H) (PR)

Ongoing. Theft of mail and anti-lesbian and anti-gay comments; residence in Centretown. (Nov.)

98:67 (H) (T) (PR)

Member of the transgender community experienced nasty harassment in the east end by neighbourhood kids. Legal counsel assisted. Settled by talking to the kids. (Nov.)

98:68 (DV) (PR)

Referral from AIDS Committee of Ottawa, gay man hurt by his partner. A long intervention, including assistance in initiating a report to the police. Impressed by ACO’s assistance and follow up, including providing the man with a ride home at 8 p.m. (Nov.)

98:69 (DV) (PR)

Police report of gay partner abuse incident, Nepean; a lot of prior domestic violence reports, difficult to tell who is the victim, who is the perpetrator. (Nov.)

98:70 (DV) (PR)

Gay partner abuse, assault; discussed safety options with the victim who wants to stay with his partner. Police likely to charge as they obtained a statement. Non-association conditions apply if there is a charge. Asked whether there were sufficient referral options: a missing piece was the lack of a therapist with experience in gay partner. (Nov.)

NOTE (PR)

A lesbian who sought assistance but decided against police involvement 11 months ago called back seeking help in evicting her abusive partner. (Nov.)

98:71 (D) (CR)

Hull police did a wonderful job getting the media to stop hounding a transgender member of the armed forces. Circulated (and mailed with minutes): intrusive front-page cover photo and story and inside article (the Sun). The Citizen also started to hound the woman, but was stopped. (Nov.)

98:72 (CR-Ottawa Knights)

Annual Leather Event. Several participants were harassed between 11 and 12 p.m. as they went from one location to another on Bank St. Seeking more information about the perpetrators. This is the first year there’s been a problem. (Nov.)

98:73 (H) (PR)

Defacement of “bias-free zone for lesbians and gays” sticker, University of Ottawa residence. (Oct.) There was a recent article in the Fulcrum about homophobia in the residences. The article referred to the sticker defacement and to the verbal taunting of a woman, otherwise it was vague. The director of housing met with staff who were to go floor-to-floor in residences and advise residents of people’s rights. Similar situation in residences in Toronto. (Nov.)

98:74 (H) (CR)

Call from emergency department social worker, General Hospital, October. Mature, French-speaking man, University student, assaulted by neighbour: assailant kicked him in the groin, made lewd anal gestures. Refused police intervention, said police have been no help in the past (no indication whether reference was to Canada or country where he grew up). This may not be an isolated incident. (Nov.)

98:75 (CR-CAP)

“Silent hatred lurking in the capital,” October letter to the editor, Ottawa Citizen, following coverage of the anti-gay murder of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming. A woman wrote that, as she drove away from the parking lot at the South Keys cinema, she noticed in her rearview mirror that a man was gesturing at her. “I realized he was upset to see my pride flag on my car..... he...sped up beside my

car. With a look of hate beyond words, he slowly made a cut-throat signal with his finger while mouthing the words ‘all gays should die.’” (Nov.)

98:76 (H) (CR-CAP)

From a letter to the Citizen editors (Oct. 21, 1998): “I fear for my son now because he is gay.” The Ottawa mother wrote that her son recently returned to his dorm room (unspecified city) to find the word “faggot” scrawled across his door. He has received phone calls with disembodied voices saying “ We are going to get you, faggot.” (Nov.)

98:77 (H) (PR)

Early December. Gay man living in Centretown harassed by his landlord. Officer from the HCS met with both sides. No further harassment. Complainant is satisfied. (Dec.)

98:78 (H) (CR-CAP)

Hatred in Canada Conference, Sept. 1998, lists eight anti-gay Internet Sites, including Godhatesfags.com. Do police monitor the sites? (Nov.)

98:79 (H) (PR)

Anti-gay, anti-Jewish poster for a “mombo Somalia nite” at 200 Isabella St. found on the floor at the Rideau Centre, stuck between two seat cushions on an OC Transpo bus. One poster sent anonymously to the Jewish Community Centre. Police working with the Somalia Centre and Jewish Community Centre in efforts to find the source. National Capital Alliance on Race Relations has received the same kind of material in the past. (Dec.)

98:80 (H) (PR)

A woman claims two men are harassing her criminally through e-mails as she is a lesbian. Incomplete investigation, but work to date shows 50 reports by the woman to the O-C Police on different matters. The men have also filed reports and there is a lot of civil action among the parties. (Dec.)

98:81 (H) (PR)

Hate Crime Section investigated spraying of “Fag” and “HIV” onto the brick-work and garage door of a gay man’s home, Nov. 17, 1998. Not the first instance of harassment. Police responded to a call from the victim earlier in the year: graffiti on the outside walls of his workplace identified him by name, address, phone number and described sexual acts he likes. No police

investigation as there were no witnesses and a suspect named by the victim denied he was the perpetrator.

Subsequently, the victim has had rocks thrown through the window of his home, eggs thrown at his house. Two sets of suspects: a former partner (the graffiti), neighbourhood kids (vandalism). Videotapes might identify the neighbourhood vandals; the victim wants financial compensation, not criminal action. (Dec.) HCS went to victim’s workplace since calls not being returned. The victim has had no luck reaching resources in the community, is depressed. Investigation on hold. Extensive counselling intervention provided to client. Two psychiatrists located who will see him immediately. VCU will stay in touch re: whether he is comfortable with therapeutic situation. VCS said the victim was very moved when told about the Liaison Committee’s concern about his well-being. (Feb. 1999)

98:82 (DV) (PR)

Phone call from an anonymous woman seeking help for a gay friend who had been assaulted by his partner, he was looking for a safe place. VCS offered information and an office appointment. Wanted a safe place (such as a shelter) for gay men; referrals to Y, housing provided by regional social services not considered adequate. He apparently needed to be where counsellors and others understood his situation. (Dec.)

98:83 (DV) (PR)

Police occurrence reports. Gay couple, repeat situation, clear escalation. No charges as no grounds – police arrived just in time, no assault yet. Third party abusive to police officers. Real animosity to police intervention, not responding to Victim Services’ requests for contact. (Dec.)

98:84 (DV) (PR)

Police occurrence report. Gay couple. Each one blamed the other as the aggressor, primary suspect removed for the evening, report sent to the Spousal Section for follow-up. Several unsuccessful attempts to reach the victim; no information or letters sent, as there is a strong possibility that the couple has reunited. (Dec.)

98:85 (DV)

Referral from the HCS. The man had left a controlling relationship, threats by an ex-partner. Very fearful and frightened – it was hard for him to even leave the police

station. He was given a safety plan and information about community resources. (Dec.)

98:86 (PR)

Referral from Liaison Committee Member. Gay couple, relationship crisis. Counselling. (Dec.)

98:87 (H) (CR-CAP)

Woodroffe High School student, 19, expelled from school for three days for anti-gay comments. David Gamble, a teacher at the school, said the young man had been sounding off against gays in another teacher's class, a young woman opposed him in principle, the situation escalated and he proclaimed that "fags should be killed." HCS to follow. (Dec.)

98:88 (H) (CR)

Report of a Grade 13 student at J.S. Woodsworth, in Nepean, who is verbally harassed in school because he is gay and was physically assaulted at a party by fellow students. He doesn't want to report the problem. He was encouraged to report to the principal or the superintendent, since new safe school policies for the Ottawa-Carleton School Board include sexual orientation protection. (Dec.)

98:89 (H) (CR)

Numerous examples of anti-gay "Allah hates homos" and "Homos are filled with mould" graffiti on OC Transpo buses reported by three persons. (Dec.) HCS spoke with OC Transpo manager who will ensure record is kept of graffiti, before it is removed. (Jan. 1999) OC Transpo report (April 1999)

98:90 (H) (CR-CAP)

Graffiti, men's washrooms first and second floors at the main library. "Gays deserve to get AIDS and die." What is the library's policy re: reporting and removing graffiti? Individual said he raised the issue two or three times, took a week to get it removed. (Dec.)

98:91 (H) (CR)

Hallowe'en night, a gay man dressed as Elton John reported he was pushed en route to Centretown Pub, called "you fag." How is it possible to report this; there was no way to identify the individual. (Dec.)

98:92 (H) (CR)

A passer-by yelled viciously at a PFLAG couple at the end of the Vigil for Matthew Shepard. They noted, however,

that floral bouquets left at the Canadian Tribute to Human Rights were not vandalized. (Dec.)

