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Joint HBID-SBID Report

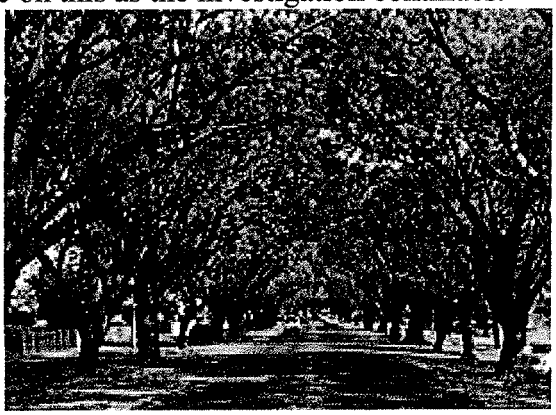
SUMMARY FOR 6-9-14 THROUGH 7-6-14

This report takes us through week 27 of this year. It's hard to believe that we have already reached the halfway point of 2014. We definitely have enough data to see some trends compared to last year's totals. We have made 668 arrests so far this year. The total is up by 93 over 2013. That entire increase is comprised of drinking in public arrests which are up by 111. Citizen contacts are up by 269. Business contacts are up sharply by 10,574. This is due to the combined efforts of our unarmed PSO's as well as our Bike Teams and Patrol Officers.

We have made a great effort to increase our high visibility patrols. We have made 269 more patrols than last year at this time and increased our hours on the sidewalks by 692. Our total hours of high visibility foot and bike patrol for 2014 is 1672.9 hours.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Progress is being made on the Vine Street tree massacre. Sarah's idea of placing a camera at K+L Wines has successfully captured the image of a suspect. Strategies are being considered. More on this as the investigation continues.



The Mighty Jacaranda

On 6-10-14, Officers Sewell and Watkins responded to the Lowes Hotel, which is next door to our office, regarding a nude man. He was walking toward the entrance when our Officers and the LAPD arrived. Hotel staff provided a blanket and the man was taken to our office until Paramedics arrived. They took the man to the hospital.

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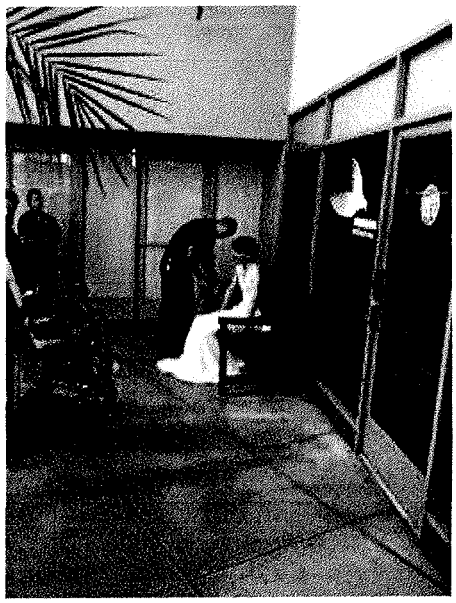


On 6-14-14, our Officers saw LAPD SLO Sevdalian who was cleaning up trash from a homeless encampment on a freeway off ramp area. They helped load the trash into a pick-up truck. The items were taken to the LAPD Station. A group of onlookers were on scene to tape the exciting event.

On 6-14-14, our Officers found a homeless man trying to climb onto the roof of Discount Tire located at 6200 Sunset. He was told he was trespassing and that this was unsafe. He said he lost a shoe up there. The Officers told him that although it may make him blue, he must forget about that shoe!

On 6-21-14, Officers Sterling and Parra went on Foot Patrol. They spoke with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wright of Ohio, Larry, John and Lim from New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. William Lee from Arizona. The Officers shared points of interest for the tourists.

On 6-25-14, Officers Sewell and Watkins saw a transient closely following a family which included small children as they walked in the 6600 block of Hollywood Blvd. He was making rude and obscene statements. They spoke to him and he agreed that his behavior was inappropriate and he apologized. We do our best to bring civility to the BID.

