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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: July 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Follow Up on ADW

FROM: 
Andy Stowers, Commander

On June 29, 2024, at approximately 12:00 AM, Westminster Police Officers were dispatched to the 7000 block of Garden Grove Boulevard reference a shooting. During the investigation, officers determined a shooting took place after two disgruntled customers shot towards two employees, who were standing inside an occupied business. The employees were able to take cover and were not struck by the gunfire. Prior to police arrival, the suspects fled the location.

While on scene, officers sent out a county wide broadcast of the crime. A short time later, Westminster Police was notified of similar suspects being involved in an additional crime in the City of Anaheim, also involving a firearm. The suspects had barricaded themselves in a nearby home in the City of Anaheim.

With the updated information, members of the Westminster Police Major Crimes Unit were called into work and began to work in collaboration with the Anaheim Police Department. During the investigation, Anaheim Police took the suspects into custody. Westminster Police Major Crimes Detectives were then able to get positive identifications on both suspects for the crimes committed in the City of Westminster. The firearm used in the crime was later located and both suspects were booked into Orange County Jail for several felonies, including but not limited to, discharging a firearm into an occupied building as well as assault with a deadly weapon. This appears to be an isolated incident.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

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DATE: July 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence
Child Abuse
Kidnapping

FROM: *Kyle Seasock*

On Tuesday July 2, 2024 at approximately 12:15 A.M., Westminster Police Officers were dispatched to the area of Magnolia Street and McFadden Avenue reference a Domestic Violence incident. Upon Officers arrival, they contacted the female victim and her (2) small children outside the residence.

Officers determined the female was assaulted by her boyfriend and father of the (2) children in the presence of their children. The female took the children into a room and locked the door. The male kicked down the door and drug the female out of the room using physical force in the presence of their children. Based on the fact the female was moved from one location to another against her will, this constitutes a kidnapping. The female sustained minor injuries and denied any medical treatment.

The male was taken into custody without incident. The male was booked at Orange County Jail for Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Kidnapping.



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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

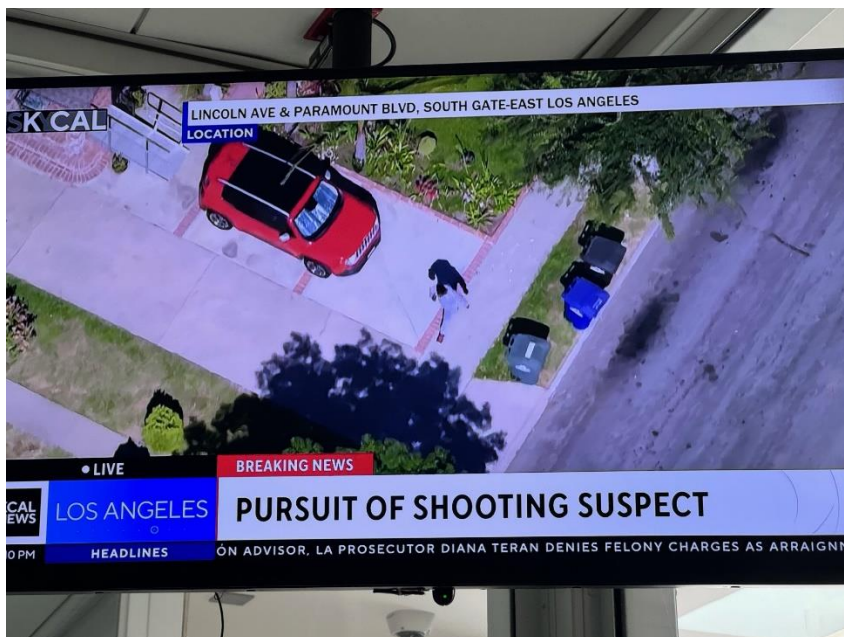
TO: Mayor and City Council
Christine Cordon, City Manager

DATE: July 2, 2024

SUBJECT: Outside Agency Assistance

FROM: Travis Hartman
Sergeant Travis Hartman

On July 2, 2024, at approximately 4:00pm, WPD Officers assisted Newport Beach Police Department in a pursuit of vehicle believed to be involved in a homicide in the City of Newport Beach. WPD Officers assisted with detaining a passenger of the vehicle in the City of Cypress. The driver was taken into custody in Los Angeles County. The pursuit was broadcast on local media channels. No injuries to Officers or damage to City vehicles as a result of the pursuit. Newport Beach Police Department relieved WPD personnel.





