



## **ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL** **HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL**

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### **SUMMARY FOR 3-10-14 THROUGH 4-6-14**

This report takes us through week 14 of the year. We have started to see some trends emerge. Our arrests are up by 60 over last year at this time. That total involves 57 additional arrests for drinking in public this year. Felonies are up by 2. Citizen contacts are up by 180 and business checks up by 4551 as we have put new emphasis there. We have increased our high visibility patrols by 120 for an additional 283 hours of patrol time. An encouraging statistic is that radio calls have fallen by 73 under last year's record breaking pace.

We are participating in an experiment this month in an effort to gain control over alcohol issues. Several businesses in the Cahuenga and Yucca area have agreed to curtail sales on some of their least expensive items. We will be tracking the data to see if there is any effect. The LAPD, City Attorney's Office, Fire Department, Council Office and BID Security are working together to address this issue.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

In March 2014, we have noticed a large influx of homeless people hanging out and sleeping near the Library located at 1623 Ivar. We have also received numerous calls from residents at Triangle Square complaining about this. Some people are sleeping in the area. We wake them in the morning, but they linger in the area waiting for the Library to open. There are complaints of drinking, use of drugs, blocking the sidewalk, urinating in public and other offenses.

We have heard that the Library experience is suffering for the average customer so we set about addressing the issue.



On 3-18-14, I attended the LAPD Crime Control Meeting and I discussed issues that we are having at the Library. I met with LAPD SLO John Washington after the meeting and we discussed strategies to address the issue. That afternoon, our Officers assisted John as he was asking people to leave the area. Our Bike Team Officers also met with John on 3-19-14 and they agreed to work together. We have stepped up patrols in the area.



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In an attempt to gain control of the area, our Bike Team Officers arrested Jonathon for blocking the sidewalk at about 11:15 A.M. on 3-20-14. He had been warned earlier. During this arrest, they warned Benjamin per the same violation. When they returned to the location a half hour later, Benjamin was still sitting on the sidewalk. He was then arrested. We have since made an additional ten arrests at the location. We are starting to see some impact and will continue our efforts.



Turbulent Jonathon and Decumbent Benjamin

We continued our extra patrol of the area. On 3-21-14, the Bike team arrested Joshua. He and another male were sitting on the sidewalk with their feet outstretched, blocking the sidewalk. One got up and left when warned, but Joshua said he would not get up as our Officers were not real Cops. He was warned that he would be arrested if he did not comply. He stood with clenched fists and said "You've become Judge and jury. I'm not leaving". He was then placed under arrest for blocking the sidewalk.



Joshua

On 4-2-14, our Bike Team continued providing extra patrol in the 1600 block of Ivar. They found Samantha, Michael and Sheron blocking the sidewalk at 1623 Ivar. All three had been warned previously and were placed under arrest.



Sidewalk Sitters Samantha, Michael and Sheron

On 3-10-14, we had a bit of Deja vu at 1218 Vine. Sgt. Reyes and Officer Sewell contacted a man who had set up a mini swap meet at the location. He was argumentative and claimed that the security guard had given him permission to set up shop. The guard



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denied this and the man was asked to pack up. The man had shirts, CD's, a bike and even a couple of small appliances for sale.

This type of open air market was commonplace when we started patrolling the SBID. We are quick to respond to any attempt to start up this activity again.



On 3-14-14, Officers Kanagi and Gordon found two lost female Russian tourists at the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. Our Officers were able to make some calls and reunite the ladies with their group.



On 3-16-14, Officers Kanagi and Gordon saw a “Giraffe” character and a “Chubaka” character grabbing children and pulling them in for photos. They would then demand payment from the parents. We had arrested the “Giraffe” character in the past when he was doing the same while dressed as Santa. The two were warned and sent on their way.

They then saw a man aggressively pan handling at Capital Rock located at 6739 Hollywood Blvd. We have had issues with this subject for years. He is very aggressive and makes threats of violence with anyone that questions his activities. On this occasion he approached British tourists Amy Ruffle and Kyle. He convinced them to go into the Juicy Burger in order to get cash for him. They gave him \$10.00.

Our Officers interceded. The couple said they gave the money because they felt intimidated. Our Officers then convinced the suspect to return the money. He did so, but was very angry. He threatened bodily injury to our Officers and said they would have to shoot him if they planned on an arrest. A short time later the suspect was seen at McDonalds continuing the same activity. He was warned again and left making a series of threats.