NOTE

Court: two convictions, same-sex partner abuse, with conditions to attend a treatment program. (Round Table, Dec.)

OTHER

Jan. 14, 1998. Globe and Mail headline: "Man sets self on fire to protest gay abuse." Text; "A Sicilian man, protesting about discrimination against homosexuals, set himself ablaze in St. Peter's Square yesterday and tried to rush toward the basilica's entrance." The 39-year-old man was in serious condition at the time of the report, with burns to 90 per cent of his body. (1998 CAP)

Unemployed gay man, a former corrections officer, won a workplace harassment case based on sexual orientation in Quebec. He left that workplace because of the unpleasantness. He expressed similar concerns about the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Detention Centre. Invited to join Liaison Committee to work on these concerns. (Feb. 1998 City Councillor)

Concerning R.E.A.L. Women accusation on TV Ontario documentary that Ottawa-Carleton Police Service would not investigate a complaint they lodged: the comment was unfair; the accusation was made (filmed) before the Hate Crime Section even received the material in question. (Apr. 1998 PR) The HCS investigation revealed that the three incidents (letters) referred to on the program were written before the Bias Crime Unit was formed in 1993. The letters were alleged to have been written by Queer Nation, a group which has been dormant in Ottawa-Carleton since 1992. (May 1998 PR)

Report of a gay man being harassed by a gay man he supervised at work before the man was fired. A restraining order is said to prohibit the harasser from going near the man's home or near Centertown Pub where the victim socializes. Centertown Pub owners reported to be upset when the man called 911 from the pub (non-compliance with the order). Subsequently the man was assaulted, charges were laid, the victim has been barred from the pub. HCS to follow. (June 1998)

It was reported that a transgendered person had been held by the SWAT team in an action precipitated by the Children's Aid Society. No further details. HCS to follow. (August 1998)

Break-and-enter at GLBT Centre, Carleton University. Investigation completed; motivation appears to have been theft, not hate. (1998 PR)

The Director of Community Development relayed a community report that police (jurisdiction not stated) cleared Remic one evening about Oct. 9th. What is police policy on clearing the park? O-C police officer said there has been no action of this sort from his district, which is responsible for the area. He will look into the report. (1998 PR)

1999

99:01 (H) (PR)

A driver made offensive gestures at a man who has a gay pride rainbow flag on his car bumper. Victim followed the driver into a parking lot and took the licence number. HCS to follow. (Jan.) The HCS tracked down the offender – a young person who was driving his grandfather's car; the mother and grandfather were shocked at what had happened, assured police it would not happen again. The victim was pleased police tracked down the driver. (Feb.)

99:02 (DV) (PR)

Two men, both drinking heavily; police make repeated calls to the same residence. The relationship has ended but the men continue to see each other. At least six reports in the last 18 months, some drunk or disturbance or trespassing. (Jan.)

99:03 (H) (PR)

Attack against a lesbian operating a business. Prior problems. Victim is attacked on chat sites, it is affecting the business where she works. Concurrent: a lot of civil action against her. Possible fraud. (Feb.)

99:04 (H) (PR)

Jewish lesbian received an envelope addressed to Classic Kike Dykes, included news clippings in which Jacques Parizeau attributed his defeat to Jewish people. Probably coming from someone at the woman's workplace. (Feb.)

99:05 (DV) (CAP) (PR)

A lesbian was concerned for the safety of a lesbian friend planning to retrieve property from the dwelling of an ex-partner. Contact made, ongoing stalking by ex-partner; safety planning, victim not ready to make a report. (The caller said she knew about the Liaison Committee because of staff outreach work.) (Feb.)

99:06 (H) (PR)

Police report. Unable to reach victim yet. Unclear if it's a straight or lesbian woman being threatened by ex-boyfriend. Multiple emotional health issues as well as safety concerns. (Feb.)

99:07 (H) (CAP)

Woodroffe High School student had to change schools because he was repeatedly gay-bashed. Incidents not reported. Crime prevention programs planned. (Feb.)

99:08 (H) (CAP)

Another sighting of anti-gay graffiti, OC Transpo bus. (Feb.)

99:09 (H) (CAP)

February 3, 1999. Capital Xtra! newspapers trashed in box at Albert and Bank Street bus stop. Out of eleven boxes, only one trashed (issues ripped, rumpled, pages hanging out of partially-closed box). Samples of vandalized copies left with Hate Crime Section. The Section doesn't have time to follow vandalism of this sort, difficult to identify perpetrator. (Feb.)

99:10 (H) (PR)

Threats of bodily harm uttered to a gay man by a family member. Charges laid, released with condition. (Apr.)

99:11 (PR)

Gay students claimed assault at school (by other students). HCS investigated. No physical contact, five witnesses. Working with school. (Apr.)

99:12 (H) (CR-CAP)

Teacher found a very homophobic letter at Woodroffe High School. (Apr.)

99:13 (HR) (CR-CAP)

Capital Xtra! vandalized again at apartment/grocery store distribution points. (Apr.)

99:14 (H) (CR)

There is still “FAG” graffiti at Le Patro area. Information passed to HCS. (Apr.)

99:15 (H) (PR)

Two men kissed in a restaurant and were subsequently harassed. An altercation with a patron ensued and charges were laid. (May)

99:16 (H) (PR)

Woman awoke to see anti-lesbian graffiti in playground. No suspects. (May)

99:17 (H) (PR)

Young person called faggot, queer, bag stolen. Victim not returning calls. Victim had called 911. Patrol officer directed the report to the Hate Crime Section, which is still trying to reach the victim. Location: Regina Street, west end. Date July 23, early morning hours. (Aug.)
Victim has not returned HCS calls. A parent sent a message that the victim does not want to proceed further. (Oct.)

99:18 (H) (PR)

Relatives of “Reverend” Phelps picketed in front of four Westboro churches on Aug. 1st, and in front of the Supreme Court on Aug. 2nd. A police officer, in plain clothes, video-taped the proceedings. HCS congratulated Canadian Customs and Immigration for refusing to allow them to bring some hate materials into Canada; the material was deemed very offensive under Hate Material Laws of the Customs Act. Pat Callaghan, Head of the Hate Crimes Section, is being vilified in materials handed out by Phelps’ Westboro Baptist Church: “Sodomites now control the Ottawa Police and RCMP.” (Aug.)

99:19 (DV) (PR)

Disabled gay male reported being abused by a professional who he is also in a relationship with. Abused by this male and other perpetrators. Is safe at time of report and has support. The incident occurred in another city; the victim will have to make a report in that jurisdiction. (Aug.)

99:20 (H) (PR)

Gay stalking, victim made 911 call. Victim Services is continuing to attempt to reach victim. (Aug.)

99:21 (DV) (PR)

Lesbian domestic assault, multiple charges laid. Vicious and extremely serious. Numerous injuries; witnesses.

Perpetrator on probation at time of assault, therefore held in jail until trial. Multiple issues including psychiatric history, long standing nature of relationship and addictions. Victim Services is currently involved in extensive crisis intervention. (Aug.)

99:22 (T) (CR)

Concerns raised about the length of time needed to get details about an incident in Blackburn Hamlet reported earlier. HCS to follow. (Aug.)

99:23 (H) (CR)

Anti-gay graffiti on benches at the Billings Bridge OC Transpo transitway. There was also racist graffiti. (Aug.)

99:24 (H) (CAP)

Reference to newspaper article. “Detention Centre not trained for psychiatric cases inquest told.” A man who had tried to set fire to a gay-run business died while at the Detention Centre; he had mental health problems. (Aug.)

99:25 (DV) (CR-CAP) from Newspaper article

Man shot by a man who had been located through Ottawa Citizen personal ad. He is in hospital and is safe. Follow-up to be offered. Recommendation to Committee to consider interviewing him about newspaper coverage. (Aug.) The man originally charged with attempted murder has been released; he was falsely identified. (Sept. 1999) Citizen Editor attended January and June 2000 Committee meetings.

99:26 (H) (T) (PR)

Transgender individual was harassed and chased by three occupants in another vehicle: anti-transgender/gay comments. The victim was unable to get the licence plate so no investigation was possible. There has been no recurrence. (Sept.)

99:27 (PR)

On August 16th, a gay man living in the west end of Ottawa reported a roommate/co-worker assaulted him. It turned out to be a triangle. Individuals resolved the matter themselves, subsequently no investigation was undertaken. (Sept.)

99:28 (H) (PR)

Gay male assaulted at Merivale High School by students – harassed and punched. HCS currently investigating. (Sept.)