On 7-1-14, we received a call of two people sitting on a wall and drinking beer at 6465 Sunset Blvd. They were refusing to leave. Upon arrival, Officers Sewell and Watkins contacted security guard Mason. He said that he told the people to wait as the BID Patrol wanted to talk to them. They promptly left and Mason said "works every time". We were flattered that our reputation precedes us; however we asked that he call us if the people leave so that we can remain on patrol.

On 7-2-14, Sgt. McCall and Officer Goddard came upon a four car traffic collision at

Hollywood and Cahuenga. They directed traffic around the scene until Police and Paramedics arrived. One woman was taken to the hospital.

On 7-2-14, our PSO's Maki and Faifili contacted 5 young people who were sitting on the sidewalk in front of the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. They told them that they might be cited if they did not get up. They willingly complied. Four were from Arizona and 1 from San Diego. They were offered outreach help, but said they were already working with MFP.

This incident illustrates the importance of rapport building. Often in the past this type of scenario would end with the young people screaming about being harassed and it could even end in violence. Due to rapport that has and is being built, we have been able to expand the role of our PSO's. Originally they were just a high visibility patrol that made contact with tourists and others. Now they help us with homeless outreach, business checks and even help us keep the sidewalks clear and clean.

On 7-5-14, Officers Gordon and Kanagi found a male and female blocking the sidewalk in the 1600 block of Cherokee. They were asked to move and to clean up the mess. The couple was clearly basking in their state of squalor.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

1) 6-10-14 LAPD Crime Control
2) 6-10-14 HHOT Outreach Meeting
3) 6-11-14 Security Camera-Vine St. Meeting
4) 6-12-14 Joint BID Security Meeting
5) 6-12-14 H+H Retail Meeting
6) 6-17-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
7) 6-24-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
8) 6-25-14 Community Impact Meeting
9) 6-26-14 H+H Retail Meeting

10) 6-26-14 Hollywood 4WRD Outreach Meeting
11) 7-1-14 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
12) 7-2-14 LAPD UOF Issues Meeting
13) 7-3-14 H+H Retail Meeting

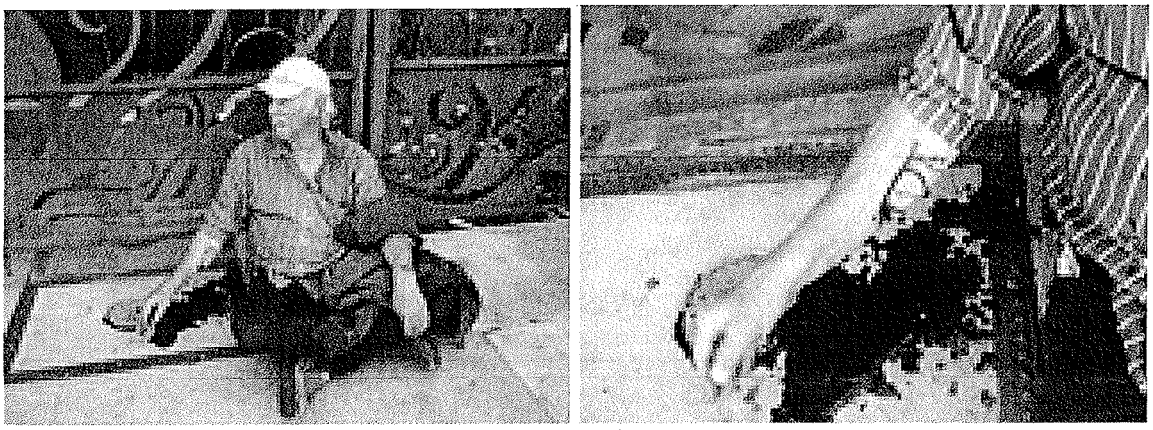
OUTREACH:

On 6-11-14, PSO's Maki, Faifili and Nunez went on patrol. They found Samuel (6'3", 40 years old) sitting on the sidewalk at Orange and Hollywood. They asked him to refrain from blocking the sidewalk. He became angry saying that he is always being harassed. They stayed and talked to him and he changed his mind as they seemed truly interested in listening to his problems. He left willingly and we turned another potential adversary into a possible friend.

