

# Southwest



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## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

*Have A  
Safe and Happy  
Independence  
Day*



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**Community awareness is the key to crime prevention. If you are interested in establishing a Block Club in your area, please contact your Senior Lead Officer for assistance.**



# COMMUNITY ALERT NOTIFICATION



LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE ROBBERY-HOMICIDE DIVISION, CRIME ANALYSIS DETAIL.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Los Angeles Police Department is seeking information regarding an individual who is responsible for a series of sexual assaults.

**SUMMARY:** Between 1996 and 2011, there have been twenty-five similar incidents of sexual assault in Los Angeles. These incidents have occurred in 77<sup>th</sup>, Southwest, Newton, Wilshire, Rampart, and Southeast Areas. It is believed that the same suspect is responsible for all of these incidents, as well as three additional incidents being handled by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. The suspect typically approaches women who are alone on their way to school or work or who are waiting at a bus stop, between the hours of 5:45 AM and 8:00 AM. The suspect converses with the victim and then threatens to kill the victim with a handgun or knife. The suspect forces the victim from the sidewalk to a secondary location, where he sexually assaults her.

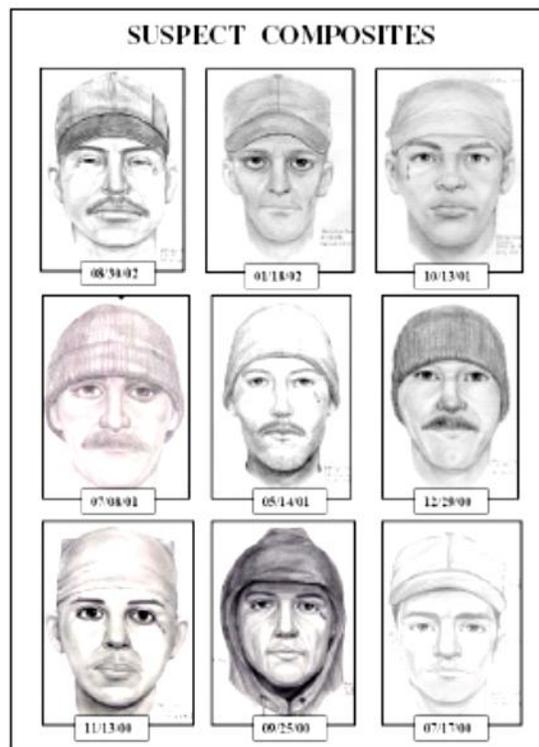
### SUSPECT INFORMATION:

**GENDER:** Male      **DESCENT:** Hispanic  
**HAIR:** Brown      **EYES:** Brown  
**HEIGHT:** 5'2"-6'0"      **WEIGHT:** 130-200 lbs.  
**AGE:** Since 1996 suspect described as 27-40 years old.  
**ADDITIONAL:** Possible mustache and light complexion

**ODDITIES:** Tattoo of one or two teardrops under right or left eye. Teardrop tattoo(s) may have been removed.

**CLOTHING:** Dark hooded sweatshirt, green bandana, black baseball cap, or dark color beanie to cover head.

**WEAPONS:** Handgun or knife



When providing information, please refer to DR #11-0301727.

Anyone with information concerning these crimes is asked to contact LAPD's RACR Division with the 24-hour, toll-free number at 877 LAPD 247 (877-527-3247). To send text tips, text the word TIPLA, a space, and then your message to CRIMES (274637). To send web tips, log onto [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org) and click on "Anonymous Web Tips." Tips can be emailed to [rh-d-sas@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:rh-d-sas@lapd.lacity.org).

# **CRIME AND ARREST INFORMATION**

Officers in Southwest Division have been working extremely hard to reduce crime, provide a safe environment and a better quality of life for the residents and business owners of the Southwest Area.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

***National Safety Month seeks to educate and influence public behaviors with regard to the leading causes of preventable injuries and deaths.***

### **3A31-JEFFERSON PARK**

#### **Crime Trends**

Senior Lead Officer Biondo reports that while burglaries are down from 2011, the Jefferson Park community is still experiencing increased burglary activity. The majority of the residential burglaries occurred during late morning through early afternoon. Officers have increased the frequency of patrols in those areas where the aforementioned incidents have been occurring. Even though a significant number of arrests have been made we still need your help. We all need to remain vigilant as it relates to our property and personal safety. Make sure your vehicles and residences are always locked/secured and important personal items, (electronics; currency) are not left unattended in vehicles. Lastly, be a good neighbor. Look out for each other. If you see suspicious activity either persons or vehicles, gather as much information as you can safely, and report it to police immediately.



