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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Homicide

FROM: 
Andy Stowers, Commander

On March 15, 2024 at approximately 1:00 PM, Westminster Police Officers responded to the 7300 block of 21st Street reference a stabbing. When officers arrived, they found several neighbors holding down a man, who had just stabbed his roommate and an additional neighbor. Officers on scene were able to take the suspect into custody without incident and began to render first aid to both victims on scene. Lifesaving efforts were continued by Orange County Fire personnel and the victims were transported to a local trauma center. One of the victim's ultimately succumb to his wounds and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

During the investigation, officers learned that the fight originated between roommates inside an apartment, where the suspect had stabbed his roommate. This first victim sustained three non-life-threatening stab wounds and is being treated at a local hospital. A neighbor heard the commotion, including a man screaming for help, and went to assist. At this time, the suspect turned his attention to the neighbor/victim and chased him outside. The suspect ultimately caught up to the deceased and stabbed him numerous times. Another citizen saw what was happening and was able to intervene and successfully removed the knife from the suspect. The citizen was able to hold the suspect down until police arrival. WPD Detectives and Forensics personnel are on scene continuing the investigation

This appears to be an isolated incident and there are no known threats to the public. The suspect is in custody and will be booked into Orange County Jail for numerous charges, including murder.





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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: March 16, 2024

SUBJECT: Robbery

FROM: *Kyle Seasock*
Kyle Seasock, Sergeant

On Saturday, March 16, 2024, at approximately 7:45 P.M., Officers were dispatched to the area of Goldenwest St. and Bolsa Ave. reference a theft. Upon their arrival, they determined two suspects had entered a business and selected approximately \$300 worth of clothing. The suspects attempted to flee without paying for the merchandise when a Loss Prevention Officer tried to stop them. The suspects pushed the Loss Prevention Officer out of the way while fleeing, which constitutes a robbery. The suspects got into a vehicle and fled the area prior to Officers arriving on scene. A county wide broadcast was sent out with the suspect's and their vehicle's description. The victim was not injured during the commission of the robbery and video surveillance of the crime is available.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 16th, 2024

SUBJECT: Bicycle/Pedestrian Enforcement Operation

FROM: 
Bill Drinnin, Commander

On 3/14/24 our WPD Traffic Division, 2 Patrol Officers on OT, and several officers from other outside agencies participated in a collaborative enforcement operation on Goldenwest from Trask to Hazard from 0700-1100 hours. The enforcement was geared towards bicycle/pedestrian violations as part of an OTS grant requirement. The outside agencies (Cypress, Fountain Valley, and Seal Beach) utilized collaborative enforcement funding from their perspective OTS grants to assist. The following are the results of the operation:

- 54 citations issued
- 10 warnings
- 1 impound



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TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: March 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

FROM: Kyle Seasock
Kyle Seasock, Sergeant

On Sunday March 17, 2024 at approximately 7:30 P.M, WPD Officers were dispatched to the area of Brookhurst St. and Bishop Ave. reference a dispute between neighbors. Officers arrived on scene and contacted both parties. The investigation revealed there was a verbal dispute between neighbors in the parking lot area. The suspect stopped his vehicle and confronted the victim. The suspect called his adult and juvenile son to bring a baseball bat out to him. His sons brought the baseball bat to the suspect (father), who used the baseball bat to assault the victim while the adult son held the victim in place and the juvenile son punched the victim. The victim was injured and was transported to the hospital. The father and adult son were both arrested and booked at Orange County Jail for multiple felonies.





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SUBJECT: Lewd Conduct

FROM: *Kyle Seasock*
Kyle Seasock, Sergeant

On Sunday March 17, 2024 at approximately 7:00 P.M., WPD Officers were dispatched to the area of Hoover St. and Trask Ave. reference inappropriate touching of a common child by an estranged husband. Upon Officers arrival, they spoke with multiple children and found that one of the children was reporting inappropriate touching had occurred several years ago. Officers determined the suspect does not currently have contact with the children as he does not currently live with the mother and common children. Child Protective Services was notified and will be responding within 10 days. WPD Detectives will assume the investigation.