On 6-12-14, Officers Mooney and Jacquez responded to a call of man sitting in front of Café Etc. located at 6371 Selma which was upsetting proprietor Vivianna. The Officers spoke to both parties and defused the situation. They noticed that Quan was badly in need of pants and shoes. They went to the Goodwill store on Vine and bought him a shirt, pants and shoes. They even threw in five bucks for chow. Quan was very grateful.

On 6-15-14, Officers Kanagi and Gordon saw Kenneth sitting on the sidewalk in front of an abandoned building at Vine and Lexington. He had a bottle of 211 Steel Reserve between his legs. As the Officers watched, several people stopped and spoke to Kenneth. The group suddenly started yelling and pulling at Kenneth.

Our Officers pulled up and saw that Kenneth had sliced his right arm with a pocket knife and was bleeding badly. Paramedics and the LAPD were called. He was mumbling about Father's Day and wanting all of this to end. He was apologetic and called on Officer Kanagi to help him. She has a prior relationship with him based on her real job as a PATH Executive. Seeing her former client in this state was traumatic to say the least yet professionalism carried the day. They helped him as best they could until Paramedics arrived. They were were able to give them Kenneth's information. The Paramedics took Kenneth to Cedar Sinai Hospital.



Kenneth

On 6-16-14, Bike team Officers Trujillo and Nam assisted the elderly Patricia after she fell at Highland and Franklin. Her care taker Nancy Schuch was contacted and we drove Patricia to her home at 6650 Franklin.

On 6-17-14, PSO's Maki and Faifili spoke to John at 6922 Hollywood Blvd. He had disappeared from the BID for a time. They bought him some juice. He thanked them. They asked if they could see his ankles. They had been badly infected when we last saw him. He had refused to show us his ankles during a contact last week. Our Officers saw that he was healing nicely. It seems likely that John received some medical treatment during his time away from the BID.

On 6-17-14, Officers Coogle and Ayala attempted some homeless outreach as they found Robert at Santa Monica and Vine. We have been instructed to contact Nancy at the LADMH whenever we locate Robert. We pretty much locate him every day and pass on the information. It is unknown if their teams respond.

Nancy advised that she would be unavailable this month, but that her co-worker Martin could assist. She said their office would be available to respond on Tuesday and Thursday between 7:00 and 9:00 A.M. The Officers called and left a message for Martin.

On 6-18-14, Officers Mike and Mike woke the homeless Alejandro who was sleeping at 1501 Vine Street. His foot was wrapped in gauze and he said he just had his toe amputated. He needed to go back to the hospital, but had no money. The boys ponied up for bus fare and Alejandro was grateful.

On 6-18-14, we received a call regarding two women that were on the sidewalk at 1546 Argyle with a huge amount of property. Officers Coogle and Ayala contacted 42 year old Jessica and an older woman named Sherry. They had been living on skid row, but had many items stolen and did not feel safe. Sherry said her case worker told her to go to Hollywood as there are many services available for the homeless.

The women arrived the previous night by bus and set up camp on the sidewalk along with their two dogs. Our Officers gave her contact information for Amie at the Lord's Lighthouse and information on the PATH Shelter.