99:29 (H) (PR)

A 13-year old female student, at West Carleton High School, was harassed during the summer via e-mail by other female students. Messages escalated from anti-fat, anti-gay, to an extremely vile message on Aug. 1st. Perpetrators identified as two 13-year olds. The parents of the two young women were spoken to. These students admitted to what they had done and gave both written and verbal apologies, however afterwards friends of the perpetrators continued with both verbal abuse and threats of bodily harm. The HCS and school's School Resource Officer will bring together both the school principal and parents to deal with this matter. (Sept.)

99:30 (CAP-PR)

A lesbian was referred to the Liaison Committee by Amethyst House. She had been sexually assaulted by her ex-partner and was fearful of contacting the police because the police had done very little seven years ago when she reported a similar type of assault. She was a lot more confident after the telephone conversation, in which she was referred to Victim Services. She made an initial call to Victim Services but has not responded to follow-up calls. (Sept.)

99:31 (H) (T) (CR-GM)

Report that a transgendered individual's car was smashed in an area outside of Ottawa-Carleton. There was \$1,500 damage and the victim was subsequently fired from the workplace for being transgendered. It has been reported to the Cornwall Police. (Sept.)

99:32 (H) (CR)

More anti-gay graffiti reported to the police. (Sept.)

99:33 (H) (PR)

A woman was harassed because her mother is a lesbian. The follow-up revealed that the mother also received a lot of abuse. A school is involved, including police School Resource Officers, who will make a presentation at the school. (Oct.)

99:34 (PR)

A man reported graffiti on the walls of his house and damage to his lawn. Following an investigation, the Section feels the man may have done the damage himself to get his neighbour in trouble. (Oct.)

99:35 (DV) (PR)

A lesbian in a rural area reported stalking by another woman. The suspect was identified. Subsequently, through police involvement, the victim and the suspect agreed on a resolution. There were no charges laid. (Nov.)

99:36 (H) (CR) U of O Pride Centre

Graffiti on an elevator in a University of Ottawa building. "All fags are cock suckers." University Security staff speedily removed it. (Nov.)

99:37 (H) (CR) U of O Pride Centre

Anti-bisexual graffiti in a men's washroom outside the cafeteria. It was quickly removed. (Nov.)

99:38 (H) (CR-CAP)

More graffiti reported in an Oct. 21, 1999 letter to the editor of the University of Ottawa Fulcrum, which refers to offensive graffiti in bathroom stalls on campus (Nov.)

99:39 (H) (PR)

Nepean: harassment of a gay man by a woman over the phone. Suspect identified, victim doesn't want to press charges. Victim had moved, changed phone numbers, two years later another harassment call.

99:40 (H) (PR)

Alert from the Toronto police: GBT Muslim group in New York City received e-mail bomb threat. Same threats to similar groups holding meetings in Toronto, and London, England, all of whom took extra precautions. Suspect identified; individual is member of a Muslim group at Carleton University.

99:41 (H) (PR)

Bank and Slater area: Gay man was followed by a man after he left a gay bar. Repeat situation. Victim took licence plate number and called police. The Hate Crimes Section was notified. Contact made with the victim, who doesn't want police to contact suspect. Unknown whether it was a gay man stalking another gay man or a straight man stalking a gay man.

99:42 (H) (CR)

More vandalism reported in the University of Ottawa washrooms including several anti-GLBT items.

99:43 (H) (CR)

A gay man overheard clerks talking about “flaming queers” and plans to write letters to both the store and Loblaw’s head office.

99:44 (T) (CR)

A male-to-female transsexual in Quebec was issued an ultimatum for her to dress as a male and take testosterone by her gay boyfriend. The woman has attempted suicide and is receiving support from a transsexual group.

99:45 (DV) (PR)

Report of recent partner abuse involving two gay men under the age of 21. There were two assaults, one involving a father as well: both sides have threatened charges. There have been no police reports.

99:46 (PR)

A social worker at the Ottawa General Hospital reported a situation of severe elder abuse involving his client, a gay man, and a younger gay man.

99:47 (CR)

A 23-year old gay man who left The Well, a bar in the market area, was immediately attacked by an unknown man who had been sitting beside him in the bar. His nose was broken in the attack. The victim is afraid of reporting this incident to the police; he is afraid the perpetrator will come back and hurt him. The perpetrator was barred from the bar for two nights due to this incident and was back in the bar two weeks later when the young man returned. A committee member said that he was attacked about 30 years ago, by the canal, but managed to get away. A week later another man was attacked in the same place and subsequently died. The attackers were likely the same people in both cases, he said, pointing out the urgency of apprehending perpetrators as soon as possible. (Nov.)

OTHER

Complaints from Catholic lay groups re: Andrew Griffin article in Capital Xtra! Catholics feel articles constitute hate literature. Referred to Crown Attorney (Jan. 1999) Assistant Crown Attorney Mark Moors said they do not constitute hate literature by any means. He is willing to discuss his reasoning with Catholic lay groups and discuss how there is quite a difference between these articles and Keegstra’s (anti-Jewish) attacks, for instance. (Feb. 1999)

Court hearing on April 26th, re: pepper spray incident at C.P. (April 1999)

GLBT Carleton, harassing caller identify by voice. Campus police informed then Hate Crimes Unit contacted. Ruled not a hate crime. (April 1999)

The Pride Centre (U of O) was denied rental of a truck for a Pride March float by an Ottawa business.

Recommendation: call the Ontario Human Rights Commission. (August 1999)

On Sept. 7th, a gay male reported that people were ringing his doorbell and putting dirt on his balcony because they thought he was gay. There were no comments to indicate such motivation. The individual is the same man who claimed OC Transpo drivers conspired against him because he was gay; again, police found no evidence to support the claim. (Sept. 1999. PR)

Received a call from a gay man who wrote a letter to a 19-year-old offering him a massage; the caller expressed concern about receiving an unexpected call from the police warning him that he was harassing the young man.

2000

00:01 (H) (CR-PTY)

18-year-old gay man met another man through the Internet in Nov. They met for coffee, no relationship. He became concerned when he started to receive strange e-mails, almost felt as if he were being stalked. Three or four weekends ago he returned to his car in the Icon parking lot to find \$1,200 in damage to his car, marked up with key. The investigating officer reported it as vandalism, said there was nothing he could do. The young man suspects the man he met through the Internet, has saved the e-mails. Reluctant to discuss with police as he lives with his parents who think it was a random act of violence. (Jan.)

00:02 (H) (CR-PTY)

Unresolved. Sixteen-year-old gay male doused with water and called a fag when he got off a bus in the summer; he knew one of the group from high school. A young man he did not know attacked him, causing the victim to flee and push the emergency button at the transitway station. Police investigated. Concern that hate motivation not

recognized. (Jan) HCS unsuccessful in three attempts to reach victim. Officer can only leave his first name as victim does not want his parents involved. (Feb.)

00:03 (H) (CR-PTY)

Woodroffe High School student, 18, came out in “Dig”, a multicultural paper. Arab male co-students threatened his safety, telling him to take back the article as it made Arabs look as if they are gays. He is living in fear, doesn’t want punishment of the perpetrators for fear of reprisals. Reported that the principal felt it was a schoolyard scuffle. Follows: YSB, Principal Barb MacIlveen who has done pioneering work on safety concerns of l/g/b/t youth.(Jan.) HCS said that the student is not upset; a gay teacher spoke to the student who said there had been no violence. (Feb.)

00:04 (V) (PR)

Court Conviction: The HCS reported that a gay transvestite was robbed in his apartment in August 1998. The suspect broke in, bound, handcuffed and gagged the victim. He was able to free himself and escape. When he reported it, the victim wasn’t forthright about what had happened. He then came back and changed his story. What’s important is that the judge understood why he had felt he had to lie and they were still able to obtain a conviction. Judge Chilcott, at the request of the police, asked the media not to publish the victim’s name. The Citizen’s report on Feb 20, 2000, did not identify the victim. (Feb.)

00:05 (H) (PR)

A man was threatened on campus at Carleton University. HCS explained options to the victim, he chose not to proceed. (Jan.)

00:06 (H) (PR)

Another gay male was the target of name-calling by the same suspect in the previous incident. It was not enough to lay charges, but the HCS returned to the earlier victim (00:05) and again encouraged him to have charges laid. (Feb.)

00:07 (H) (CR-CAP)

Three men wielding beer bottles approached a lesbian on Feb 20 in a threatening manner; they called out “hey lezzie”, but backed off. Location: Bank and Somerset. HCS to follow. (Feb.)

