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SOME FACTORS IN THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE POLICE AND EAST INDIANS

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of police calls involving East Indians in Vancouver for the period from December 22, 1974 - July 5, 1975:

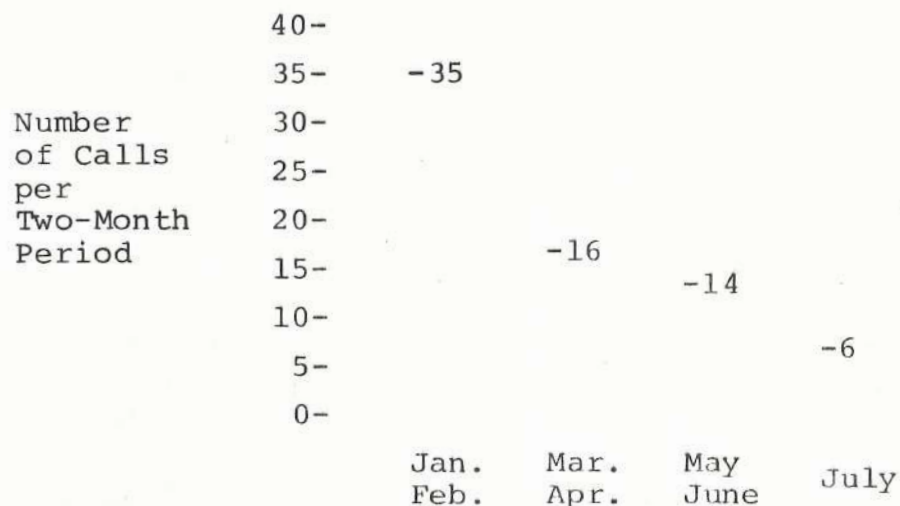
E.I. - East Indian; N.E.I. - non-East Indian.

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Type of Call</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>
1	Assaults by N.E.I. on E.I.	27
2	Assaults by E.I. on N.E.I.	23
3	Assaults by E.I. on E.I.	41
4	Property Damage to E.I.	53
5	Property Damage E.I. to E.I.	4
6	Property Damage E.I. to N.E.I.	1
7	Theft from Auto to E.I.	57
8	Theft from Auto by E.I.	1
9	Threatening phone calls E.I. to E.I.	4
10	Robbery by E.I.	17
11	Robbery to E.I.	8
12	Threatening E.I. to N.E.I.	2
13	Threatening N.E.I. to E.I.	1
14	B. & E.'s to E.I.	30
15	Indecent assault to E.I.	1
16	Indecent Assault by E.I.	4
17	B. & E.'s by E.I.	2
18	Rape by E.I.	4
19	Theft over \$200. by E.I.	10
20	Threatening phone calls N.E.I. to E.I.	1
21	Theft over \$200. to E.I.	11
23	Exposing by E.I.	<u>3</u>
	Total number =	<u>305</u>

The above limited statistics indicate that most police contact with East Indians has been in cases of wilful damage, youth problems, and harassment (102 calls).

A comparison with statistics compiled in South Vancouver indicates a much higher proportion of this type of call, given the differences in the number of East Indian families.* There is also a considerably lower number of reported thefts from auto, B. & E.'s, theft over \$200. and assaults by non-East Indians in Surrey. A comparison of other categories could not be made.

Analyzing the figures for property damage on a monthly basis a definite decline is revealed, as shown in the following barograph:



The reasons for this decline in the number of calls are difficult to ascertain. Various reasons have been put forward by police officers and private citizens. It has been suggested that the shorter days and longer nights of the

* A figure of 233 families in Surrey and 85 families in Delta was received from a representative of the Immigrant Services Society.