On 6-20-14, Sgt. Patton and Officer Sterling received a call of a man down at 6933 Hollywood Blvd. They contacted 44 year old Scott and found him to be under the influence of alcohol and in need of help. They drove him to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

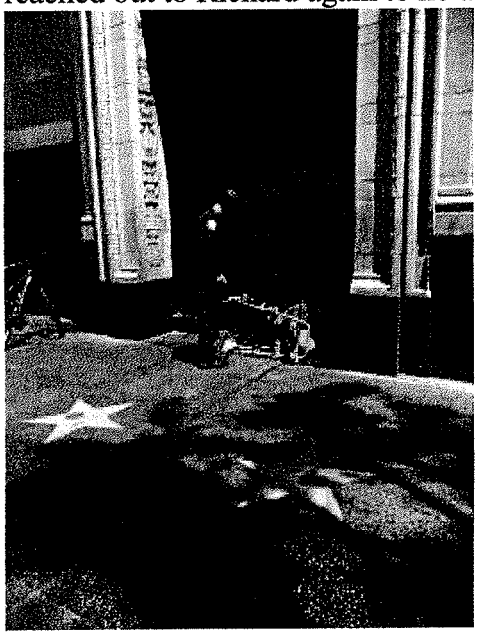
On 6-24-14, we received a call to meet the LADMH at Cahuenga and Hollywood. Bike Team Officers Anderson and Nam responded. Social Worker Dennis Griffin was trying to convince Richard to go to their facility for evaluation. Richard went along with them after a little nudge from our Officers.

On 6-30-14, our Bike Team found Richard sprawled across the sidewalk on the north east corner of Hollywood and Cahuenga. He was passed out and it took a while to awaken him. He was lying in the direct sunlight and was intoxicated. Officer Trujillo gave him a bottle of water which he quickly drank. They were at least able to get him to move into the shade. We feel that an intervention needs to be considered soon.

On 7-2-14, the PSO's saw Richard lying on the sidewalk at Hollywood and Cahuenga. He waved to them. There was a tipped over shopping cart beside him. LAPD Detective K. Garcia (#33024) and his partner (Liz) were talking to Richard. The Officers asked our PSO's if they knew Richard. They had received a call from a citizen stating that Richard had fallen and may be injured.

The PSO's helped Richard gather his belongings and he headed off northbound. The LAPD Detectives thanked our Officers for their help.

On 7-4-14, the Bike Team reached out to Richard again to no avail.



On 6-24-14, PSO's Maki and Faifili contacted three young transients who were sitting on the sidewalk at 6780 Hollywood Blvd. One was a homeless female who goes by "Scooby". The PSO's asked the group to avoid blocking the sidewalk. They got up and Scooby said "We'll go get high somewhere else. Thanks baby". Although this seems a minor contact, it does illustrate the positive rapport we attempt to build with the people we contact.

On 6-25-14, the PSO's ran into 19 year old Steven. They met him four months prior where they found him homeless and begging for food in front of Popeye's. He came here from San Diego. At that time they directed him to MFP, PATH and the Center. He was happy to give an update on his life. He is in a house with a girlfriend. He fulfilled a

dream by starting a band. The PSO's went to the Musicians Institute and spoke to Melissa about Steven. She gave them a financial aid packet which they delivered to Steven in hopes that he could qualify for a scholarship.

On 7-4-14, Officers Watkins and Cox contacted Mr. Cervantes in front of the Walgreens located at 1501 Vine St. He said his feet hurt and he could not walk. Our Officers called Paramedics and they treated him at the scene.

On 7-6-14, Officers Gordon and Kanagi contacted two transients who had set up camp at the Social Security building located at 1122 Vine. They were warned regarding trespass and they left the location. They were offered outreach information.

ENFORCEMENT:

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 479 arrests. Three hundred and fifteen were for drinking in public, 26 for urinating in public, 30 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 11 for battery, 61 for blocking the sidewalk, 9 for theft, 6 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 20 felonies. We also made 423 homeless referrals, assisted 80 agencies, provided 865 foot beat patrols for a total of 1360.2 hours, assisted 8359 citizens, handled 1600 radio calls for service and made 12667 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 189 arrests. One hundred and forty one were for drinking in public, 14 for urinating in public, 13 for trespass, 4 for battery, 10 for blocking the sidewalk, 2 for theft, 1 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 4 felonies. We also made 257 homeless referrals, assisted 60 agencies, provided 206 foot beat patrols for

a total of 312.7 hours, assisted 3507 citizens, handled 912 radio calls for service, and made 3764 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 668 arrests. Four hundred and fifty six for drinking in public, 40 for urinating in public, 43 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 15 for battery, 71 for blocking the sidewalk, 11 for theft, 7 miscellaneous misdemeanors and 24 felonies. We also made a combined total of 680 homeless referrals, assisted 140 agencies, provided 1071 foot beat patrols for a total of 1672.9 hours, assisted 11866 citizens, handled 2512 radio calls for service, and made 16431 business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