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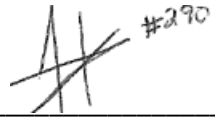


ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Item of Interest

FROM:  #290
Jerad Kent, Sergeant

On March 17, 2024, at approximately 3:47 P.M., Westminster officers responded to 15781 Brookhurst Street for an unknown trouble call. A reporting person stated they saw people wearing masks enter the store and flee shortly after. Upon arrival, officers discovered a robbery had occurred. The suspects were wearing clown masks and were armed with an AR-15-style rifle and a knife. The suspects stole a cell phone, which was recovered on the scene.

There are no injuries as a result of the robbery. The investigation is ongoing.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: March 19th, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

FROM: Sergeant Jeremy Hill

On March 19, 2024 at approximately 3:44 A.M. an officer attempted a car stop on a possible DUI driver near Newland and Heil. The vehicle failed to yield and drove into a construction zone on Newland and McFadden. Two males fled from the vehicle on foot allowing it to roll into a parked construction truck blocking the roadway. The driver was apprehended, the second male went over a wall into the neighborhood. An inspection of the vehicle revealed a smashed window and punched ignition. A perimeter was established utilizing HBPD while checking with Orange PD to determine if the vehicle was an unreported stolen, which it was. The second suspect was not located. The apprehended suspect/driver was 13, intoxicated, and listed as a run away from a group home in Orange. The juvenile was booked at Orange County Juvenile Hall.



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DATE: March 19th, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

FROM: Sergeant Jeremy Hill

On March 19, 2024 at approximately 1253 A.M. in the area of Reading Avenue, the suspect finds his girlfriend engaging in sexual acts with another male in a vehicle. The suspect assaults his girlfriend and slashes the tires on the male's vehicle. The victims drive to the PD while being followed by the suspect. At some point the suspect rear ends the victim's vehicle causing very minor damage. All parties are contacted on All American Way. Suspect arrested and booked at OCJ for assault with a deadly weapon, vandalism, and domestic violence.



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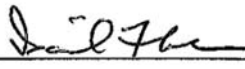


SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Robbery

FROM: 
D. Flynn, Patrol Sergeant

On 3/19/24, at approximately 4:00 pm a witness came to the front counter of WPD to report a possible robbery that occurred approximately four hours earlier in the 15500 block of Beach Boulevard. The witness said a male suspect approached and threatened an older female with a knife in the parking lot of a commercial shopping center.

An officer responded to the scene and was able to locate the incident and the victim's vehicle on surveillance video. Later in the evening, officers were able to contact the victim at her home in a neighboring city. The female victim confirmed she was robbed at knife point and sustained a minor injury to her hand as a result. The investigation is on-going.



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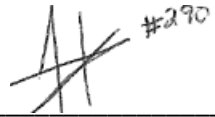


ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Residential Burglary

FROM:  #290
Jerad Kent, Sergeant

On March 20, 2024, at approximately 6:00 A.M., Officers responded to the 14800 block of Cordoba Place in reference to an unknown male subject inside the home. The residents were still inside and stated the subject was armed with a weapon, possibly a gun. Officers arrived on the scene and detained the male. It was discovered the suspect broke into the home while the residents were sleeping and was armed with a hammer. The suspect was arrested and later booked into the county jail. No people were injured.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Search Warrant Service

FROM: 
Andy Stowers, Commander

In the early morning hours of March 20, 2024, the Westminster Police Detective Bureau, in collaboration with West County SWAT, served a search warrant at a residence in the area of Hazard Avenue and Magnolia Street. During the service of the search warrant, several people were detained and/or taken into custody without incident. Several items of evidentiary value were located, including firearms and illegal narcotics.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 20th, 2024

SUBJECT: Street Vendor Contacts

FROM: 
Bill Drinnin, Commander

On March 19th, 2024, the Westminster Police Department and the Orange County Health Department conducted an operation geared towards contacting and educating our local street vendors. As a result of the operation, the following locations were issued an impound order for unpermitted violations:

- 1) 15100 Block of Newland Ave. All items were impounded per CH&SC 111030, 111890 & CH&SC 114393 (Orange County Health Sections) and stored at the Hefley storage site.
- 2) 6300 Block of Westminster Ave. (Near the former Big Lots). All items impounded per CH&SC 111030, 111890 & CH&SC 114393 (Orange County Health Sections). One generator is being stored at the city water tower site. All other items were stored at the Hefley storage site.

