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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: May 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Mutual Aid assistance for UC Irvine

FROM: 
Darin Lenyi, Chief of Police

This afternoon, all Orange County Law Enforcement agencies received an urgent request for mutual aid from the University of Irvine (UCI) Police Department (college police). There is a pro-Palestinian protest that is getting out of hand on their school grounds, and protestors may have also taken over a school building. As a result of this request, a team of five officers and one sergeant were sent to assist. Our team is equipped with safety equipment for riots. At the time of this Items of Interest, our team is still on campus assisting. This event is receiving significant media coverage.





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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: May 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Drug Sales

FROM: Kyle Seasock
Kyle Seasock, Sergeant

On Friday May 17, 2024 at approximately 12:15 A.M, a Westminster Police Officer initiated a traffic stop on a bicycle in the area of Bolsa Avenue and Magnolia Street. The bicyclist failed to yield for the Officer and rode evasively for a short distance. The Officer was able to stop the bicyclist in the middle of Bolsa Avenue where a short struggle ensued. The bicyclist was taken into custody and neither the Officer nor the bicyclist were injured.

The bicyclist was a Parolee at Large, on parole for residential burglary and assault with a deadly weapon. The bicyclist was also found to be in possession of (16) individual bindles of suspected fentanyl weighing a total of approximately 3.5 grams and (5) individual baggies of methamphetamine weighing at total of approximately 7.9 grams. The bicyclist was booked at Orange County Jail for his parole violation and possession of illegal drugs for sale.





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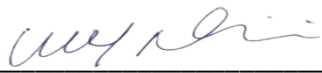


ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: May 17th, 2024

SUBJECT: Street Vendor Contacts

FROM: 
Bill Drinnin, Commander

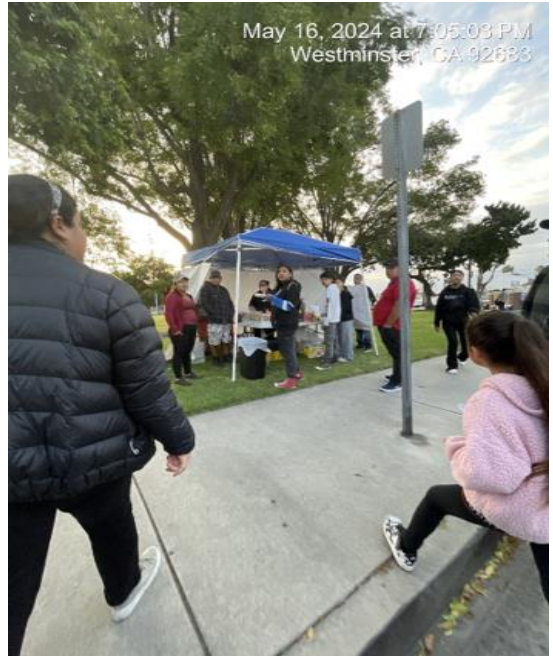
On May 16th, 2024, the Westminster Police Department and the Orange County Health Department conducted an operation geared towards contacting and educating our local street vendors. As a result of the operation, the following locations were issued an impound order for unpermitted violations:

- 1) 14072 Olive Street - All items were impounded per CH&SC 111030, 111890 & CH&SC 114393 (Orange County Health Sections)
- 2) 7200 Plaza Street - All items were impounded per CH&SC 111030, 111890 & CH&SC 114393 (Orange County Health Section)

All impounded items during this outreach are being stored at the City Water Tower site and the owners have 30 days to retrieve limited equipment.

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

- 1) Beach Blvd and Washington St.
- 2) 7001 Westminster Blvd.
- 3) 14111 Beach Blvd.
- 4) Beach Blvd and McFadden Ave.
- 5) Magnolia St. and Westminster Blvd.
- 6) Goldenwest St. and Georgetown Ave.
- 7) Hazard Ave. and Goldenwest St.
- 8) Beach Blvd. and 15th St.
- 9) 8850 Bolsa Ave.
- 10) 6351 Westminster Blvd.
- 11) 13331 Beach Blvd.
- 12) Brookhurst and McFadden





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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: May 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Burglary Arrest
(DR No. 24-03986)

FROM: *Omar Ayala*
Omar Ayala

Burglary Arrest:

On Sunday, May 19, 2024, at approximately 12:54 A.M., WPD Officers responded to the Westminster Mall (JC Penney) reference an audible burglar alarm call. Upon arrival, officers saw a suspect inside the JC Penney actively burglarizing the location. A perimeter was quickly set, and the location was contained. The Huntington Beach Police Department assisted WPD Officers by sending their Police Helicopter HB1 and additional units. While officers were formulating a plan to search the location, the suspect was seen running through the first floor of the store. Officers contacted the suspect, and he was taken into custody without incident. A search of the location was conducted, and no additional suspects were located. The jewelry section was ransacked, and evidence was located. No loss reported at this time. The male suspect was booked at OCJ.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: May 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault /Arson Investigation

FROM: *Marcela Lopez*
Marcela Lopez, Sergeant

On May 20, 2024, at approximately 2055 hours, Officers responded to the area of Natal Dr. and Goldenwest St. reference an assault. When Officers arrived, the victim advised her roommate assaulted her in the shoulder with a small healing crystal. The victim suffered no injuries, but desired prosecution for the assault. The suspect barricaded herself in her bedroom and was uncooperative with Officers. After an extended amount of time trying to get the suspect to come out Officers disengaged, and the residents left the location.

