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SUMMARY FOR 6-1-15 THROUGH 6-28-15

This report takes us through week 26 of this year. Arrests are down compared to this time last year as are our high visibility patrols. Homeless referrals and citizen contacts are up considerably. We have responded to 2895 calls for service so far this year. This is an increase of 470 over last year's pace. Last month we were 280 calls over last year's total for this date. If this trend continues, I project that we will handle between 750 and 1000 calls over our record years total of 5005. This is a statistic that we watch closely as it affects the time we have available for every other duty that we perform.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

On 6-17-15, we responded to a radio call of a man trespassing at the optometrist office located at 6288 Hollywood Blvd. They spoke to a transient named Murphy and he said he wanted the optometrist placed under arrest for refusing to sell him glasses. The officers spoke to the optometrist who said that Murphy came into the store drunk and belligerent. He was loud and obscene.

Simon said he asked Murphy to leave. Murphy then spit in Simon's face. Our officers then confronted Murphy and he ran off eastbound on Hollywood Blvd. Simon did not want to prosecute so the officers let him run off. This is just one of many hostile encounters that we are seeing lately.

On 6-15-15, our officers were doing a business check at the Denny's located at 5751 Sunset Blvd. They saw that CAL Trans was on scene picking up debris along the freeway. The rear Denny's parking lot was clean. The LAPD and Cal Trans returned to the location on 6-18-15 and removed more debris. There is an on-going effort by the BID, LAPD and Cal Trans to clean up this gateway into Hollywood.

On 6-23-15, our officers responded to a call of a woman refusing to leave the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival they saw 18 year old Deijah yelling at employees. The manager said that the woman was disrupting the business and she wanted her to leave. Our officers spoke to Deijah and she refused to cooperate in any way. She was warned numerous times that she would be arrested for trespass if she did not leave. She finally walked toward the door still yelling at employees and patrons.

As she approached the door, she suddenly turned and tried to push her way past the officers, heading back towards the front counter. They then placed her under arrest as the patrons in the restaurant started applauding. They placed her in our patrol vehicle and drove her to the LAPD Station. During the drive she became very agitated and she started kicking and spitting. She continued yelling, talking to herself and making bizarre statements. She spit on the roof, windows, floor and seat of our vehicle. She also kicked one of the officers.



Upon arrival at the LAPD station she continued her strange behavior. The LAPD officers placed a 5150 hold on her and she was taken to the hospital.

The team was later flagged down by a parking attendant at Hollywood and Argyle regarding a naked man sleeping in a car on the lot. The officers knocked on the window to see if the man needed help. He said he just wanted to sleep. The officers then saw a female sleeping in the back seat. She said they did not need assistance.

The woman apologized and said that she and her boyfriend had attended Phantom of the Opera the previous night at the Pantages. They went out for drinks after and she had no clear idea how they had ended up back at their car. She said they would get dressed and be on their way pronto.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 6-1-15 Center Outreach Conference call
- 2) 6-2-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 3) 6-8-15 Center Outreach Conference call
- 4) 6-9-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 5) 6-9-15 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 6) 6-9-15 Hollywood FWRD Outreach Meeting
- 7) 6-9-15 SBID Board Meeting
- 8) 6-10-15 Rubix Security Meeting
- 9) 6-11-15 Joint BID Security Meeting
- 10) 6-11-15 H+H Retail Meeting
- 11) 6-15-15 Center Outreach Conference call
- 12) 6-16-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 13) 6-18-15 HBID Board Meeting
- 14) 6-18-15 H+H Retail Meeting
- 15) 6-22-15 Center Outreach Conference call
- 16) 6-23-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 17) 6-25-15 H+H Retail Meeting
- 18) 6-29-15 Jack in the Box Security Meeting
- 19) 6-29-15 Denny's Security Meeting
- 20) 6-29-15 AT+T Issues Meeting
- 21) 6-30-15 LAPD Crime Control Meeting

OUTREACH:

We have had a long history with a young homeless man named Arnie. He came here from Arizona in March of 2011. His mental condition started to deteriorate and he became violent and unpredictable. We arrested him and assisted in getting 5150 holds placed on him. We also offered outreach resources to him, but he was not interested.

In December of 2011, he was admitted to a facility that offered him treatment and medications. He came out lucid and looking great. He went home to live with his



mother. He returned to Hollywood in February of 2012. He was still taking his medications and was doing fine.

By the next month, Arnie was deteriorating again. He again became violent. He would walk in traffic and follow women as they walked on the sidewalks. We had a series of confrontations and attempted interventions ending in a 5150 hold on 10-4-12. We provided documentation to the court regarding all our contacts with Arnie and the judge found him to be gravely disabled. He was placed in a year-long conservatorship where he received treatment and medications.