The following locations were checked but no unpermitted vendors were located:

- 1) Beach Blvd. & Washington St.
- 2) 7001 Westminster Blvd.
- 3) 14111 Beach Blvd. (Hi Lite Liquor)
- 4) 15402 Beach Blvd. (near the Westminster Superstore)
- 5) 14024 Magnolia St.
- 6) Goldenwest St. & Georgetown Ave.
- 7) Hazard Ave. & Goldenwest St.
- 8) Beach Blvd. & 15th St.
- 9) McFadden & Brookhurst St

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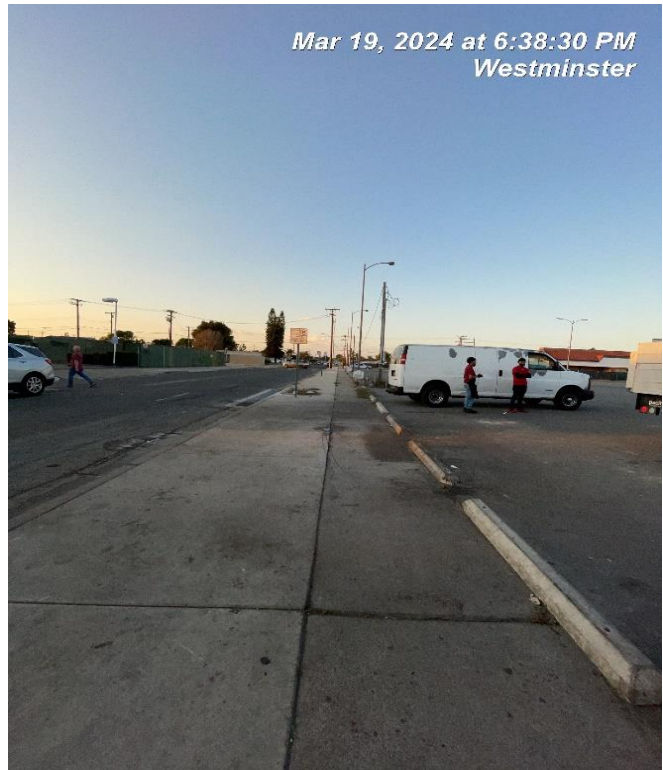
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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: March 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Battery with Serious Injury

FROM: *Kyle Seasock*
Kyle Seasock, Sergeant

On Saturday March 23, 2024 at approximately 9:00 P.M., WPD Officers were dispatched to the area of Beach Blvd. and Edinger Ave. reference an assault that just occurred. Officers found the victim still on scene and the suspects had fled. The victim sustained an upper body injury from the assault and was transported to the hospital. Investigation is ongoing.



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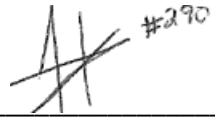


ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Non-Specific Threat to the Mall

FROM:  #290
Jerad Kent, Sergeant

On March 24, 2024, Officers responded to the Westminster Mall in reference to an unknown subject, sending non-specific but threatening messages. The messages express the suspect's faith in god and their frustration with the recent shooting in Moscow. In the messages, the suspect mentioned "killing all the devils on earth" and that the person receiving the message should "let me do God's work." The suspect also sent a photo depicting how to make a pipe bomb. No threats were directed specifically towards the Westminster Mall or anyone.

Officers checked the mall and the surrounding area, and nothing suspicious was located. Officers are continuously checking the mall. The investigation continues.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

FROM: 
Malcolm Pierson, Sergeant

On 03/24/2024 at approximately 2:20 A.M., officers responded to WPD to contact a juvenile victim who reported being struck with a glass bottle in the 6100 block of Hefley Square. The suspect in the incident was identified as a juvenile. The victim sustained a moderate upper body injury and received treatment at a local hospital.



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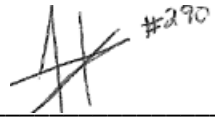


ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 25, 2024

SUBJECT: Non-Specific Threat to the Westminster High

FROM:  #290
Jerad Kent, Sergeant

On March 25, 2024, Officers responded to Westminster High School in reference to an unknown subject, sending non-specific but threatening messages. The messages express the suspect's faith in god and their joy with the recent shooting in Moscow. In the messages, the suspect mentioned "killing all the devils on earth" and that the person receiving the message should "let me do God's work." The suspect also sent a photo depicting how to make a pipe bomb. No threats were explicitly directed towards Westminster High School or anyone.