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British Tourists



Suspect Finds New Victims

On 3-19-14, Sgt. Reyes was on patrol when he saw a tourist from South Korea attempt to run across Hollywood Blvd. He was struck by a car and thrown to the ground. Reyes used his car to shield the man so that he would not be hit again. He called Police and Paramedics. The man kept trying to get up, but Reyes convinced him to stay down and wait for help. Paramedics arrived and took the man to the hospital. The driver of the car was a tourist from Maryland named Emeralk.



On 3-19-14, our PSO's spoke to three men who were lying on the sidewalk at 7080 Hollywood Blvd. with their three dogs. They asked the men if they wanted outreach help. One of them replied "No, we are travelers and don't want to be held to rules of the corporate man".



Back off Man!

On 3-22-14, our Officers found a man sleeping on the ground at 1810 Cahuenga. He was woken and sent on his way.



Welcome to 7-11



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### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 3-11-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 3-11-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 3) 3-12-14 Kerry Tour of Liquor Outlets
- 4) 3-13-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 5) 3-13-14 Joint BID Security Meeting
- 6) 3-18-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 7) 3-20-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 8) 3-25-14 Alcohol Issues Meeting
- 9) 3-25-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 10) 3-25-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 11) 3-26-14 Community Impact Meeting
- 12) 3-27-14 H+H Retail Meeting
- 13) 3-28-14 Chamber Awards Luncheon
- 14) 4-1-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 15) 4-2-14 J. Brown Outreach Conference Call
- 16) 4-3-14 H+H Retail Meeting

### **OUTREACH:**

On 3-12-14, Officers Ayala and Coogle met with the homeless Michelle. Our PSO's met her and learned that she is in need of services and hopes to return to her home in Washington. They then asked the Officers for help. We contacted Reggie and Laura from PATH and they responded. They then explained the options to Michelle and took her to the Church for a shower and new clothing. She was very grateful for the help.



Michelle Gets Assistance

On 3-25-14, Officers Mike and Mike spoke to the homeless Mike. Step Up on Second is currently working with him trying to get him into housing. To help facilitate this, we drove Mike to their office.

On 3-26-14, Officers Mooney and Melvin saw two elderly people in distress as they appeared to be trying to cross the street at Hollywood and Cahuenga. The Officers stopped to assist. They spoke to Simone who said she is 100 years old. She said that her 70 year old son Claude has Alzheimer's and that he sometimes forgets what he is doing and also has trouble walking.





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We decided to drive them home which was at the Fleur De Lis Apartments located at 1825 Whitley. The Officers contacted Reggie from PATH so they could get a walker for Claude. They then spoke with Apartment Manager Tanya Keimg (323-466-2749) who said she is worried about the couple as “strange people” are always bringing them home. She is afraid that they will be victimized at some point. We are hopeful that Tanya does not include us in the “strange people” category.



Simone and Claude

On 3-27-14, our PSO's spoke to Happy who is the owner of Hollywood Gifts located at 6758 Hollywood Blvd. He has hired several homeless young people that the PSO's have recommended. We will monitor to see if this program proves to be fruitful.

One of the people we recommended was Adrianna, AKA “Raven”. Our first documented contact with “Raven” was on 12-26-12 when we arrested her for blocking the sidewalk at 6777 Hollywood Blvd. She was homeless and hung out with other young people on the streets. She used drugs and was often hostile. Over time we were able to establish a positive rapport with her.

Raven disappeared for a time and then returned with a new baby boy. His name is Ezra and as of 3-30-14, he is about one year old. Raven is now staying at the YMCA. At her work, she stands outside the store and tries to lure customers in. She is doing well, but wants a more meaningful job. We have a copy of her resume which we hope to share with potential employers.



Raven and Little Ezra

On 3-28-14, Officers Mooney and Tesh arrested John at the 7-11-located at 1810 Cahuenga. He had punched the clerk in the head earlier in the day because he had been



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refused service. We ended up arresting him for trespass. The Manager at Popeye's also told us that John is his biggest problem. He is violent and takes food off people's plates.

Our Officers saw that both of John's ankles were severely infected. He has, as usual, refused all offers of help. We have a long history with John who is homeless. He is often hostile and violent. We attempted a medical intervention along with Step Up On Second, but were unable to locate him. As of 4-8-14, we have still not been able to find John.



John Brown

On 3-29-14, our Officers monitored the feeding program being conducted on the street in the 1600 block of Ivar. Kerry Morrison made a guest appearance so she could get a first hand glimpse of the situation.