00:08 (H) (PR)

Another incident involving e-mail threats to a gay male. Under investigation. (Feb.)

00:09 (H) (PR)

A gay male reported receiving a derogatory call from a man, the ex-partner of a new woman friend. (Feb.)

00:10 (V) (PR)

A gay man reported his friends received calls that he had been mugged in New York, was in hospital and needed money. (Mar) Follow-up on scam: Police traced the scam line to a hotel lobby telephone in Manhattan. New York police see this all the time and the HCS urged people to be aware of such scams against people who have some level of community profile. Often, the scam artist gets additional information in the first couple of calls and uses this for subsequent calls. (Apr.)

00:11 (H) (PR)

Report of an anti-gay letter left in an apartment building for a man who is not gay but has the same surname as another building resident who is a gay male. Police unable to do much on this. (Apr.)

00:12 (H) (PR)

Court conviction, involving an assault case. The original incident, which happened on April 29, 1999, was not handled by the HCS. The convicted man had approached two men who were kissing in a pizza parlour on Bank Street and assaulted one man. The court recognized the hate motivation and recommended that the perpetrator do a number of hours of community service, part of it with lesbian and gay organizations, and also receive sensitivity training. (Apr.)

00:13 (H) (T) (CR)

A member of GM asked if the HCS had received a report about someone tossing eggs on three separate occasions at a transgendered individual. HCS said no: many reports are now being handled outside the section because the section is short-staffed. (Apr.) Repeated incidents. HCS said patrols were increased in the area, no repeat problems.

00:14 (DV) (PR) and 00:15 (DV) (PR)

Incidents of partner assault involving gay men; charges have been laid. (Apr.)

00:16 (H) (PR)

A gay tenant harassed by a landlord. Victim Services provided information. (Apr.)

00:17 (DV) (PR) and 00:18 (DV) (PR)

Victims had already left their partners. Received information about safety concerns. One man also had concerns about being followed. (Apr.)

00:19 (DV) (CR-CAP)

A lesbian staying at a shelter was referred to CAP after she requested a restraining order at the Police Info Desk, and her request was not taken seriously because her ex-partner was a woman. The victim was connected to Victim Services, who responded very promptly and provided the assistance she needed. The victim was very satisfied. This incident provides renewed awareness of the need for training of personnel at the information desk. (Apr.)

00:20 (DV) (CAP)

The Victim Witness Assistance Program (Court House) reported that 12 same-sex partner-abuse court cases were received in 15 months and then an additional two in one week. (Apr.)

00:21 (H)(CR-CAP)

A gay man reported a school bus driver who tried to drive him off the road while he was walking his dog one morning in Nepean (pedestrians share the road with vehicles in his area as there are no sidewalks). The man was very frightened by the incident and thinks his flamboyant way of dressing might have provoked the incident. (Apr.) The HCS reported the bus driver's name is on file if there is another incident; there is no evidence of anti-gay motivation. (Jun.)

00:22 (CR-CAP)

A call from PFLAG about a suicidal young gay man. The call was referred to Youth Services Bureau. (Apr.)

00:23 (DV) (PR)

Gay partner assault. Information only provided; there was no report. (May)

00:24 (DV) (PR)

Gay man harassed by his ex-partner; no report wanted. He was pleased with the information he received about different available options, how to document events and procedures to follow. (May)

00:25 (PR)

The Victim Services Section assisted a gay man who was dealing with issues of slander. He was given information about ways to approach the situation. (May)

00:26 (H) (PR)

Carleton University Security said the Foot Patrol reported homophobic and hate-based graffiti (including swastikas) on washroom cubicle doors in the Unicentre. Referred to Physical Plant for clean-up. University Security is working with Physical Plant personnel to ensure there is no recurrence. It is a dingy and remote area and there are plans to renovate it. (May)

00:27 (DV) (PR)

Neighbours called police about a domestic violence incident involving a gay couple in which both men had been assaulted. Neither wants charges laid. Victim Services is working with both individuals. (June)

00:28 (DV) (T) (CR-GM)

A man was assaulted by his partner because he dressed in female attire. He is terrified to come forward. The couple is still together. The victim cannot get emergency shelter. (June)

00:29 (H) (CR-PFLAG)

Verbal harassment at a high school reported by a Pink Triangle Services youth group. (June)

00:30 (H) (CR)

A woman was observed on the roof of Roger's Video at Bank and Gilmour Street during the Pride parade, throwing eggs at parade participants. It was reported to City of Ottawa Parking attendants, who called the police. A police cruiser responded. The Director of Community Development said a Pride Parade Marshall reported some harassment by passers-by and drivers. (July)

00:31 (DV) (CR-CAP)

A man called about a gay friend whose partner almost threw him off the balcony of their apartment during a fight precipitated by the perpetrator's alcoholism. The neighbours called the police, the perpetrator fled and the victim did not disclose the relationship to the police. While he did go somewhere else to sleep that night, as advised by the police, he returned the next day. The friend

is particularly concerned because both the victim and the perpetrator are acting as if nothing happened. Urged to connect with VCS. (July)

00:32 (H) (PR)

An assault occurred at the complainant's place of work; sexual orientation slurs were mentioned. The offender was arrested at the place of work. (Aug.)

00:33 (H) (PR)

Due to an article on the Liaison Committee in Capital Xtra!, a person came forward to report an assault. Two males were involved and have been charged. (Aug.)

00:34 (H) (T) (CR-GM)

On Aug 7, at about 11:00 am on Rideau St, two males approached a transgendered woman while she was waiting for a bus. The males verbally attacked her, threatened assault. She went to a different bus stop, escaped harm. (Aug.)

00:35 (DV) (PR)

Hull Police laid charges concerning a lesbian partner assault incident in Quebec. The victim, who lives in Ottawa, was assisted. (Aug.)

00:36 (DV) (PR)

Victim Services reported charges laid in a partner assault; victim assisted. (Aug.)

00:37 (DV) (PR)

Lesbian partner assault, under investigation. (Aug.)

00:38 (H) (PR)

East End, Blackburn hamlet. A rainbow flag hanging from a pole on the garage of a young lesbian couple was burnt; they discovered it when they left their home in the morning. There is a suspect but no proof. (Sept.)

00:39 (DV) (PR)

Received September 18th. An harassment situation involving a gay man and his ex-partner has begun again (last reference last year). (Sept.)

00:40 (H) (PR)

Received September 18th from the University of Ottawa. During a frosh week event, a gay man and his partner were alarmed at the negative response by frosh students who started yelling when they gave each other a parting kiss. (Sept.)

00:41 (DV) (PR)

Long-term gay relationship; physical injuries resulted in a charge and the perpetrator is being held for show cause. The victim was advised of sources of assistance and provided with safety planning. (Sept.)

00:42 (DV) (PR)

A gay relationship of more than 10 years, described as volatile in nature. No charges laid yet; the victim is seeking legal help and has been advised about financial- and community-based resources. (Sept.)

00:43 (DV) (PR)

Charges are being laid by Hull Police in an incident involving a lesbian couple. There was a recent court appearance and Victim Services was involved. (Sept.)

00:44 (S/A) (PR)

A sexual assault incident involving two lesbians. (Hull Police). Victim Services was involved. (Sept.)

00:45 (H) (PR)

On October 8 at about 2 a.m., two young males made homophobic comments when two small, racially mixed groups of Aboriginal/gay men left a bar in the Rideau-Sussex area. They then made homophobic comments to another racially mixed group, and one man was assaulted; he received a bruise to his eye. An investigation is under way; there are no suspects at present. (Oct.)

00:46 (H) (T) (PR)

On October 11, a transgendered person was verbally abused in the elevator of the victim's apartment building. There has been no criminal offence yet, but there could be if the situation continues. The individual was advised to contact the Ontario Human Rights Commission. (Oct.)

00:47 (PR)

The HCS has closed the file on a complaint involving a Centretown gay male and a man who runs a business across the street from his home. There were reports of threatening gestures and verbal jousting. Both parties are known to each other and there have been some ongoing concerns. There were no charges. (Oct.)

00:48 (H) (PR)

A criminal harassment charge will be laid in an incident involving two gay men. The men met in a social situation, had one date, there had been harassment ever since. The

perpetrator is still at large. The victim has received home and work place safety planning assistance from the VCU, will receive information about victim services, has been supplied with a 911 cell phone. (Oct.)