In 2015, Arnie was released from his conservatorship and he returned to Hollywood. He had added weight and was looking good. His mental condition was good as well. We started to see him hanging around, sitting on the sidewalk at all hours of the day and night. Outreach providers had a place for him to stay, but it seemed that he used this less and less. We contacted all our outreach contacts and alerted them to the situation. Rudy Salinas of Housing Works was directly involved.

Over time we saw that Arnie's mental condition was deteriorating. By mid-May he was starting to act in a way that we had seen in the past. He was dirty and started wearing tattered clothing. On 5-22-15, our PSO's saw him at Madame Tussauds. He was confused and disheveled looking. His pants were shredded and he was wrapped in a dirty blanket. He said that he was "great" and "super strong". He then started twirling and dancing. He then left the area.

They saw him later and he was walking in traffic at 7080 Hollywood Blvd. A driver stopped his car to avoid hitting him. Arnie then put his hands on the hood and it looked like her planned to climb onto the car. The PSO's asked him why he did this and he said "Because it's my car. All the cars are my cars. He also told them that although he had super strength, he did not plan to fight them.

These behaviors are very similar to what we had seen from him prior to his conservatorship. I called Rudy and he assigned Anthony to the case. We put together a plan for an intervention.

On 5-26-15, we found Arnie who was sleeping on a stairway at Madame Tussauds. Our officers kept an eye on him while I called Anthony. He responded along with Arnie's case worker. We then had a short briefing with the counselors and our officers. As Arnie had been very violent in the past, I also asked LAPD Foot beat Officers Forman and Rhee who agreed to assist.

Arnie was deemed to be a danger to himself and was taken into custody without incident. An ambulance was called and Arnie was taken to the hospital and a seven day hold was placed on him. This was an accomplishment as people taken in on a 5150 hold are often released almost immediately.



I spoke to Anthony the next day and learned that he was requesting a 14 day hold so that they would have time to get Arnie stabilized and to form a plan for his treatment. I offered our assistance in the ongoing effort to help Arnie.

As is often the case, Arnie was released early after only a few days. As of 6-1-15, he is back on the streets in very poor mental condition. I found him sitting on a very crowded sidewalk at H+H. People were forced to step over his legs which were blocking the sidewalk. I spoke to him and saw that he was rolling a marijuana cigarette. As I spoke to him he quickly got up and walked away. The effort to help Arnie continues.

On 6-4-15, officers responded to a call regarding a tent pitched near the drive through window of the Arby's located at 5920 Sunset Blvd. They made contact with the homeless Bill as he was taking down the tent. They gave him outreach information and gathered his information and set up an appointment so that he could complete a CES form so that he can be provided with shelter and services.

On 6-5-15, our officers found the homeless Michael in distress at 6381 Hollywood Blvd. He was vomiting and having trouble breathing. The officers called paramedics who responded and took Michael to Kaiser Hospital. We have since helped to get him into a shelter.

For the last several weeks our officers have been trying to assist Step Up on Second to convince Michael to enter a shelter. We provided information and Michael's locations to Step up. They told us that they had shelter for him. Michael has been reluctant to enter the shelter and several of our officers spent considerable time trying to convince him to go.

On 6-9-15, Michael finally agreed to accept help. Counselors from Step Up contacted our officers who were able to guide them to Michael's location. Step Up counselor Jose later told us that Michael had been placed in a home care facility in Pacoima.

On 6-6-15, officers found a homeless man sleeping on the sidewalk at 6445 Sunset Blvd. He said that his shoes had been stolen right off his feet during the night. They returned to our office and got a pair of shoes for him from our small stash of extra clothing. They gave him the shoes as well as outreach information.

On 6-8-15, officers saw Alex down on the sidewalk at 6601 Hollywood Blvd. They stopped and warned him regarding blocking the sidewalk. He then told the officers that his left knee was injured and he could not walk. Our officers called paramedics and they responded and treated him at the scene.

On 6-10-15, our officers contacted six people who were sleeping in tents in the 6300 block of Homewood. One was Raymond who lives in a tent with his partner. The officers had encouraged him to apply for work at a business called Out of the Closet. He did apply and was excited as he had just passed his background check. He hopes to save



enough money to get an apartment. Step Up on Second will help with the security deposit and first month's rent. The Step Up case worker gave our officers kudos for helping Raymond and for giving him a good recommendation at the business.

On 6-17-15, our officers responded to a call of a man down on the sidewalk refusing to leave at 7080 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival they spoke to the man who said he had fallen and injured his neck. They kept him immobile and called paramedics. They responded and took the man to the hospital.

On 6-18-15, our morning teams bought and distributed McDonalds Big Breakfasts to area homeless people.