Food Line on Ivar

On 3-30-14, we received a call of a man down at 6200 Hollywood Blvd. Sgt. Reyes and Officer Martinez made contact with Nick. He was acting strangely and the Officers felt that he was under the influence of narcotics. They could not rouse him so they called the Police and Fire Departments. LAFD Captain Scott advised that they would be taking Nick to the hospital.

On 3-30-14, Officers Kanagi and Gordon found Scott passed out in the sun at 6407 Sunset (JIB). He denied needing medical treatment and said that he was tired and very hungry. Officer Kanagi conducted outreach to him by buying him a meal.



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Hungry and Homeless Scott

On 4-2-14, our Bike Team Officers (Ramirez, Anderson, Trujillo) arrested Zane for drinking in public at 1770 Highland. He was cited out. He seemed very upset and our Officers asked him about this. He said he was from Colorado. He said he was very frightened because he could not remember things.

Zane said that he had been a successful business man and his office was across the river from the world Trade Center. He had a front row view of the 911 attack. He volunteered to help in the aftermath. He later became very troubled and starting drinking. Things get kind of fuzzy after that.

Our Officers called Zane's mother, Mary Ann White in Colorado. She said that Zane is a chronic alcoholic and as a result has no short term memory. She said he is a danger to himself and has threatened to slit his wrists. She said he has threatened to kill himself many times and she believes the threat is credible.

In fear for Zane's safety, our Officers called LAPD Unit 6A31 (Spafford #39844 and Winters #38876). They responded, interviewed Zane and even took the time to call his mother. They determined that he was indeed a danger to himself. They placed a 5150 hold and took him in for evaluation.

We would like to thank Officers Winters and Spafford for their help. This was a large commitment of their valuable time and we believe that they showed true compassion for this troubled man.



Felicia is a homeless woman who had been placed in the Mark Twain Hotel. She was evicted in early 2014 when the Hotel was sold. She was then forced back onto the





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streets. We have been concerned for her safety as she has what appears to be a serious medical condition with her legs which are badly swollen. We have been working with PATH and other providers to get assistance for her.

On 3-28-14, our Officers Mike and Mike spoke to the homeless Felicia. They had called Reggie from PATH the previous day and advised that she was in serious need of assistance. Reggie responded and picked her up. She was given a shower and clean clothes. Her legs were badly swollen and she could barely walk. She was taken to the clinic for treatment.



Felicia

On 4-5-14, PSO's Maki and Nunez contacted Australian Theresa and her two teenage daughters (Ruby age 15 and Rose age 14). They are stranded in Hollywood. They stay in Motels or at a friend's when they don't have money. Both of the girls are attending local schools. Citizenship issues are complicating outreach efforts. The PSO's bought the family a meal at McDonalds. They girls were very excited to get McFlurries.



Aussie Luncheon

On 4-1-14, we received a radio call of a man causing a disturbance in the patio area of the Walgreens located at 1501 Vine. We contacted Travon who was wearing loose fitting shorts and socks only. He did not respond to our Officers. At one point he appeared to be fondling himself. He then wrapped his legs around a tree and began to gyrate against it in an apparent act of arboreal lust. It is assumed that this tree was a hardwood.



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LAPD Unit 6A15 (Frias and Ignacio) arrived. They spoke to the man who suddenly ran across Vine forcing cars to break sharply to avoid hitting him. Officers Coogle and Sterling assisted the LAPD Officers in detaining Travon. LAPD placed a 5150 hold on him.



Travon

On 4-4-14, Officers Kanagi and Gordon went to the Goodwill Store located at 1218 Vine in order to contact a man who has been living on the bus bench there for the last two weeks. His name is Mark and he clearly has mental issues. He denied needing any assistance. We will attempt to build a rapport with him.