00:49 (H) (PR)

28 Oct. Damaged property in South Gloucester. “Fag” written on a vehicle. No suspect; case closed. (Nov.)

00:50 (H) (PR)

11 Nov. A drunk male assaulted a gay man and his friend in a pizza shop. Assailant arrested as a public drunk. No charges. (Nov.)

00:51 (H)

16 Nov. Harassing phone calls (the calls all conveyed anti-gay remarks). No investigation possible as calls came from a pay phone. (Nov.)

00:52 (DV) (CR-CAP)

Third party call about phone harassment handled to caller’s satisfaction by Partner Assault Section. (Nov.)

00:53 (H) (CR)

Committee member: a gay friend and a straight companion were attacked about 2 a.m. recently after they left Central Park, a bar on Somerset St. His friend’s nose was broken, he suffered a burst blood vessel in the eye. Attackers used words such as “faggot” during their assault. Victim hasn’t reported the incident. (Nov.)

00:54 (H) (CR)

Anti-gay graffiti; bus shelter in Hull. (Nov.)

00:55 (H) (T)

Committee member, who works at the Aboriginal Support Centre, said a client, a transgendered sex trade worker, had her arm broken by a drug dealer a month ago, outside Hope Recovery. The victim did not report the incident. Chief Bevan said he thinks he saw a report of the incident. Victim Services offered anonymous safety planning. HCS to follow. (Nov.)

00:56 (T) (CR-GM)

Report of harassment at the recent Gender Mosaic Christmas party. There was harassment both within the building and outside, on the way to parked cars. Gender

Mosaic dealt with the problems directly with the extremely supportive management. Harassing incidents (“Where is that faggoty man in women’s clothes going?”) were diffused with management’s help. Building management asked the other group not to come back to that building. Gender Mosaic will send a letter of commendation to the management. (Dec.)

00:57 (H) (CR-CAP) (PR)

A call was received from a gay man who had been assaulted by a group of young men in his neighbourhood last spring, including one youth who has a history of mental instability. There was subsequent trespassing on his property. The incidents were referred at his request to the HCS and the matter was subsequently dropped, again at his request. (Dec.)

OTHER

A man who’d been barred from the ACO has been making threats against agency staff during visits to other agencies, who alerted ACO staff to the threats. When they called the police, an officer told them to get a peace bond (the process, involving a justice of the peace, can take two or three months). On making further inquiries, they learned if they file a report, the system can charge the individual and impose a restraining order. (Feb. 2000 CR-ACO)

A member of the transgender community reported that a transgender woman tried to commit suicide a second time, but was found in time. Community and police service supports in place/offered. (Feb. 2000 CR)

Assault charge, initially identified as hate-motivated by sensitive patrol officers, based on the perceptions that the victim was gay; actual motivation not anti-gay, as it turned out, but the case illustrates patrol officers are on the alert for such incidents. (Feb. 2000 PR)

One case identified as same-sex partner abuse turned out to involve roommates (theft incident). (Feb. 2000 PR)

Another non-partner abuse case PAST is handling: a lesbian landlady crawls into bed with a tenant who is not interested. (Feb. 2000 PR)

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01.01 (H) (PR)

On Dec. 16 at about 3 a.m., three young gay men were walking down Elgin St; two were arm in arm. Three males walking in the opposite direction yelled “fag” and an altercation ensued. One of the gay men was punched in the nose and two were pushed down. One person was apprehended and charged by a patrol unit. HCS contacted the victims and gave them information about victim services. The case is before the courts. (Jan.)

01.02 (H) (PR)

On Jan. 1, a male living in ‘Mechanicsville’ was harassed. This situation is a part of an ongoing neighbour dispute between this person, who suffers from an undisclosed disease, and his neighbour. The man reported that “he is not gay”. There may be criminal charges pending. (Jan.)

01.03 (H) (PR)

In December, 2000, St.Patrick’s High School received an e-mail bomb threat directed against gay students. An investigation is ongoing. (Jan.)

01.04 (DV) (PR)

Incident forwarded from the Partner Assault Section concerning a gay couple with a history of assaults and substance abuse. One partner is receiving emotional support and safety planning. (Jan.)

01.05 (DV) (PR)

A harassment incident that involved a lesbian couple. A direct call was made by one partner to Victim Services. No police involvement or formal report was made at the request of the victim. The victim was given referrals to community support and safety planning. (Jan.)

01.06 (DV) (PR)

Incident involved a lesbian couple, one partner’s family was harassing the couple. There was no police involvement or formal reports made at the request of the couple. Victim Services gave them advice on safety planning, emotional support and a link to community resources. There is ongoing follow up with one of the victims. (Jan.)

01.07 (H) (CAP)

School issue: A female public school teacher heard homophobic comments from a class towards a gay presenter. She went to the Vice-Principle with her concerns and to

find out about school policies that prohibit this type of behaviour. The V.P.’s response was “but he has children (in reference to the presenter)” and he declined to follow up. (Jan.)

01.08 (H) (CAP)

CAP reported that last March, a gay man who is a landlord of a duplex in the East end of the city was being harassed by a female tenant. The tenant began making homophobic comments when she found out that the landlord was gay. Friends told him not to make repairs alone. However, he went in to do a quick repair and she assaulted him, she called the police and she claimed she had been assaulted. The landlord was charged. The assault charge was dismissed. The victim took her to a rental hearing to have her removed and she accused him of giving blowjobs she could see. The tenant lost, but the victim lost time off of work because of stress. For the record: relayed by a friend of the victim. (Jan.)

01.09 (H) (CR)

School issue: At Riverview Alternative Elementary School, a parent is concerned with negative comments about gays that his son hears in the school yard. There are a lot of programs at the school on mutual respect but not on anti-homophobia. (Jan.)

01.10 (H) (PR)

Incident of mischief in Centretown. There were homophobic slogans written on the front door of a Centretown apartment. HCS suggests that the attack may have been motivated by a 3” by 2” Pride flag that was visible to the passers by. There are no suspects and an investigation is ongoing. (Feb.)

01.11 (H) (PR)

At Carleton University there was a case of vandalism which occurred in the tunnels. Graffiti stating that “AIDS CURES FAGS” was written on the GLBT mural. (Feb.)

01.12 (H) (PR)

Incident of a crank call into a work office. The message left was homophobic; however there was no way of identifying the caller. There are no suspects and no new incidents have occurred. (Mar.)

01.13 (H) (PR)

An incident of harassment occurred in an ongoing dispute between a gay male and a female resident with a history of mental illness. Both parties reside in the same multi-unit building. The gay male complainant was worried about the situation. HCS spoke to both parties and the situation was resolved. (Mar.)

01.14 (H) (PR)

An incident of harassment occurred in a rooming house. The complainant, a gay man, was harassed and called derogatory names by a man with whom he had to share a bathroom. There were limited details presented. (Mar.)

01.15 (DV) (PR)

An incident of harassment against a gay male couple was forwarded from the Partner Assault Section for investigation by Victim Services. (Mar.)

01.16 (DV) (PR) (Hull)

An incident of assault occurred between a gay male couple. This incident is part of an ongoing dispute between the two men. One partner was arrested and charged with assault after he attacked his partner with a baseball bat in response to his partner's phone call harassment. Both parties were charged. (Mar.)

01.17 (DV) (CAP)

A friend was being harassed by his ex-partner who exhibited signs of mental health issues and he was concerned about his safety. CAP gave him safety planning referrals including the telephone number of victim services so that he could call anonymously. (Mar.)

01.18 (H) (CR)

Harassing phone calls were received by a transgendered committee member, at her home in Hull. She is presently dealing with the situation. (Mar.)