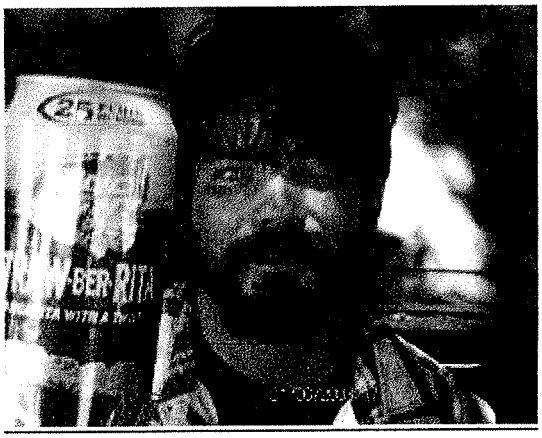
On 6-12-14, we received a call that a man had refused to leave the Walgreens located at 1501 Vine. When asked to go, he threw a wine bottle at a female clerk. He then exited and kicked out the glass on the east facing door. He then fled the scene.

Our entire morning team responded. They spotted Luke and followed him to Santa Monica and Vine. We alerted the LAPD and they responded and arrested the suspect for the felony.

On 6-15-14, Officers Gordon and Kanagi arrested Shashonna for drinking in public at 6518 Hollywood Blvd. After turning her over to the LAPD we learned that she had an outstanding $35,000.00 warrant for Prostitution. She was booked.

Shashonna

On 6-18-14, Sgt. Patton and Officer Goddard arrested Shane for drinking in public at 6200 Sunset Blvd. He was drinking an alcoholic beverage that we don't see every day. It was a Straw-Ber-Ita.



On 6-24-14, Officers Ramirez and Trujillo were in our office when they happened to gaze across the street. They then saw Oljirra and Ronnie in front of the Tinhorn Flats located at 1724 Highland. These two gentlemen committed two sins, drinking in public. and the fact that their beverage of choice was the dreaded Taaka vodka. Both were placed under arrest and walked to our office.

The LAPD was called and they responded. We have had many prior contacts with these two men. We have arrested Ronnie at least 9 times over the years and Oljirra at least 12 times. On this occasion, both were very emotional. Oljirra was making threats as he often does. He threatened to beat up the LAPD Officer and kept up a steady stream of profanity and hostile remarks to BID Officers and the LAPD.

Ronnie on the other hand was sobbing uncontrollably. He was lamenting the death of his mother which we believe occurred a couple of years prior. Both men were cited out.

Angry Oljirra and Morose Ronnie

On 6-24-14, Bike Team Officers Anderson, Cox and Nam were doing a business check at the Stop and Shop located at 1123 Vine when they saw Buster drinking a beer at the east side of the store. They placed him under arrest and he was later cited out by the LAPD.

We feature this rather unremarkable arrest only because the name 'Buster" is kind of cool and because this is a very typical arrest for the SBID.

On 7-2-14, Sgt. McCall and Officer Goddard arrested Wesley for drinking in public in front of the Motel 6 located at 1730 Whitley. We have been providing extra patrol as this area has become a hotbed for narcotics sales.

Wesley Romero

On 7-2-14, Officers Sewell and Watkins arrested Rafael for drinking in public at 6305 Yucca. After turning him over to the LAPD they learned that he had an outstanding $26,000.00 warrant for DUI. He was booked for the warrant.

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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:

Civil Liability and Legal Aspects
Arrest, Search and Seizure
Patrol Procedures
6-27-14 PSO'S were trained in Handcuffing, Pepper Spray and CPR