This is the same message sent to the manager of the Westminster Mall yesterday and to the manager of an HOA in Orange. Officers checked Westminster High School and the surrounding area, and nothing suspicious was located. We are working with other local law enforcement agencies to investigate further.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 25, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

FROM: *Kyle Seasock*
Kyle Seasock, Sergeant

On Monday March 25, 2024 at approximately 12:15 A.M., a WPD Officer was dispatched to a local hospital reference a victim who was assaulted with a propane torch on the upper body. The victim sustained injuries and was treated and released from the hospital. This was found to have happened in the area of Beach Blvd. and McFadden Ave., several hours prior to Officers receiving the call to the hospital.

Additional WPD Officers canvassed the area for witnesses and evidence. Officers were able to locate a witness who gave an account of what happened between the suspect and the victim, a name and description of the suspect as well as locations the suspect frequents. Officers checked these areas but were unable to locate the suspect. Investigation ongoing.



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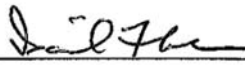


SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Robbery

FROM: 
D. Flynn, Patrol Sergeant

On 3/26/24, at approximately 7:14 pm employees from a store in the 8500 block of Westminster Boulevard reported subjects attempting to steal alcohol from the location. When confronted by the employees, one suspect punched an employee and another suspect attempted to physically assault an employee. The two suspects were located nearby and arrested. They will be booked for robbery.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Arson

FROM: *Kyle Seasock*
Kyle Seasock, Sergeant

On Tuesday March 26, 2024 at approximately 6:00 A.M., Westminster PD Officers were dispatched to the area of Bushard St. and Bolsa Ave. to assist the Orange County Fire Authority Arson Investigator with an arson investigation. The suspect had set one trash can on fire during the early morning hours. Officers checked the area and were able to locate the suspect who was in the process of lighting a second fire. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. The suspect will be booked at Orange County Jail for arson.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 26th, 2024

SUBJECT: Fatal Traffic Collision

FROM: 
Bill Drinnin, Commander

On 3/26/2024, at approximately 0528 hours, the Westminster Police Department responded to Bolsa Avenue East of Brookhurst Street reference a traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian.

Westminster Police Officers arrived and found a male down in the lanes of traffic. Personnel from the Orange County Fire Authority also responded. Unfortunately, the male pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene. It was founded that the male decedant had been walking South in the lanes of traffic when he was struck by the vehicle. The involved driver remained at the location of the collision and is cooperating with the investigation.

The Westminster Police Department's Traffic Bureau responded to the scene and is handling the ongoing investigation.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: March 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Catalytic Converter Thefts

FROM: Marcela Lopez
Marcela Lopez, Sergeant

On March 27, 2024, at approximately 0900 hours., Officers responded the 13000 block of Willamette St., reference a theft report. Upon Officers arrival, Officers contacted two victims who reported the catalytic converter from their vehicles were stolen. The suspect vehicle was not seen.

Officers also responded to the 6000 block of Sutton St., and the 6000 block of Westpark Pl., reference similar circumstances. Leads at this time are limited to possible suspect driving a dark colored Dodge Charger.

A total of six catalytic converters were stolen.





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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: March 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Combative Arrestee

FROM: 
Alan Aoki, Sergeant

On 03/27/2024, at around 7:29 PM, officers were on an unrelated disturbance call on Bannock. While investigating this call for service, officers observed an active assault taking place in front of a nearby residence. Officers ran towards the two combatants. One of the subjects was verbally and physically combative with officers and he was detained and subsequently arrested. While officers were transporting the arrestee to WPD; the arrestee began to bang his head against the interior of the police car and proceeded to kick the police car's side rear window. For the arrestee's safety, a helmet was deployed as was a hobble restraint. Prior to deploying both pieces of equipment, he was removed from the vehicle and, in keeping with his combative state, he spit on a Sergeant. A spit hood was then deployed. He was ultimately medically cleared and booked OCJ. No officers or police vehicles sustained any injuries/damage.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: March 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Burglary Suspect Arrested

FROM: 
Alan Aoki, Sergeant

On 03/28/2024, at around 1:30 AM, an officer responded to a business in the 9000 block of Bolsa in reference to a burglary. An unknown suspect had pried the door to the business, entered the location and made off with bathroom tissue. A local transient in the area provided information on the possible suspect. The suspect was later found in the area and identified via CCTV footage. The suspect was arrested and later transported to OCJ.



