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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council

Christine Cordon, City Manager

SUBJECT: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

DATE: January 1, 2024

Kyle Seasock, Sergeant

On January 1, 2024, at approximately 11:30 A.M., Officers responded to the area of Pacific Ave. and 13<sup>th</sup> Street reference an assault with a broom stick. Upon Officers arrival, they determined an adult victim was assaulted by his adult brother with a broom stick handle. The victim sustained minor injuries and did not desire prosecution, nor did he provide consent to enter the residence. The victim and a family member left the residence for the day. Officers were unable to contact the suspect verbally or over the telephone. Due to the time delay it is unknown if the suspect was still inside the residence at the time of the investigation.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council

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DATE: January 2, 2024

SUBJECT: Bomb Threat

(24-00034)

Ron Weber, Commander

On January 2, 2024, at approximately 6:58 am, Westminster's Temple Beth David received a bomb threat. The actual threat was received via email and read, in part, "I placed bombs inside of your Synagogue. The explosives are well hidden and they will go off in a few hours. You will all die." Several other synagogues across Orange County also received the same threat. Orange County Sheriff's Department K9, which is trained in explosive detection, swept the synagogue for explosives, but did not locate anything. The investigation is ongoing.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: Shooting Investigation/Arrest

(24-00054)

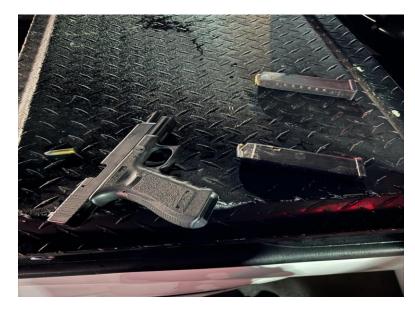
DATE: January 2, 2024

FROM: <u>Omar Clyala</u>

Omar Ayala

#### **Shooting Investigation/Arrest:**

On January 2, 2024, at approximately 11:06 P.M., WPD officers were dispatched to the 6600 block Westminster Boulevard reference shots fired. The suspects were described as three males who left the area in a white truck. Officers located the vehicle in the area of Edwards and Westminster and a high-risk car stop was initiated. Two occupants (male driver and female passenger) were detained without incident. Officers obtained consent from the male driver/owner of the vehicle and inside the vehicle a loaded magazine was located underneath the driver seat. With the assistance of a WPD K-9 a Glock 34 9MM with a loaded magazine was located under the passenger seat. The firearm was previously reported stolen. Officers canvassed the area of the crime scene and located (2) 9MM spent casings in the dirt patch garden area. No apparent blood was located at the crime scene and no other possible subjects involved were located. No citizens were injured. The male was arrested for shooting a firearm in a gross negligence manner and various weapons violation charges. He was booked at OCJ.





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### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: Arrest of male w/ loaded Firearm

DATE: January 5, 2024

Rvan Reves, Sergeant

On 1/4/2024 at 11:46 pm, a WPD officer performed a vehicle stop for a CVC violation in the area of Goldenwest Street and Westminster Boulevard. During that time, a vehicle search was conducted, which materialized one loaded handgun within the vehicle. Subsequently, the driver was arrested and booked into Orange County Jail for four criminal offenses felony charges.





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### ITEMS OF INTEREST

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SUBJECT: Item of Interest

DATE: January 5, 2024

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On January 5, 2024, at about 8:47 A.M., Officer responded to the 6200 Block of Westminster Blvd in reference to a female yelling for police help. On scene officers located several people including the female who was yelling for help. During the investigation it was determined the female was a victim of sexual assault. The suspect was located and arrested.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

FROM:

Rvan Reves, Sergeant

DATE: January 6, 2024

On January 5, 2024, at 5:38 pm, WPD officers responded to a disturbance radio call in the area of Westminster Blvd. and Olive Street. The investigation revealed that a male transient chased three juveniles down after they stole his bicycle. Subsequently, the transient swung a metal pipe at one juvenile and ran from the location. None of the juveniles were hurt or struck by the suspect. An area search of the suspect had negative results. No other resources were needed.