At approximately 2306 hours, Officers were recalled to the location reference a fire. The suspect from the earlier assault had lit a shower curtain on fire and fled the scene. The suspect was eventually located and detained by Officers. While being detained the suspect kicked an Officer and was in possession of a lighter. The Officer did not sustain any injuries. There was minor damage in the bathroom of the apartment, and nobody was injured from the fire. Arson investigators responded and the suspect was arrested for arson and booked at OCJ.





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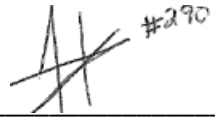


ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: May 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Robbery

FROM:  #290
Jerad Kent, Sergeant

On May 20, 2024, at about 07:40 A.M., the Westminster Police Department responded to the 6700 block of Homer Street in reference to a robbery. The victim was attempting to sell a phone and agreed to a meeting at the location. When he arrived, he was robbed at gunpoint. The suspect took his cell phone and cash. The suspect fled the area and was not located by officers. The victim was not harmed during this crime.



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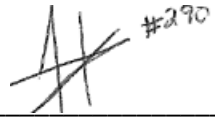


ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: May 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Homeless Outreach Event

FROM:  #290
Jerad Kent, Sergeant

On May 19, 2024, the Westminster Police Department conducted an outreach event to address the growing number of homeless individuals congregating within our respective city. Westminster Police Officers, along with our Community Outreach Coordinators and members of the Community Preservation Unit, joined in a collaborative effort to focus on solutions to solve some of these issues. The event took place in specific designated areas across the city where our homeless community members tend to congregate. This event involved outreach and engagement with our homeless community, who are willing to accept services. It also focused on the enforcement of local and state laws. All homeless persons contacted were provided information about available resources. An option for coordination into shelter facilities was also provided.

The group's collaborative efforts focused on the following:

- 21 subjects contacted, no requests for follow-up outreach services
- 3 subjects accepted resources at the time of contact
- 1 subject accepted shelter placement
- 7 subjects arrested
- 3 citations issued
- 4 encampments cleaned up
- 3 shopping carts removed
- 1 animal was rescued
- 1 life was saved when officers administered Narcan to an over-dosing subject
- 1 person was transported to the hospital for medical treatment
- 1 subject was arrested when the officer recognized him as being a suspect from an earlier reported robbery



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: May 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

FROM: 
Alan Aoki, Sergeant

On 05/22/2024, at around 10:00 pm, WPD officers responded to Locust St. and Main St. in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival, the victim was contacted and stated he had confronted the suspect for jumping over his fence. The suspect then produced a black handgun and pointed it at the victim. The suspect then left the area in a dark colored hatchback. Neither the suspect nor the suspect vehicle was located. No injuries were sustained by the victim.



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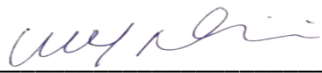


ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: May 23rd, 2024

SUBJECT: Street Vendor Contacts

FROM: 
Bill Drinnin, Commander

On May 22nd, 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) 8522 Westminster Blvd. The vendor was contacted and advised to stop vending in the area as it is not permitted per WMC 10.45.040(D)(4) - Regulations for vending from vehicles because of the posted speed limit.

No items were impounded.

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

- 1) Beach Blvd and Washington St.
- 2) 7001 Westminster Blvd.
- 3) 14111 Beach Blvd.
- 4) Beach Blvd and McFadden Ave.
- 5) Magnolia St. and Westminster Blvd.
- 6) Goldenwest St. and Georgetown Ave.
- 7) Hazard Ave. and Goldenwest St.
- 8) Beach Blvd. and 15th St.
- 9) 8850 Bolsa Ave.
- 10) 6351 Westminster Blvd.
- 11) 13331 Beach Blvd.
- 12) Brookhurst and McFadden
- 13) 8522 Westminster Blvd.