Not the actual loss.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: March 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Burglary Arrest
(24-02505)

FROM: Omar Ayala
Omar Ayala

Burglary Arrest:

On Thursday, March 28, 2024, at approximately 8:35 A.M., WPD Officers were at the Westminster Center on a transient related call for service when they were approached by a victim of a theft that occurred at the Petco Store. The victim advised a male suspect came into the store and stole her phone. The victim was able to track her phone and confronted the suspect while still in the area. The suspect returned the victim's phone. The victim then saw officers in the area and told them about the theft and provided a description of the suspect. An officer was familiar with a male matching the description provided by the victim, who is a known parolee. Officers located the suspect who was in fact the known parolee and he was positively identified by the victim as the suspect who stole her phone. The suspect also had property belonging to other persons with him. He was arrested and booked at OCJ for burglary, misappropriation of found property, possession of stolen property, possession of suspected controlled substance and paraphernalia. A parole hold was placed on him. The suspect is also listed as a suspect in a previous grand theft from an optometrist business located in the Westminster Center. That case will get filed by way of complaint through the DA's office.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 29th, 2024

SUBJECT: Street Vendor Contacts

FROM: 
Bill Drinnin, Commander

On March 28th, 2024, the Westminster Police Department and the Orange County Health Department conducted an operation geared towards contacting and educating our local street vendors. As a result of the operation, the following locations were issued an impound order for unpermitted violations:

- 1) 14000 Block of Newland Ave. All items were impounded, per CH&SC 111030, 111890 & CH&SC 114393 (Orange County Health Sections)
- 2) 15500 Block of Brookhurst St. All items were impounded, per CH&SC 111030, 111890 & CH&SC 114393 (Orange County Health Sections)

All impounded items are being stored at the City Water Tower site.

The following locations were checked but no unpermitted vendors were located:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1) Beach Blvd and Washington St. | 2) 7001 Westminster Blvd. |
| 3) 14111 Beach Blvd. | 4) 15402 Beach Blvd and McFadden Ave. |
| 5) 14024 Magnolia St. | 6) Goldenwest St. and Georgetown Ave. |
| 7) Hazard Ave. and Goldenwest St. | 8) Beach Blvd. and 15 th St. |
| 9) 8850 Bolsa Ave | 10) 6351 Westminster Blvd. |





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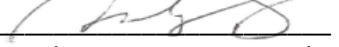


SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 29, 2024

SUBJECT: SWAT activation following investigation

FROM: 
Andy Stowers, Commander

On 3/28/2024, the Westminster Police Detective Unit received information that a 14-year-old female was being trafficked for the purpose of prostitution by a suspect out of a motel in the city. The investigation led the detectives to locating the female in a room accompanied by a female adult. The 14-year-old was a reported missing person out of Kern County.

During the investigation, detectives learned that she had been trafficked by a named suspect. Detectives also learned that the female had been sexually assaulted by the male. The suspect had prior convictions for human trafficking of a minor, firearms possession and robbery. The female was provided with victim services and detectives continued to investigate.

On 3/29/2024, Detectives obtained a lead that the suspect was possibly back in the city. Detective's ultimately located the suspect and attempted to stop him. A short pursuit took place, where the suspect crashed into two parked vehicles, disabling his own car. The suspect then fled on foot. During a quick search of the disabled vehicle, a loaded firearm was located in the car.

Westminster Patrol and Westminster Detectives were able to successfully contain the suspect for several hours around the 8000 block of 21st Street. Due to the severity of the case, the location of the loaded firearm and other contributing factors, West County SWAT was activated to assist with the search of the suspect. After an extensive yard to yard search, the suspect was located hiding in a backyard.

The suspect was taken into custody without incident and will be booked into Orange County Jail for numerous felony charges including, but not limited to, human trafficking of a minor, rape, lewd acts with a child, pimping, pandering, felon in possession of a handgun and others.



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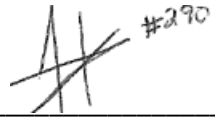


ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: March 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Fatal Traffic Collision

FROM:  #290
Jerad Kent, Sergeant

On March 24, 2024, at approximately 1:51 A.M., WPD Officers responded to McFadden Avenue and Vermont Street regarding a single-vehicle collision into a pole. Officers arrived and found a single male occupant inside the vehicle. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene. Officers confirmed the collision is in our jurisdiction. The traffic division responded, and the investigation is ongoing.