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#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: Item of Interest

DATE: November 7, 2023

On November 6, 2023, at approximately 10:56 P.M., officers responded to the area of Hoover and 23rd Street Avenue in reference to reports of a subject brandishing a firearm. During the investigation, it was discovered a road rage incident occurred, and one male subject pointed a firearm at the victim. The victim described the suspect and a partial license plate of the vehicle. Officers were able to locate the correct license plate for the suspect vehicle and later located the vehicle in the city. A high-risk car stop was conducted, and the suspect was arrested without incident. There are no injuries as a result of this incident.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

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DATE: January 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Homicide Investigation

FROM: Eddie A. Esqueda

Eddie A. Esqueda, Sergeant

On January 5, 2024, at about 3:40 PM, Westminster police officers were dispatched to a church in the 13500 block of Goldenwest Street reference a dead body. The deceased adult male was found near the entrance of the church and had injuries indicating it was a possible homicide. Detectives responded to the scene and took over the investigation. It was learned the male was homeless and had been staying near the entrance at the location. Detectives will continue the investigation and work with the Orange County Coroner Division to determine the exact cause of death. A press release will be sent out; there was no media present at the scene.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

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DATE: January 6, 2024

FROM:

SUBJECT: Bolsa Demonstration

Andy Stowers, Sergeant

The Westminster Police Department was recently made aware of a possible demonstration taking place on January 6, 2024, in the area of Magnolia Street and Bolsa Avenue. Utilizing local partnerships, Westminster Police conducted a background check on the event to ensure the safety of citizens during the constitutionally protected activity in the city. Nothing of note was seen or reported. At approximately 10:00 AM, a group of about 50 people formed in the area noted above. They spoke for a short time and walked up and down Bolsa Avenue for approximately one hour. Westminster Police Officers monitored the event and nothing criminal was noted or reported. The group disseminated around 11:45 AM. Please see the photos of the event below.









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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council

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DATE: January 7, 2024

FROM:

SUBJECT: Late reported robbery

Andy Stowers, Sergeant

On January 7, 2024, at approximately 2:00 PM, Westminster police responded to a local business in the area of Newland Street and Westminster Boulevard. The victim reported that while he was working the night prior (January 6, at approximately 7:00 P.M.), two males entered the store, both wearing ski masks. The males produced a firearm, pointed it at the victim, and stole cash from the register. The males left in an unknown vehicle. There is limited suspect information at this time. A robbery report was taken.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

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DATE: January 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Stolen vehicle arrest FROM:

Andy Stowers, Sergeant

On January 7, 2024, at approximately 7:30 AM, Westminster Police Officers responded to the area of Magnolia and Westminster reference a hit and run. When officers arrived, they located an abandoned vehicle that had struck multiple other vehicles. Witnesses reported seeing a male exit the vehicle and flee the area. While officers were still on scene, residents in a nearby neighborhood reported that a male with a similar description from the hit and run was attempting to steal vehicles. Officers arrived and found numerous victims of attempted vehicle theft in the neighborhood. A final victim was located, who reported their vehicle was, in fact, stolen. The stolen vehicle had tracking capabilities and was seen in the City of Lakewood. The local agency was contacted, and the suspect was located inside the stolen car. A Westminster Police officer responded to Lakewood and arrested the male for several felonies related to the above crime spree. He was later booked into Orange County Jail.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: Tuesday Night Events

Carjacking

DATE: January 10, 2024

Alan Aoki, Sergeant

On 01/10/2024, at around 12:32 am, WPD officers responded to the 7700 block of Westminster Blvd. in reference to suspicious circumstances. Several citizens had called WPD to report a male subject in lanes of traffic, yelling that someone was trying to kill him. Upon arrival, officers contacted the subject who stated two suspects had assaulted him at the location, then stole his vehicle. The victim was uncooperative with officers. The area was searched; however, neither the suspects nor the vehicle was located.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council

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DATE: January 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Vehicle Burglary/Bank Follow Home

(24-00250)

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Cynthia Sweasy, Sergeant

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at approximately 11:12 AM the victim went to two separate banks in the city of Garden Grove and withdrew \$20,000. The victim returned to his residence in the area of 10200 Parkview and parked his vehicle in the street, leaving his money inside his vehicle. The victim entered his house and returned to his vehicle 20 minutes later, finding his vehicle window smashed and his money missing. The suspect was described as a male in a red SUV.