01.19 (H) (PR)

Incident occurred in the south end of the Ottawa Area. A car was scratched and anti-gay remarks such as "FAG x 100" were etched into the body of the car. The owner was unsure why he was targeted. There are no suspects and the case is under investigation. (May)

01.20 (H) (PR)

In April an assault occurred outside an Elgin Street restaurant. The victim and his partner were verbally assaulted with anti-gay insults while in the restaurant. Upon leaving the establishment the victim was attacked and suffered cuts and bruises. There is one suspect and an investigation is underway. (May)

01.21 (DV) (PR)

An incident of telephone harassment occurred between a separated gay male couple. The Partner Assault Section investigated the situation. The accused was contacted by the Police and the harassment ceased. The victim received assistance from Victim Services. (May)

01.22 (DV) (PR)

An incident of domestic abuse between a lesbian couple was reported. However, there was no evidence of abuse, so no charges were laid. There was advocacy given but no safety planning was necessary. (May)

01.23 (DV) (PR)

An incident occurred over a break up between a lesbian couple. The police were called about a dispute regarding the distribution of property. There was an outreach call and assistance with housing was given. (May)

01.24 (H) (PR)

The Director of Community Development was called by a third party in regards to a gay male who had been bashed. The victim was hesitant to speak to the police. The victim came forward and reported the incident to the HCS. On May 3, at about 8pm in the Commissioners Park, located at 101 Bronson, there was an assault on a gay man. He was approached by a white male, approximately 40 years old, 5 ft 7in, 170lbs, with brown hair and beard. The man also has a disheveled appearance. The suspect said "you are a fag, eh?", the victim, who thought the suspect was asking for a cigarette, replied that he did not smoke. The suspect then attacked the victim by twisting his arm and punching him on the back of the shoulder. There were no injuries and no arrests have been made. (May)

01.25 (H) (CAP)

Anti-gay graffiti on a play structure in the Brewer Park area. (May)

01.26 (DV) (PR)

A domestic dispute had occurred in Cumberland area between a lesbian couple who had been together for about one year. The police were called about the assault which led to the accused being arrested and charged with threats, assault level 1 (minor assault) and assault with a weapon. The investigation is complete. In this case, no previous police reports were filed. (June)

01.27 (DV) (PR)

There was an incident of harassing phone calls between a same sex couple. This incident stemmed from an incident that had occurred in Hull. The investigation is complete. (June)

01.28 (DV) (PR)

This incident is linked to incident number 01.26. In this case, the victim was given extensive safety planning and an offer of shelter was provided. Victim Services has been in contact with the victim for follow up. The victim has counselling available to her. (June)

01.29 (DV) (PR)

A harassment incident occurred between a lesbian couple. The victim wanted the incident documented but she did not want contact with Victim Services or the police. (June)

01.30 (PR)

On May 25 at approximately 8:45pm in the parking lot overlooking Remic Rapids, a gay male was sitting alone in his vehicle when he was approached by a white male, 35 – 45 years old, 5 ft 8 in, 175 lbs, with balding brown hair and “crossed” blue eyes. The suspect was turned down when he asked the victim for a ride and the victim’s cell phone number. The suspect then grabbed the wrist of the victim through the window and he tried to remove the victim’s watch. The victim fought back and he left the area, in his vehicle, with minor bumps and bruises. The suspect is known to regular park users and hate does not seem to be a motivating factor in this case. There have been no arrests but the investigation is ongoing. (June)

01.31 (H) (CAP)

On May 29, CAP received a call from a lesbian who received a note on her door to call a Sergeant at the Liaison Committee. The caller is concerned about her

male neighbour and she is unsure about the circumstances or reasons behind the note. CAP suggested that she call the Hate Crimes Section and Victim Services. (June)

01.32 (CAP)

CAP reported that at the May Round Table meeting the subject of a lesbian suicide was discussed. During the discussion, the front line officers who attended the suicide scene were praised for their sensitivity and respect for the suicide victim’s family and partner. (June)

01.33 (H) (CR)

Liz Hall discussed the anti-gay graffiti that both Adrienne Sefton and she have documented and photographed on gay owned businesses in the Bank and Gilmore area. They spoke to the business owner of After Stonewall and the Village Pub Inn. When asked if they reported the homophobic graffiti to the police, each owner responded by describing an incident that had occurred in the past and the lack of police response. These business owners did not see a point in contacting the police because they felt that their concerns would be ignored. (June)

01:34 (H) (PR) An assault occurred against two gay males leaving a gay bar. As the victims and their friends were leaving a gay bar located close to Bank and Queen on Saturday June 16th at 3:10 a.m., a group of men approached them and called them a bunch of girls. The suspect, a lone male from the group, crossed the street and followed the victims. The first victim was slapped across the mouth and then punched in the face. The second victim was also slapped in the face. The suspect was arrested and charged with two counts of assault. It is before the courts. HCS contacted both victims. One victim declined using V.C.U. (July)

01.35 (H) (PR) An incident occurred on Monday June 18th at 126 York St. The victim, his child, his brother and his brother’s partner were watching a busker in the market. As the victim’s brother was leaving he kissed his partner good-bye and the busker yelled out that it was child abuse. The victim told the busker to relax and the busker retorted by threatening to stab the victim. The police were called and the busker was arrested and charged with uttering death threats. Victim Services was referred but not used. (July)

01.36 (H) (CAP) A Gatineau man called the Community Access line after being referred by EGALE. The man reported that he and his partner were being harassed in their apartment building by another resident of the building. They received threats and they were concerned for their safety. Carroll spoke to Yves Martel who was going to refer the man to the Community Services Section of the Gatineau Police Services. (July)

01.37 (H) (PR) Director of Community Development mentioned that a member of SAGE had spoken to him about a lesbian bashing. He had invited her to attend tonight's event but she had not attended. Two members of SAGE were present at the event but they had not heard about the incident. There will be follow up. (July)

01.38 (H) (PR) In July, a high profile person received anti-gay messages on their voice mail. Upon investigation it was determined that the calls were made from a payphone. (Aug.)

01.39 (H) (PR) A gay male received threats while in the MSN gay chat line on his personal email account and in the public chat room. It is under investigation. (Aug.)

01.40 (H) (PR) An incident occurred in the west end of Ottawa. A man was leaving his doctor's office when he saw the words "I am gay" spray painted on his Mercedes Benz. There are no suspects or witnesses, however, the victim remembered seeing a group of youths near his car. (Aug.)

01.41 (H) (PR) HCS discussed the issue of hate graffiti in the downtown area, especially on private businesses. (Aug.)

01.42 (CAP) CAP announced that a young man from the Town of Prescott had committed suicide. He threw himself in front of a train. The reason behind the suicide was homophobia and parental issues. Victim Services were made available to the PTY members and discussion on suicide prevention occurred. (Aug.)

01.43 (H) (CR) A community member reported that a man pretending to be gay was lying to get money from gay people. The

issue of fraud was discussed because he was using false pretenses to obtain money which was clarified as a criminal offense. (Aug.)

01.44 (H) (CR) Elizabeth Hall followed up on her hate graffiti project, stating that the hate graffiti perpetrator(s) had targeted her personally because of the article in the Ottawa Xpress. (Sept.)

01.45 (DV) (PR) An incident of domestic violence occurred between a lesbian couple. The victim suffered minor physical assault (her injuries did not require medical attention). The victim and the perpetrator had been involved in an emotionally abusive relationship for one and a half years. The victim has left the relationship and the incident is being followed up. (Sept.)

01.46 (H) (PR) (Hull) A man in Hull had been the victim of a serious assault. The incident is under investigation. (Sept.) See 01.52

01.47 (DV) (CR) CAVAC reported that they had received a report that a lesbian and her partner were now in court due to a history of assault in their relationship. (Sept.)

01.48 (DV) (CR) VASOC reported that a gay man had called to inform them that he had been abused by his partner and that he was upset and scared. Rick referred him to the Ottawa Police Victim Crisis Unit, the Hate Crimes Section and the Partner Assault Section. (Sept.)

01.49 (V) (CR) VASOC reported an incident about a young man who was being stalked and had received several death threats. This information was taken by Support Link (an outreach service for people who fear for their lives). The victim was brought in and a 911 call was made. (Sept.)

01.50 (DV) (CAP) CAP reported that a gay man who was being harassed by his partner called the Community Access line and he left a voice mail message for Victim Services. (Sept.)

01.51 (CAP)

CAP reported an incident of harassment. The lesbian victim was unsure if her room was being accessed without her consent. She was referred to Victim Services and safety planning information was provided. The victim also received assistance from her landlord. (Sept.)

01.52 (H) (PR)

(Hull) The incident involved a gay man who was stabbed 20 times. The incident occurred after two men had met to have sexual relations. The suspect has been charged with attempted murder and police believe that the crime was motivated by hate. This case is still under investigation. (Oct.)

01.53 (H) (PR)

A gay male couple walked past an older white male who yelled "I'm going to skin you alive you fucking faggots." The incident involved verbal harassment and took place at approximately 4pm on a Monday in the Market Area. (Nov.)

01.54 (H) (PR)

In October, a gay man living in a housing co-op in Gloucester was harassed by his neighbor. According to the HCS, the perpetrator has a history of threatening and assaulting the victim. Victim Services Section provided assistance to the victim. The victim is currently trying to change residences. (Nov.)