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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: July 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Grand Theft

FROM: *Kyle Seasock*

On Wednesday July 3, 2024 at approximately 9:30 P.M. a Westminster Police Officer was dispatched to the area of Beach Boulevard and Heil Avenue reference a theft report. The Officer found that during the nighttime hours between July 2 and July 3, 2024, unknown suspects had broken into approximately (20) industrial breaker panels. The suspects removed fuses and breakers from the panels. The estimated loss including parts, damage and labor was approximately \$20,000. The damage and stolen electrical parts had already been repaired upon the Officer's arrival.

The property manager was unavailable at this time to provide access to any possible video surveillance. There is no current suspect information at this time.



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DATE: July 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Stolen Handgun

FROM: Kyle Seasock

On Wednesday July 3, 2024 at approximately 7:00 P.M., a Westminster Police Department Officer was dispatched to a residence in the area of Brookhurst Street and Bolsa Avenue reference the theft of a handgun. The Officer found the victim had left his residence this afternoon to run some errands, with his partially estranged son left behind at the residence. When the victim arrived back home, his son was gone. The victim walked into his room and found his loaded handgun had been stolen. There were no signs of forced entry into the residence and nothing else was disturbed. The victim believes his son stole his handgun and fled.

The son was not located in the area and is known to frequent local North Orange County cities. Investigation ongoing.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: July 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Residential Fire
(DR No. 24-05355)

FROM: Omar Ayala
Omar Ayala

Residential Fire:

On Friday, July 05, 2024, at approximately 12:26 A.M., Officers responded to the 6400 block of Iroquois Road reference a house fire. It was reported the fire was at the garage of the residence. Officers arrived and confirmed no residents were inside. Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) responded to the scene. OCFA Arson Investigators responded to investigate. The investigation revealed a citizen noticed the fire and was able to get the resident out of the house who was unaware of the fire. No citizens were injured. OCFA Arson Investigators determined the fire was not an arson.