The investigation is ongoing.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

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SUBJECT: Career Criminal Arrested FROM: Eddie A. Esqueda

Eddie A. Esqueda, Sergeant

**DATE: January 12, 2024** 

On September 27, 2023, at about 08:00 PM, Westminster Police Officers were contacted by a victim of a violent carjacking, robbery, kidnapping, and an assault with deadly weapon. The adult victim alleged he had been tied up inside of a residence and robbed of his personal belongings and his vehicle at gun point. The victim was injured in the attack. Detectives conducted an investigation and identified the suspect as Juston Lamont Turner, a 42 year old career criminal with multiple violent felony convictions and a documented three-striker.

A \$1 million warrant was obtained for Turner's arrest related to this investigation. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Turner was contacted in the City of Anaheim and arrested for the outstanding warrant. He was booked into the Orange County Jail for several felony charges, including carjacking, robbery, kidnapping, assault with deadly weapon, and firearm enhancement charges. Turner is believed to be involved in other organized criminal activity in Westminster. Further investigation is on-going.





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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

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DATE: January 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Department store robbery FROM:

Andy Stowers, Sergeant

On January 12, 2024, at approximately 5:00 P.M., Westminster Police officers responded to a department store at the Westminster Mall reference a robbery. Officers learned that two females entered the store with large plastic trash bags. The females then selected large amounts of perfumes from the store and filled both trash bags. The females then left the store without paying for the items. Once outside the store, the females were confronted by Loss Prevention. One of the females assaulted the employee to aid in their escape. The females got into a waiting vehicle and fled the area. A Westminster Police Sergeant located the vehicle on the 405 Freeway and conducted an investigative stop. During the stop, the stolen merchandise was located, and the suspects were all positively identified. The suspects were arrested and will be booked into Orange County Jail.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

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SUBJECT: Recovered Stolen Vehicle – Flock Hit

(24-00331)

DATE: January 13, 2024

FROM: Bryan Cramer

Bryan Cramer, Sergeant

On Januaruy 13, 2024, at 7:15 am, Westminster Dispatch advised of a Flock hit on a stolen Honda SUV at Goldenwest Street and Trask Avenue. The vehicle was located by officers in the Westminster Center. A high risk traffic stop was conducted on Goldenwest Street and Westminster Boulevard and the suspect was taken into custody with no incident.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council

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DATE: January 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Night shift Incidents

January 15, 2024

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Malcolm Pierson, Sergeant

On January 14, 2024, 9:46 P.M. officers responded to the area of Edwards St and Iroquois Rd reference a domestic violence incident. The victim reported she was forced into her vehicle by an ex-boyfriend while he was holding a knife. Male fled on foot after being driven to the area of Beach Blvd and Garden Grove Blvd. No one in custody at this time.

On January 15, 2024 at 1:55 A.M. officers responded to the Westminster Mall reference an audible burglary alarm. Officers on scene located a broken window to a business and a subject was seen running inside. Outside agencies were requested for the search. Huntington Beach Officers including a K9 and Anaheim PD's helicopter responded to assist. Two suspects were located on the roof and surrendered to WPD K9 Dragon. Both were booked at OCJ.



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#### SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council

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DATE: January 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

(24-00359)

FROM:

Malcolm Pierson, Sergeant

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On January 14, 2024, at 1:46 A.M. officers responded to the area of Westminster Blvd and Cardillo Dr reference a physical fight. Officers located an adult male with a major injury to the upper body. The victim was transported to a local trauma center. 4 subjects were detained related to the investigation. No one in custody at this time.

Officers canvassed the area for potential witnesses and surveillance footage of the incident. The investigation is ongoing.



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#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

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SUBJECT: Item of Interest

DATE: January 15, 2024

FROM:

Jerad Kent, Sergeant

On January 15, 2024, Officers responded to the 15500 block of Beach Blvd in reference to a robbery that just occurred. The suspect used the threat of violence against the victim and stole cigarettes. The suspect threatened to kill the victim if the police were called and was reportedly in possession of a weapon in their pocket. Officers responded to the area and quickly located the suspect as he was fleeing. Officers apprehended him without incident. A knife was located on him. The stolen property was recovered and returned to the victim. The suspect will be booked into the Orange County Jail.