01.55 (DV) (PR)

The Director of Community Development had contacted a Staff Sgt. in Partner Assault about an incident that had occurred. No details have been forwarded to the Committee. (Nov.)

01.56 (DV) (CR)

Carleton University's Womyn's Centre received an anti-woman, anti-lesbian hate email. The contents of the email have been forwarded to Carleton University Police and the HCS. (Nov.)

01.57 (H) (T) (CR)

Gender Mosaic reported that a transgendered person had been assaulted and harassed on Smyth Road. He was referred to the HCS. The case is under investigation. (Nov.)

01.58 (H) (PR)

An incident of hate graffiti occurred in the East end of Ottawa. The victim's garage door was tagged with the word "Queer". There are no suspects and it is being followed up. (Dec.)

01.59 (H) (PR)

An incident of robbery occurred during a date arranged through Cruiseline dating service. The incident is under investigation. More information was provided by the RCMP representative. He stated that there were two individuals involved and four other incidents (two robberies and two assaults) had occurred. Both the HCS and the RCMP wanted to warn the local gay community about these incidents and the possibility of further problems. (Dec.)

01.60 (H) (PR)

An incident of harassment occurred in the Residence section of Carleton University. A young male was harassed and graffiti with his name and the word "gay" was written on a wall or door on his residence floor. The suspect(s) live on the victim's floor. The incident is under investigation. (Dec.)

01.61 (H) (CR)

On Dec. 21, 2001, Carleton University's Womyn's Centre received an anti-woman voice mail. There are no suspects and the incident is under investigation. (Dec.)

01.62 (DV) (CAP)

The Community Access line had received a call about a domestic dispute. The person was referred to Victim Services. (Dec.)

Liaison Committee Annual Information Exchange

Each year since 1994, instead of a standard “annual meeting”, the Liaison Committee holds a special “Information Exchange” and invites community partners and police services from Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec.

Year	#	Venue	Theme
Feb. 21, 1994	1	Billings Room, Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton (RMOC)	Presentation on Liaison Committee/Hate Crimes Section Partnership Work (Eight Police Services represented, many l/g/b/t groups)
Feb. 20, 1995	2	Ottawa Division Police Station 474 Elgin	Highlights of Liaison Committee/Hate Crimes Section Partnership Work (Sixteen Police Representatives, Crown Attorney, 15 community Reps)
Feb. 20, 1996	3	Ottawa Division Police Station 474 Elgin	Highlights of Liaison Committee/Hate Crimes Section Partnership Work
Feb. 17, 1997	4	Richmond Room, RMOC	Highlights of Liaison Committee/Hate Crimes Section Partnership Work
Mar. 5, 1998	5	Colonel By Room, RMOC	“Helping to make Ottawa-Carleton a hate-free region”
Mar. 22, 1999	6	Colonel By Room, RMOC	“Pride and Partnership”
Mar. 20, 2000	7	Training Room, Hull Police Service	“Many Towns, One Community”
Apr. 23, 2001	8	Rideau High School, Ottawa	“Safety First in Our Schools”
Apr. 29, 2002	9	Provincial Court House, Ottawa	“Safety in the Criminal and Civil Courts”

Annual Liaison Committee Pride Meeting

Each year during Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Bisexual Pride Day celebrations, the Liaison Committee members and volunteers have been visible and pro-active in public education initiatives. Each year, the Liaison Committee chooses a theme and creates an opportunity for dialogue and community education.

Date	Location	Theme
July 18, 1995	Colonel By Room, RMOC	“Violence against lesbians, gays and bisexuals. Serious problems, emerging solutions”
July 15, 1996	Colonel By Room, RMOC	Video event and a panel discussion
July 14, 1997	Colonel By Room, RMOC	“Queers and cops” “Are we working well in partnership? Are we building a safer community?” Key finding: trust and friendship are central
July 13, 1998	Champlain Room, RMOC	“Our Relationship with the Media: Friends, Foes or ...”
July 12, 1999	Colonel By Room, RMOC	“Partners in Progress” Awards Ceremony. Awards given to Chief Brian Ford and Barbara McIlveen (principal) and David Gamble (teacher), Woodroffe High School
July 10, 2000	Kiefer Room, RMOC	“Bridging Diversity for the Future”
July 9, 2001	Colonel By Room, RMOC	10 th Anniversary “Partners in Progress” event, including a theatrical presentation on how to report a hate crime.

Selected Chronology

1991

Initial meeting with Ottawa Police. Participants include PTS; ALGO; City Councillors Holmes and Maloney; TFV. List of demands from TFV presented.

Police Chief Flanagan convenes meeting with gay/lesbian/bisexual communities at request of communities. (Oct.)

1992

Ottawa Police recruiting ad runs in GO INFO as public service announcement. (Feb.)

The Ottawa Police Services Board issues a statement supporting the need for continued consultation, cooperation and dialogue between the Police and the gay and lesbian community in the national capital region.

Pilot training program for Ottawa Police Bike Patrol developed and given by PTS; ACO; TFV; and ALGO. (April)

Meeting between lesbian and gay community representatives, Victim Crisis Unit and members of the Ottawa Citizen editorial board. (April)

Joint Community/Police delegation to Boston to gather information about hate and bias crimes, which results in the establishment of the Ottawa Police Bias Crime Unit in January 1993.

Presentation of Police Services Board Awards to ACO, ALGO, PTS, and TFV.

1993

Community forum for lesbians and gays on safety and violence issues. The forum draws 50 persons. CBO and CKCU radio have extensive coverage the next day. (Aug.)

Community forum for francophone lesbians and gays on safety and violence issues. It draws 25 people and prompts coverage in *Le Droit*. (Nov.)

A Crime Prevention Week discussion on hate/bias crimes attracts nearly 20 people. CJOH covers the event. (Nov.)

City-wide distribution of an anti gay-bashing poster during Crime Prevention Week. (Nov.)

1994

First annual information exchange meeting, for area police services and community members. (Feb.)

Forty women attend a community forum on lesbian partner abuse, co-sponsored by PTS. (Mar.)

Join the Steering Committee of the Women's Action Centre pilot project to achieve a coordinated response to violence against women in Ottawa-Carleton. (April)

Release of *Moving Toward A Distant Horizon*, the Final Report of the Action Plan Project. Recommendations accepted by the Chief of Police, The Police Services Board. Community development workers get work space at the main police station for the Community Access Project (CAP). (June)

Join Ottawa Board of Education Anti-Homophobia Action Committee. (Fall)

Adoption of new name: Ottawa Police Liaison Committee for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Communities (formerly: OP Lesbian and Gay Liaison Committee).

Anglophone and francophone lesbian focus groups identify fear of being "outed" as a reason for avoiding the criminal justice system. Pro-active tool developed: the Barrier Elimination Plan. (Fall)

Participation in the research and filming of a CBC Newsworld documentary on unsolved murders of gay men in Montreal, for broadcast on "Rough Cuts" in 1994. (Nov. and March 1994)

1995

Putting the Pieces Together workshop (Jan.) recommends formation of a Round Table of key decision makers in the criminal justice system and community representatives. First meeting is held in June. The Round Table continues to meet regularly.

Liaison Committee discusses gender/transgender issues and definitions. (April)

Barrier Elimination Plan Committee meets regularly to foster recognition of the need for services to provide welcoming environments for lesbians.

Begin assembling “walls” of Dignity and Distortion to classify media portrayals of L/G/B/T women and men. (July, Pride Week)

Mark Moors, an assistant Crown Attorney, submits a draft document: “Sentencing Case Law on Hate Motivated Crime.” (Aug.)

1996

Police Chief Brian Ford presents a brief to the federal government in favour of enhanced sentencing for hate-motivated crimes against lesbians and gays.

The head of the Bias Crime Unit is part of a panel at the first anti-homophobia workshops for Ottawa Board of Education high school principals. (May/June) A Liaison Committee member addresses a luncheon for vice-principals. (June)

Hull Police Service joins the Liaison Committee.

Participate in the “Services for Sexual Minority Youth” workshop of the national conference, “Canada’s Children – Canada’s Future”. Sample participant comment: finally! A workshop that is informative and helpful in my job as a social worker with the CAS (Children’s Aid Society). (Nov.)

1997

Following a complaint, formation of Parks Sub-committee, to work collaboratively on public sex issues. (June)

Formation of Same-sex Partner Abuse Sub-committee (SSPA). Vision: to develop a comprehensive approach to same-sex partner abuse for all service providers. (Sept.)