On 6-19-15, our officers responded to a call of a man cutting himself at 6800 Hollywood Blvd. They contacted the homeless Casey who had four cuts on each of his forearms. He cut himself again as the officers approached. The LAPD and LAFD arrived and took Casey to the hospital for treatment and observation. We have brought Casey to the attention of the homeless outreach community. He is well known to this group and many are trying to help Casey.

On 6-22-15, our officers contacted the homeless Eston at 1810 Cahuenga. He said that his foot was broken and that he was hearing voices in his head. He said that the voices were telling him to kill himself and he felt that he may do so. Our officers called paramedics and Rig #827 responded. They then took Eston to the hospital for treatment and observation.

We met Adrienne during the early months of 2015. She was part of a group of young homeless people living in the BID area. Her boyfriend was a heroin abuser and she started using as well. She recently started using methamphetamines as well. We found her on the streets clearly under the influence of narcotics.

In June of 2015, our PSO's (Unarmed Public Safety Officers) started to establish a good rapport with 26 year old Adrienne. She was homeless and using a variety of narcotics. She broke up with her heroin addicted boyfriend briefly, but then returned to him. She confided that she felt at risk and said that one man was trying to gain control of her and wanted her to work as a prostitute for him.

Adrienne expressed an interest in returning to Illinois to be with her mother. We called the mother who said she would be happy to have her daughter come home. During the week of June 22, 2015, I made arrangements to provide transportation for her to get home. When it was time to make the commitment, she changed her mind and returned to her boyfriend once again.

On 7-1-15, Adrienne came to my office. She was crying and said she was in fear for her life and was desperate to get home. I called Courtney from PATH and she agreed to have



a team come to my office the next day at 11:00 A.M. to meet with Adrienne. I called Amie from the First Presbyterian Church and she agreed to cover the bus fare to Illinois.

On the morning of 7-2-15, the PSO's went out in search of Adrienne. They reminded her of her commitment and I offered to buy her breakfast if she would come to our office early so she would be ready to meet the PATH team. She took the offer and was at our office when PATH arrived.

Reggie from PATH met with her and she said she was ready to go today. To save time, I bought her bus ticket on line. This will be reimbursed by Amie at the church. Adrienne left with PATH. They were going to get her a shower and food and then take her to the bus station downtown for her 6:30 P.M. departure. She made her bus and after a three day trip, is back with her mother in Illinois.

On 7-6-15, Reggie came to my office and shared several photos of Adrienne at the bus depot. He also had photos of her after she arrived in Illinois including a picture of her with her two small children. Reggie has been keeping in touch with her and said she is doing great so far.

Earlier this month we were advised that the Hollywood United Methodist Church's supply of clothing and other items was greatly depleted. We then started a clothing drive. We have been dropping off bags of clothing and other items including a couple of bikes for little children during this month.

On 6-23-15, a company called "Represent" donated five large bags of clothing to us. They are located in the Taft building. We picked up and delivered these items to the church as well. This effort is on-going.

On 6-24-15, our officers were approached by Julie at 6100 Sunset Blvd. She said she was formally homeless and wanted to thank BID security for helping her get off the street. We had hooked her up with PATH and she said she would soon be moving into her own apartment. She said she always had positive contacts with BID.

On 6-27-15, one team of officers woke about 21 people throughout the BID. They gave the people outreach information as well as a pastry donated by a local Starbucks.

ENFORCEMENT:

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 218 arrests. Forty six were for drinking in public, 119 for alcohol referrals, 7 for urinating in public, 15 for trespass, 5 for battery, 11 for blocking the sidewalk, 1 for theft, 5 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 9 felonies. We also made 702 homeless referrals, assisted 81 agencies, provided 572 foot beat patrols for a total of 895.4 hours, assisted 6928 citizens, handled 1672 radio calls for service and made 10954 business contacts.



In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 119 arrests. Nine were for drinking in public, 59 for alcohol referrals, 6 for urinating in public, 10 for trespass, 5 for battery, 13 for blocking the sidewalk, 5 for theft, 6 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 6 felonies. We also made 804 homeless referrals, assisted 54 agencies, provided 139 foot beat patrols for a total of 228.2 hours, assisted 4950 citizens, handled 1223 radio calls for service, and made 3396 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 337 arrests. Fifty five for drinking in public, 178 for alcohol referrals, 13 for urinating in public, 25 for trespass, 10 for battery, 24 for blocking the sidewalk, 6 for theft, 11 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 15 felonies. We also made a combined total of 1506 homeless referrals, assisted 135 agencies, provided 711 foot beat patrols for a total of 1123.6 hours, assisted 11868 citizens, handled 2895 radio calls for service, and made 14350 business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

On 6-2-15, our officers spotted tree vandal Ricardo at Vine and Santa Monica. I had told the officers that this man had an outstanding warrant as he did not show up in court to face charges for vandalizing trees in the SBID. It is believed that he has destroyed dozens of young trees. I told the officers to follow the suspect while I contacted the LAPD.