May 22, 2024 at 6:12:53 PM
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TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: May 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

FROM: 
Malcolm Pierson, Sergeant

On 05/24/2024 at approximately 5:09 P.M., officers responded to the area of McFadden Ave and Newland St reference unknown trouble. Officers on scene contacted the victim who said he was struck with a wooden fence post by an unknown suspect several times. Victim denied medical treatment and suspect fled in a vehicle. Officers are still on scene investigating.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: May 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault on an Officer

FROM: 
Alan Aoki, Sergeant

On 05/24/2024, at around 9:00 PM, WPD officers were conducting a patrol check at Buckingham Park, 6502 Homer St. While at the location, the officers contacted a subject for a Municipal Code violation. The subject was uncooperative and refused to leave the park. As the officers attempted to detain the subject, the subject swung at one of the officers with a closed fist, which missed. The subject was then taken to the ground and detained. During the struggle, one of the officers sustained a minor injury to a finger. The subject/arrestee had shoulder pain but was otherwise uninjured. The arrestee was transported to a local hospital for medical clearance and later booked OCJ.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: May 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault with a Deadly Weapon
(24-00359)

FROM: 
Malcolm Pierson, Sergeant

On May 26, 2024, at 7:20 P.M. officers responded to the area of Edwards St and Trask Ave reference a physical fight between 4 subjects. Officers located an adult male with an injury to the upper body. The victim was treated on scene by OCFA. 3 subjects were detained related to the investigation and all 3 suspects were arrested and booked at Orange County Jail.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: May 27th, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault with a deadly weapon

FROM: Sergeant Jeremy Hill

On May 27th, 2024 at approximately 7:45 P.M. officers responded to the 9000 block of Trini Circle in reference to an assault with a deadly weapon call. The victim's arrived home to find an unknown male suspect standing in the neighbors driveway. As the residents exited their vehicle to go inside the suspect approached them and pointed a firearm at them. The suspect was unknown to the victim and no motive has been determined at this point. The investigation is ongoing.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: May 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Robbery Suspect Arrested

FROM: Kyle Seasock

On Sunday May 26, 2024 at approximately 12:00 P.M., an armed robbery occurred in the area of Bolsa Avenue and Weststate Street. The investigating Officers were able to obtain suspect and suspect vehicle information. The suspect had fled and had not been located.

On Wednesday May 29, 2024 at approximately 1:00 A.M., a Sergeant was patrolling the area of Bolsa Avenue and Moran Street when he located the suspect vehicle from the robbery on Sunday. A felony traffic stop was conducted and the driver was taken into custody without incident. The driver was confirmed to be the suspect in the robbery. The suspect was booked into Orange County Jail for robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and criminal threats.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

SUBJECT: Recovered Stolen Vehicle

FROM: Kyle Seasock

On Tuesday May 28, 2024 at approximately 7:45 P.M., Westminster PD Dispatch received a "Flock" hit on a stolen vehicle in the area of Bolsa Avenue and Brookhurst Street. The vehicle had been reported stolen out of the City of Westminster earlier in the day.

Westminster PD Officers responded to the area, where an Officer located the stolen vehicle pulling into a parking lot in the area of Bushard Street and Bolsa Avenue. A felony car stop was conducted and a solo occupant was taken into custody without incident. The vehicle was released back to the owner and the suspect was booked at Orange County Jail for being in possession of a stolen vehicle.





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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: May 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Felony Hit And Run

FROM: *Mike Gradilla*
Mike Gradilla, Sergeant

On Friday, May 31, 2024 at 1:08 A.M., Officers responded to the intersection of Edwards St & Westminster Blvd reference a hit and run. The victim and an unrelated witness provided a suspect vehicle description as well as a partial license plate. The victim was transported to the hospital with moderate, but not life-threatening injuries. Westminster PD provided all surrounding Orange County agencies with the suspect vehicle description and partial license plate.

While WPD Officers were investigating this crime, Cypress PD contacted WPD and advised that the driver of the suspect vehicle was currently in contact with their Dispatch and wanted to report his vehicle as stolen. The driver had a warrant for his arrest as well. A Westminster PD Officer responded to Cypress, contacted the driver, and ultimately arrested him for his warrant. Through an interview and investigation, the driver admitted to being involved in the hit and run and filing a false stolen vehicle report. He was booked at OCJ on felony charges and his warrant.



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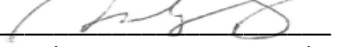


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TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: May 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Kidnapping

FROM: 
Andy Stowers, Commander

On May 30, 2024, at approximately 4:30 AM, the Westminster Police Department began investigating a series of kidnappings where the same victim was kidnapped by her boyfriend on two occasions during the night.

The victim has refused assistance and has been out of contact after leaving the investigation on her own accord. Due to the severity of the crime and the allegations, as well as investigative leads that displayed violence during the commission of the crime, WPD Detectives are continuing to investigate the case. The suspect is not known in the local area and does not appear to be a threat to the general public.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: May 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Injury Traffic Accident

FROM: *Mike Gradilla*
Mike Gradilla, Sergeant

On Friday, May 31, 2024, at 8:52 P.M., Officers responded to the intersection of Magnolia Street and Westminster Boulevard reference a traffic accident involving multiple vehicles. Several Orange County Fire Authority Engines arrived on scene and began treating numerous involved occupants of vehicles who were ultimately transported to local hospitals. Currently, two of the occupants are in serious condition. The WPD Traffic Unit was called out to assist due to the extent of the injuries. DUI is not suspected at this time and the investigation is still ongoing.