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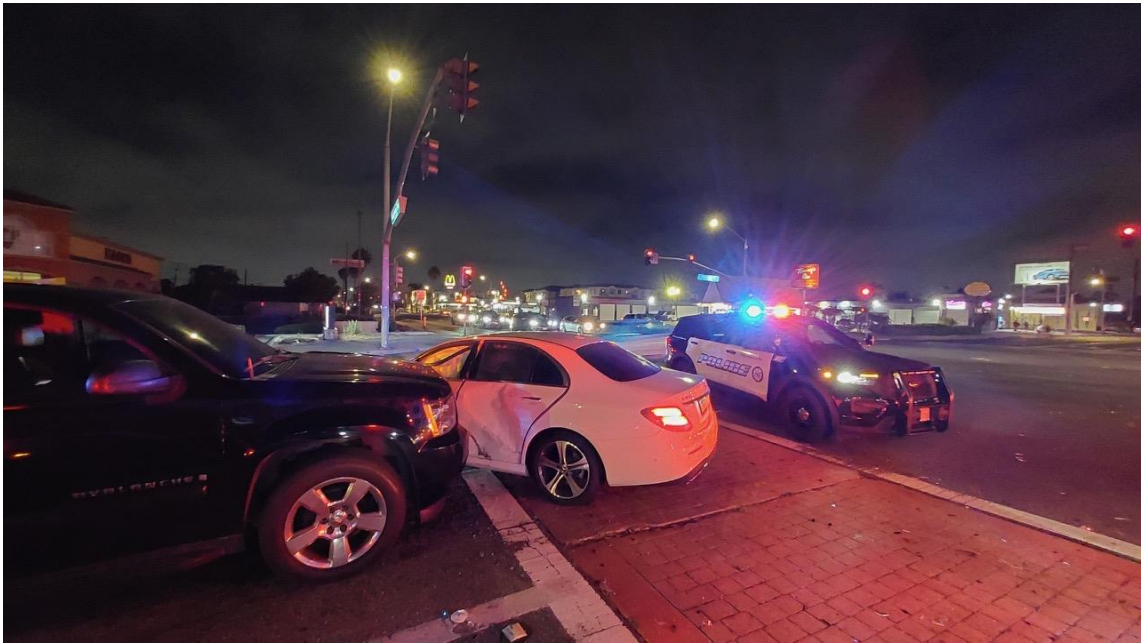
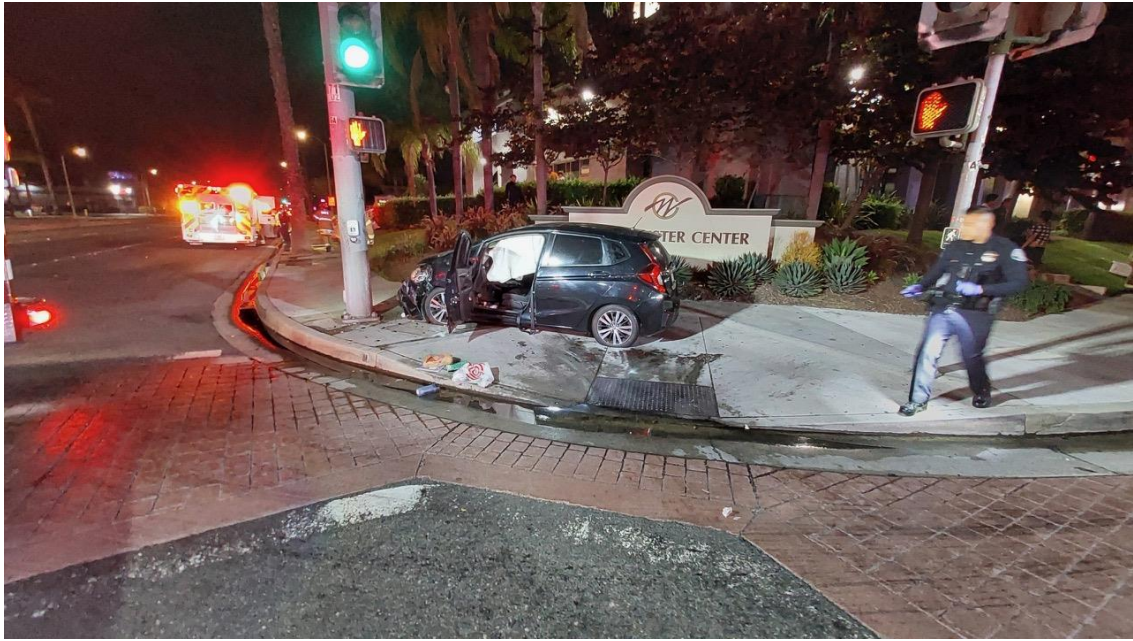
DATE: July 06, 2024

SUBJECT: Injury Traffic Collision

FROM: *Marcela Lopez*
Marcela Lopez, Sergeant

On Saturday, July 6, 2024, at approximately 10:58 PM, Officers responded to the intersection of Goldenwest St. and Westminster Boulevard reference a traffic accident involving multiple vehicles. One of the involved parties was transported to a local hospital. DUI was not suspected as a factor. Sigalert was issued.







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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: July 06, 2024

SUBJECT: Commercial Burglary

FROM: *Mike Gradilla*
Mike Gradilla, Sergeant

On Sunday, 7/07/24 at about 3:32 A.M., a WPD patrol officer was patrolling the business complex in the area of Bolsa Ave and Weststate St when he observed a commercial burglary in progress involving 4-5 suspects with masks on. When the officer drove closer to the suspects exiting the business, they got into a vehicle and fled from the location. A vehicle pursuit ensued however, due to the suspect vehicle's high rate of speed, the officers lost the vehicle a couple miles away. Officers are working to obtain further information for the suspect vehicle through additional law enforcement resources. No officers were injured and no collisions took place.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: July 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Robbery Suspects Arrested

FROM: Bryan Cramer
Bryan Cramer, Sergeant

On July 7, 2024, at 12:04 P.M., WPD received a FLOCK vehicle alert in the area of Westminster Blvd. and Willow Ln. regarding a robbery suspect. The FLOCK alert was for a vehicle associated with two suspects involved in a robbery that occurred on June 30, 2024 in Westminster. A WPD Officer located the suspect vehicle in the area of Beach Blvd. and Trask Ave. The two suspects were later arrested without incident. One of the suspects is also listed as a suspect in a separate vandalism case from April of 2024 as well as a separate burglary case from March of 2024.