Mark

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 233 arrests. One hundred and fifty four were for drinking in public, 13 for urinating in public, 13 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 3 for battery, 26 for blocking the sidewalk, 7 for theft, 4 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 12 felonies. We also made 139 homeless referrals, assisted 41 agencies, provided 470 foot beat patrols for a total of 715.8 hours, assisted 4281 citizens, handled 783 radio calls for service and made 6251 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 81 arrests. Fifty eight were for drinking in public, 10 for urinating in public, 6 for trespass, 1 for battery, 3 for blocking the sidewalk, 1 miscellaneous misdemeanor and 2 felonies. We also made 114 homeless referrals, assisted 36 agencies, provided 83 foot beat patrols for a total of 86.7 hours, assisted 1652 citizens, handled 506 radio calls for service, and made 1427 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 314 arrests. Two hundred and twelve for drinking in public, 23 for urinating in public, 19 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 4 for battery, 29 for blocking the sidewalk, 7 for theft, 5 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and



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14 for felonies. We also made a combined total of 253 homeless referrals, assisted 77 agencies, provided 563 foot beat patrols for a total of 802.5 hours, assisted 5933 citizens, handled 1289 radio calls for service, and made 7678 business contacts.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 3-11-14, Officers Coogle and Ayala arrested Amox for drinking in public at 1822 Cahuenga. After turning him over to the LAPD, we learned that he was on Parole for robbery and had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

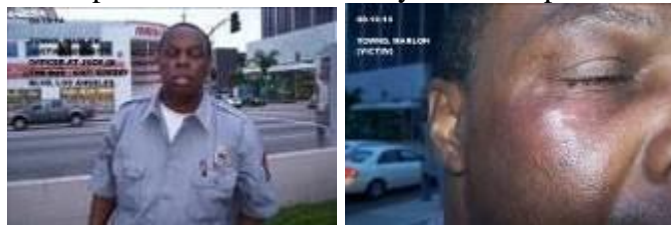


Parolee at Large Amox

On 3-13-14, we received a call of a battery at JIB located at 6407 Sunset. Upon arrival Officers Coogle and Ayala saw Guard Towns and suspect Daniel in a confrontation. They separated the parties. Towns had bruising on his face and a cut on his arm.

Towns said that the suspect was smoking near the drive thru and he asked him to leave. Daniel started yelling racial slurs and said "I'll kick your ass". He had a small dog that started biting Towns on the ankle. He told the suspect to pull off his dog. He replied "No, he's doing what he's supposed to do". When Towns tried to push the beast away, the suspect grabbed his arm and threw him to the ground. He then kicked him in the stomach several times. The dog meanwhile continued to bite his shins.

Towns managed to roll away and was forced to run to his car for safety. Our officers called the LAPD who responded and took custody of the suspect who was booked.



Victim Marlon Towns



Suspects Daniel and Cujo

On 3-20-14, at about 7:50 A.M., we received a call of a fight at the Starbucks located at



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6290 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival Officers Ayala and Coogle spoke to Alex. Sgt. Patton and Officer Sterling also responded to the scene. The victim said he was at Winchell's at 1316 Vine at 5:20 A.M. this morning. He had fallen asleep at a table and when he woke, his laptop computer was gone.

He later went into the Starbucks at Hollywood and Vine where he saw the suspect with the stolen computer. He demanded its return, but the suspect refused and threw a punch at Alex. The fight was on and Alex was winning. Suspect Dereon then took to his heels and ran off southbound. Our Officers caught him down the street.

We turned him over to the LAPD who charged him with the Felony Grand Theft Person



Dereon Taking Computer and after Giving it Back



Victim Alex

On 3-25-14, Sgt. McCall saw William standing in front of Page Time Electronics. He was screaming and gesturing wildly at business owner Ishagh. As McCall approached he heard William say "I ought to get a gun and kill you". Back-up Officers arrived and the suspect was placed under arrest.



The Ill-Disposed William

On 4-4-14, Sgt. McCall and Officer Coogle went to the Denny's located at 6100 Sunset to have lunch. An employee pointed out Blake who was sleeping on the bench that is for



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customers waiting to be seated. They warned him regarding trespass and walked him outside. They pointed out other areas where he could sit, but he said it was warmer in Denny's.

The Officers went back in and ate their lunch. In the meantime, Blake had returned and went back to sleep on the bench. They placed him under arrest and took him to the LAPD Station. They then learned that he had an outstanding felony warrant for possession of cocaine.



Sleepy Felon Blake

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During this period we worked from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Saturday and 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. This included Officers in vehicles, bicycles, T3's and on foot.

### **TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period, our Officers received training in Bomb Threats-Protocol for Security Officers, Bomb Threats-Search Techniques and Bomb Threats-Telephonic. They also received Legal Update training as well as Live Fire Handgun training at our Range in Burbank.

On 4-5-14, Daniel Seyler participated in the Honors Conference at the University of California at Irvine. His speech was well received and he received accolades from the audience and faculty that were present. He was even complimented on his tie which he had borrowed from his father.







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