The officers followed Ricardo for a considerable distance. I was able to contact LAPD detectives and three of them responded to the JIB which was the suspect's current location. As they entered the restaurant, Ricardo left through the other door and made a brief attempt to run from the scene. He was quickly detained by LAPD and BID officers. The detectives took him to their station for booking.

I later spoke to the City Attorney's office and learned that Ricardo pled guilty to vandalizing one tree. He was fined \$240.00 and was given a two year stay away order from Hollywood.

On 6-14-15, bike team officers were flagged down by a man at 6601 Hollywood Blvd. regarding a man being attacked. They spoke to 36 year old tourist Ralph. He said that he had been sitting on the outside patio of the Lucky Tavern eating lunch when suspect approached. He asked Ralph if he could take a hit from his Vape cigarette.

Ralph said no and the suspect named 'Lucky' turned and started to walk away. He then turned back and punched Ralph on the left side of his head. At this time the officers saw the suspect walking by and they asked him to sit and wait for the LAPD. The suspect had cuts to his head and chin. It appeared that he had been in an altercation prior to his assault of Ralph. Paramedics arrived and treated both the victim and the suspect. The LAPD arrived and they placed Lucky under arrest for battery.

On 6-11-15, our officers responded to a call of a woman causing a disturbance at the Jack in the Box located at 6407 Sunset Blvd. Our other day watch officers responded as well.



The officers entered the store. The woman, Lamanda, walked past a couple of officers and went straight to a third. Without warning she shoved him with her right hand. She then hit him with a binder that she was carrying in her left hand. The officers placed her under arrest for battery and took her to the LAPD station.

On 6-15-15, our officers responded to a radio call of a woman sleeping on the sidewalk at 6627 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival they found Lamanda on the ground. They were unable to rouse her so they called paramedics. They said that she was suffering from heat and alcohol related illness. They were able to wake her and she became loud and angry. This seems to be her normal state. The paramedics treated her at the scene.

On 6-16-15, at about 7:00 A.M., I was driving east bound on Hollywood Blvd. at McCadden. I saw two men squaring off and throwing punches at each other directly in front of the Starbucks. One was about 6'5" tall and weighing about 230 lbs. He was not wearing a shirt. The other was about 5'4" tall and weighing about 130 lbs.

I pulled over and called the BID security office. As I approached it became obvious that the smaller male was the aggressor in this incident. He kept taunting and moving towards the other man making threats the whole time. At one point the taller man took a round house kick at the other man, but missed. The smaller man approached the tall one and threatened him again. The tall man then chased him. The smaller man ran into the street without looking and missed being hit by a car by mere inches. The smaller man tripped and fell onto the street.

At this time an LAPD traffic officer happened to be passing by. He pulled up just as BID patrol officers arrived. He told the two men to sit on the curb. The tall man sat, but the smaller one refused to cooperate. It was apparent that the officer put out an officer needs help call as a couple of minutes later about eight LAPD units arrived with lights and sirens blazing. They arrested the smaller man and I heard him screaming anti-gay slurs at the officers as they placed him in the patrol car.

On 6-17-15, our officers responded to a call of a battery that just occurred at the Jack in the Box located at 6407 Sunset Blvd. Upon arrival they learned that a male white, wearing a tank top and jeans, about six feet tall and weighing about 250 pounds had struck a woman (Josephine) and then fled the scene. She was desirous of prosecution.

Our Officers spotted a man (John) matching the description walking northbound on Cahuenga. While one officer got the victim to sign a private person arrest form, our officers followed the suspect. They also called the LAPD.

The suspect walked into the International News Stand located at 1652 Cahuenga. The officers could not see him after he entered the business. He came out a short time later and walked northbound and then westbound on Hollywood Blvd. Kim then came out of the business and ran up to our officers. He said that he had just been assaulted by a large



male white wearing a black tank top and jeans. Kim also signed a PPA. He pointed out the suspect who was still walking westbound.

Our officers continued following the suspect who was now standing in front of 6533 Hollywood Blvd. yelling at pedestrians. LAPD officers arrived and they took the suspect into custody. He was then booked at the LAPD station.

On 6-25-15, our officers arrested Yonas for drinking in public at 7000 Hollywood Blvd. They called the LAPD who responded to the scene. They ran the suspect and found that he had an outstanding felony warrant. Yonas passively resisted the officers prior to being taken to their station for booking.

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 Communication and its Significance, Access Control, Observation and Documentation and Legal Update.