Workshop on “Challenges and Obstacles for Gays and Lesbians in the Criminal Justice System,” given at the Canadian Criminal Justice Association Congress ’97, in Ottawa. A police officer participant describes the workshop as leading edge. (Sept.)

Hate Crime Community Dialogue, involving community and police. Objective: to provide information that would assist the police service in understanding community expectations for personnel in the Hate Crime Section. (Sept.)

In response to the murder of Tony Tavares by his ex-partner Ben Watson, who then committed suicide, Capital Xtra! agrees to increase coverage of same-sex partner abuse issues and provides free ad space for safety messages from SSPA. (Dec.)

1998

Round Table Public Open House, Champlain Room, R.M.O.C., draws 70 community members and service providers and seven media representatives. (Jan.)

The Hate Crimes Section completes training sessions for bylaw and security personnel at O.C. Transpo, following anti-gay graffiti problems. (May)

Circulation, for comment, of draft paper: Strategy for O.C. Police Response to Public Sex in Parks. The Strategy establishes criteria for day-to-day responses equivalent to those applied to comparable heterosexual activity. (May)

The Ottawa Gay Men’s Chorus stages a landmark joint performance with the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Chorus. Colour me Gay is held June 20 and June 21 in the Alumni Theatre at Carleton University. (June)

Ottawa Police Service Cruiser is in the Pride Parade. The Rainbow Pride Flag hangs in the lobby of the main police station during Pride Week. (July) This participation continues.

At its Pride meeting, the Liaison Committee asked the Citizen to take a clear stand on anti-gay and anti-transgender issues, as it has on racism and anti-Semitic issues. (July)

Hate Crime Section officer and community worker present workshops on hate crimes during community issues day at Woodroffe High School. (Nov.)

Crown Attorney Berzins tells the Round Table he will make certain all assistant crown attorneys are aware of a B.C. case in which there is a ban on publication of witnesses’ names in a murder trial (a man was murdered; domestic violence).

1999

Round Table endorses the Action Plan final report of the SSPA Sub-committee. Work to implement an identified objective began in partnership with Catholic Family Services and Pink Triangle Services. (Feb.)

Staff of the Ontario Police Complaints Commission outlines concerns about the need for police sensitivity training, evident from investigation of complaints concerning l/g/b/t issues. (Feb.)

Major partnership effort : the Hate Crime Section and the Liaison Committee participate in school-wide educational program to end harassment on the basis of sexual orientation at Woodroffe High School (March)

Liaison Committee Chair Stephen Brown participates in extensive, inclusive process of community/police consultation to revise the police service delivery model for partner assault. Same-sex partner abuse issues are taken seriously. (ongoing)

Sgt. Pat Callaghan, head of the Hate Crime Unit, declares that “Rev.” Phelps of the U.S., who plans an anti-gay protest in Ottawa, is the biggest hate monger Ottawa has confronted in recent years. Phelps does not come to Ottawa as announced. Major celebration on the lawn of the Supreme Court Building, affirming justice for l/g/b/t persons. (June)

Woodroffe High School Principal Barb McIlveen and gay teacher David Gamble assist the Liaison Committee in a first-ever training session on l/g/b/t issues for School Resource Officers and Youth Officers. (Sept.)

2000

Spousal Assault Section changes its name to Partner Assault Section, to better reflect the diversity of the community.

Randy Boswell, Senior News Editor, Ottawa Citizen, meets with 25 members of the Liaison Committee to address concerns about coverage of an Aug. 1999 shooting. The coordinator of the Victim Unit asks if the newspaper has policy guidelines to apply to situations where identification could endanger a victim. (Jan.) Follow-up meeting. (June)

Partner Assault Section substantively increases staffing following extensive consultation with the community. (May)

Meeting with Police Chief Bevan. (Nov.)

2001

First meeting of the Education Sub-committee. (Feb.)
Numerous accomplishments during the year.

The Police Services Board reconfirms its support for the community/police partnership work of the Liaison Committee.

2002

The Liaison Committee begins dialogue with the Crown Attorney on outing concerns. The meeting, the first with a Crown Attorney, is held in the Marriage Room at the Court House. (Jan.)

“Social Context Dialogue.” Workshop based on the Barrier Elimination Plan (1994) is given to Round Table members at PTS. The workshop identifies a lack of appropriate services for lesbians in the immigrant and visible minority women’s communities. (April)

Liaison Committee Chairs

The first meetings that led to the creation of the monthly meeting of the Liaison Committee were coordinated and chaired jointly by the community and the police in 1991 and 1992. These participants included Pierre Beaulne, Staff Inspector Jim Carroll, Kenneth Gallagher, Inspector Pat Moyle, David Pepper, Jamie Robertson and Glenn Rockett. Subsequently, the community members assumed the responsibility.

David Pepper (1992 – 1995)
Serge Monfils (1995 – 1996)
Michael Smith (1996 – 1998)
Stephen Brown (1998 – 1999)
Sandy Beeman (1999 – 2001)
Cynthia Cousins (2001 – Present)

Ottawa Police Service Liaison Committee for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Communities

Membership List – June 2002

Active Members Group

1. AIDS Committee of Ottawa
2. Capital Xtra!
3. Gender Mosaic
4. GLBT Centre – Carleton University
5. Ottawa Knights: AI (1994)
6. Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays:
Dennis & Diana Stimson (1999)
7. Pink Triangle Services/ Pink Triangle Youth:
Nathan Hauch (2000)
8. Pride Centre – University of Ottawa

Representatives

9. Algonquin College Security: Rick Guthrie (2000)
10. Carleton University Security Services
11. Hate Crime Section: Frank Corkery
12. Hull Police Service: Yves Martel (1998)
13. Office of Chief of Police: David Pepper (1991)
14. Office of the Crown Attorney
15. Seniors Active in a Gay Environment:
Eileen Murphy (2001)
16. University of Ottawa Security Services: Martin
Gregoire, Guy Lachance
17. Victim Assistance Services of Ottawa – Carleton
(VASOC) : Rick Gourlie (2000)
18. Victim Services Section, Ottawa Police: Traci Brown
19. Youth Services Bureau: Brenda Allard (2001)

Individuals

20. Micheline Johnson – 1994

Public Members

Linda Angus	Joanne Law (1994)
Cynthia Cousens	Matt Lundie (1998)
Sylvia Durand (2000)	Louis Majeau (1999)
Cecilia Fowlie	Zelda Marshall (2000)
Elizabeth Hall (1998)	Andre Reny
Jan Hobbs (2000)	Carroll Holland (1993)
Ed Ritchie (1999)	Bill Hunter (1993)
Margo Ross (2000)	Brenda Landry (1999)
Peter Zanette (1994)	Monique Lavoie (1994)

Glossary

ACO: AIDS Committee of Ottawa

ALGO: Association of Lesbians and Gays of Ottawa

BCU: Bias Crime Unit (Ottawa Police)

BGLAD: Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian Awareness Days (Universities)

CAP: The Community Access Project was initiated in June 1994 to implement recommendations in Moving Toward A Distant Horizon, a report on barriers to police services faced by the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities in Ottawa.

CAVAC: A social services network in Quebec

Gayline: A telephone support line, a volunteer-run service of PTS for over 20 years.

GLBT Centre: Carleton University organization for LGBT students

GM: Gender Mosaic, a group that serves transgendered women and men

HCS: Hate Crime Section

LGBT: Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender

OPCC: Ontario Police Complaints Commission (no longer in existence)

Ottawa Knights: A gay men's group

“Outing”: Disclosing (without permission) the sexual orientation of an individual who does not feel it is safe (either at home, in school or at work) to have his or her lesbian, gay or bisexual affectional orientation (or true gender identity) known.

PAST: Partner Assault Support Team. The multi-sector team, set up by the Round Table, addresses serious partner assault issues in the community.

PFCAG: Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Pride Centre: University of Ottawa organization for LGBT students

PTS: Pink Triangle Services, a non-profit, social service agency for the queer community.

PTY: Pink Triangle Youth (a PTS group)

TFV: Ottawa-Hull Lesbian and Gay Task Force on Violence

The Round Table: Established in 1995, the Criminal Justice Round Table Against Violence Against Women has a mandate to plug the gaps in service in the area of partner abuse, including same-sex and transgender partner abuse. (Formerly called the O-C Round Table to Coordinate the Criminal Justice System Response to Violence Against Women)

VASOC: Victim Assistance Services, Ottawa-Carleton

VCS: Victim Crisis Section (Ottawa Police)