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TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: July 8, 2024

SUBJECT: 4th of July Holiday Recap

FROM: 
Darin Lenyi, Chief of Police

Now that the Fourth of July holiday festivities have concluded, I wanted to share some of the data we collected. This information will help us formulate our staffing levels and enforcement for next year.

As expected, calls for service (CFS) related to illegal fireworks increased over the weekend and continued through July 6th. Between June 28th and July 6th, WPD received **170 calls** for service (CFS) related to complaints about illegal fireworks. For comparison, in 2023, from June 28th through July 6th, our dispatch center received **128** calls for service (CFS) related to complaints about illegal fireworks.

Total CFS from June 28th through July 6th this year (includes non-firework related CFS):
2,141

Total CFS June 28th through July 6th of last year (includes non-firework related CFS):
2,196

This year, additional officers were assigned to a Fireworks Enforcement Detail the weekend prior to the Fourth of July (June 28th and June 29th), the Fourth of July, and July 5th. Officers assigned to this detail handled **93** calls for service related to illegal fireworks.

Enforcement action that was taken during the Fourth of July weekend.

- **Two citations were issued for possession of illegal/dangerous fireworks. These citations encompass a \$1,000 fine.**
- **Three arrests for selling illegal fireworks to undercover detectives.**

- **Approximately 500 illegal/dangerous fireworks were seized/recovered.**

In addition to the firework-related calls for service mentioned above, the following are *some* significant events that resulted in lengthy investigations from the Fourth of July through July 7th:

- **Subject was arrested for indecent exposure.**
- **Subject was arrested in reference to a robbery investigation.**
- **Subject was arrested for disorderly conduct following a possible burglary in progress call involving the same subject.**
- **Five subjects were arrested for driving under the influence (DUI)**
- **Three subjects were arrested for domestic violence.**
- **Subject was arrested for felony vandalism.**
- **Subject was arrested for impersonating a veteran and embezzlement.**
- **An officer observed a burglary in progress, and a pursuit was initiated. Suspects are not apprehended at this time (ongoing investigation).**
- **Patrol checks were conducted at multiple city parks by our HLOs, and one abandoned property was cleaned up.**
- **Structure fire on Iroquois St. - after an investigation, arson was ruled out, and the cause was most likely smoldering expended fireworks.**

From the data collected, plainclothes officers were an effective option for enforcement operations. Consequently, we will implement a larger presence of plain-clothes next year. Furthermore, due to this holiday falling on a Friday in 2025, we believe our call volume will increase, necessitating additional first responders working. We will be planning accordingly.



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DATE: July 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Asian Garden Mall Fire

FROM: 
Alan Aoki, Sergeant

On 07/09/2024, at around 8:34 PM, WPD officers responded to the Asian Garden Mall reference a fire at the location. Security at the mall had observed a fire in the food court area and were able to extinguish it. Multiple engines from OCFA responded as well. Currently, the fire appears accidental in nature. No injuries were sustained by anyone involved.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: July 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Burglary Investigation

FROM: 
Michael Harvey, Commander

On July 10, 2024, at approximately 3:30 PM, an adult female was inside of her residence in the area of Bushard Street and McFadden Avenue. Two unknown suspects wearing masks entered her house via a rear sliding door. The victim locked herself into a room inside of the residence and called the police. Prior to officers and detectives arriving, the suspects fled the location in a vehicle (gray SUV). Officers checked the residence and were unable to locate any additional suspects. The victim finally exited the location and was unharmed. The loss is unknown and the investigation is on-going.



