



MEMORANDUM

To: Ruffin Hall, Assistant City Manager
From: Deputy Chief Kerr Putney
Date: March 4, 2013
Subject: Proposed Family Dollar Store on Milton Road

The area on the Milton Road corridor where the proposed Family Dollar store would be located is surrounded by apartment complexes, diverse residential neighborhoods and a large number of businesses. .

The KT Express is a small family-owned convenience store that is adjacent to the proposed location of the Family Dollar Store. The store backs up to the Timber Ridge Apartments and residents access it by a short dirt path that leads from the apartments to the side of the store. There are issues with loitering in front of the store involving both residents and non-residents of the neighborhood. The loitering has created a perception that the area is not safe.

The KT Express is on the list of businesses that are continuously on CMPD's repeat calls for service log. This location has often been in the top 5 on the repeat calls list. Officers have regularly met with the store's owners to talk about the 911 calls and the personal observations of the officers who patrol the area around the store. Officers have conducted robbery suppression activities around the store as well as numerous undercover operations in the area to address drug activity.

There are two apartment complexes in the area near the proposed Family Dollar Store site. One is the Timber Ridge Apartments located adjacent to the project site and to the rear of the KT Express; the other is the Hampton Court Apartments at the corner of Milton Road and Barrington Drive. Both of those complexes have had issues with criminal activity which officers address through regular meetings with apartment management and crime suppression activities in the area.

CMPD looked at crime statistics for a quarter of a mile radius around the proposed Family Dollar Store site. There were significant decreases in commercial and residential burglary and armed robberies in 2012 as compared to 2011. There were increases in assaults with a gun, strong armed robbery and larceny from auto.

If the area is rezoned for the Family Dollar Store, police will be proactive in working with the store's owners and management to identify the most effective crime prevention practices.