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TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: July 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence
Robbery
False Imprisonment

FROM: Kyle Seasock

On Wednesday July 10, 2024 at approximately 1:30 A.M. Westminster Police Officers were dispatched to the area of Goldenwest Street and Fenway Drive reference a male and female arguing, Upon their arrival, they found the female had been invited to her friend's residence in the area to shower and sleep on the couch. The female brought her boyfriend with her, who was found to be high on drugs. An argument ensued and the female tried to leave her friend's residence when the male blocked the doorway for approximately 10 minutes. The male and female eventually left the residence together.

After leaving the residence, the male and female were walking in a nearby parking lot when the male assaulted the female. During the commission of the assault, the suspect stole the victim's car keys and cellphone. The female pepper sprayed the suspect twice because he would not leave and she was scared of him. The suspect fled on foot.

Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the suspect. The suspect is on probation and the Probation Officer is aware of the crime and is assisting in the ongoing investigation.

The female was two months pregnant and her friend took her to the hospital for precautionary reasons.



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DATE: July 10th, 2024

SUBJECT: Street Vendor Contacts

FROM: 
Bill Drinnin, Commander

On July 9th, 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) 13331 Beach Blvd. All items were impounded per CH&SC 111030, 111890 & CH&SC 114393 (Orange County Health Sections)
- 2) 6351 Westminster Blvd. All items were impounded per CH&SC 111030, 111890 & CH&SC 114393 (Orange County Health Sections)

All impounded items are being stored in the metal container at the City Water Tower site and both vendors were cited.

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

- 1) Beach Blvd and Washington St.
- 2) Westminster Blvd. and Goldenwest St.
- 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) 8522 Westminster Blvd.
- 11) Brookhurst St and McFadden Ave





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DATE: July 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Burglary Suspects Arrested

FROM: Bryan Cramer
Bryan Cramer, Sergeant

On July 11, 2024, at 1210 hours, WPD received information regarding a suspected home invasion robbery crew that was in our city. A residential burglary occurred in the area of Heil Ave. and Magnolia St. then fled the residence a short time later. WPD officers located the suspect's vehicle to the area of Beach Blvd. and McFadden Ave. and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. A vehicle pursuit ensued and came to a conclusion in the area of Bushard St. and Heil Ave. in Fountain Valley after the suspect vehicle collided with other uninvolved vehicles. The parties involved in the traffic collision sustained minor injuries. No officers were injured and no damage to city property. Four suspects were taken into custody and will be booked at OCJ. WPD Detectives are on scene and assisting. Investigation is ongoing.







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TO: Mayor and City Council
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DATE: July 13th, 2024

SUBJECT: DUI Checkpoint

FROM: 
Bill Drinnin, Commander

On 7/12/2024, the Westminster Police Department's Traffic Division conducted a DUI/DL Checkpoint at Westminster Boulevard and All American Way from 8:30 PM to 3:00 AM. This location was chosen based on data indicating this geographical area has one of the highest number of injury and fatality traffic collisions in the city with DUI being one of the leading causes. The following are the results of the operation:

- 679 vehicles through the checkpoint
- 49 secondary screenings, evaluations, DL checks
- 2 impounded vehicles
- 31 citations issued
- 3 field sobriety tests conducted
- 2 DUI arrests

Funding for this operation was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



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DATE: July 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Assault on an Officer

FROM: Marcela Lopez
Marcela Lopez, Sergeant

On Sunday, July 14, 2024, at approximately 0057 hours, Officers responded to the 5000 block of Shrewsbury Ave., reference a family disturbance. When Officers arrived, they contacted a female who was uncooperative. While being detained the female kicked an Officer. The Officer sustained a minor abrasion as a result.

The female was placed under arrest and booked at Orange County Jail for assaulting an officer.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

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DATE: July 14, 2024

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence

FROM: *Mike Gradilla*
Mike Gradilla, Sergeant

On Sunday, 7/15/24 at about 3:06 A.M., Officers were dispatched to the area of Trask Ave and Descanso Dr reference a concerned citizen in the area who advised WPD Dispatch that a female was heard screaming "stop." When officers arrived in the area, they located a male and female and learned that a physical altercation had just taken place. The female was hysterical, sustained various injuries, and was treated on scene by Orange County Fire Authority. The male was subsequently arrested for domestic violence and booked at Orange County Jail.