#### **Crime Tips-Vacation Security Awareness**

Vacation is a time for fun and relaxation. Don't let yours be interrupted by crime. Follow the crime prevention tips below.



#### **Before leaving . . .**

- *Have good locks on all doors and windows, and USE THEM!*
- *Engrave your valuables with your driver's license number (preceded by "CA") and post Operation I.D. stickers in entry doors and windows.*
- *Never leave your house key hidden outside, under a doormat, in a flower pot, or on the ledge of a door.*
- *Make your house appears "lived in." Use timers for lights and radios. Have a neighbor or friend pick up mail, packages and newspapers, and keep the lawns mowed and watered.*
- *Leave your trip plans and an emergency phone number with trusted neighbors or friends.*

#### **On the road....**

- *Never carry large amounts of cash; use traveler's checks. If you must carry large sums of money, do not display it openly.*
- *Keep a record of traveler's check numbers and your credit card numbers in a safe*

place. Have the telephone numbers to call in case your checks or credit cards are lost or stolen.

- Be aware of your surroundings and never advertise your plans to strangers; this includes travel routes and the amount of cash you are carrying.
- Do not stop to offer help to a stranded motorist. Go to the nearest safe location and call for assistance.
- If you suspect someone is following you, drive to the nearest service station, restaurant or business and call the police or sheriff's department. If you believe it is unsafe to get out of your car, sound your horn and flash your lights to draw attention.

#### Hotel and motel security.....

- Determine the most direct route to and from your room, to the fire escapes, elevators and nearest phone.



- When occupying or leaving your room, use all auxiliary locking devices on doors and windows. (You may want to purchase a portable door lock for traveling.)
- Use the door viewer to identify anyone requesting entry. Open the door only if you are certain the person has a legitimate reason to enter your room. If in doubt, call the hotel/motel office.
- Never leave money, checks, credit cards or car keys in the room. Take them with you.

- Place extra cash, expensive jewelry or other valuables (furs, gems, gold, or silver) in the hotel/motel safe.

- Report to the management any suspicious movements in the corridors or rooms. Remember— the only way to stop crime is to get involved in crime prevention.

## Helpful Numbers At A Glance

### Graffiti Removal:

**(311)**

### Abandoned Vehicles:

**(800/222-6366)**

### Bulky Item Trash Pick Up (Illegally Dumped Trash):

**(800/773-2489)**

### Department of Health:

**(213/351-5110)**

### Citywide information:

**(311)**



**3SLO73-LEIMERT PARK/  
CRENSHAW CORRIDOR**

**Crime Trends**

Daytime residential burglaries have continued to be a problem in the area. Several arrests have been made in recent weeks due to the vigilance and neighbors. Last month, Senior Lead Officer Sasajima reported the recent trend in tent fumigation burglaries taking place in this community. Residents took note and, in early June, reported seeing suspicious activity around midnight at a house that had been tented. Officers responded in time to observe the suspects fleeing from the location and were able to apprehend them. The community is encouraged to report any and all suspicious activity to the police immediately to increase the chances of catching the suspects. Please be sure to provide a good description of the suspects and vehicles (including license plates if possible) to aide officers in their investigation.



Unfortunately, SLO Sasajima reports that there has been an increase in the appearance of various graffiti vandalism in the Leimert Park neighborhood. Please keep a watchful eye out for individuals committing these crimes and notify police with any information. Also, please take action in requesting graffiti removal via 3-1-1 or submitting a request via web by going to <http://anti-graffiti.lacity.org/>

In response to several concerns with regards to activity along Crenshaw Blvd, Business Watches have been organized by the Senior Lead Officers to provide Business and Property Owners with information and resources to address these issues. For additional information, contact SLO Sasajima at 213-847-5800

**Crime Tips-Vandalism Prevention**

Look around your community. Do you see...

- Walls covered with graffiti?*
- Knocked-over trashcans or mailboxes?*
- Broken street lights?*
- Spray paint on stop signs?*
- Broken public telephones?*
- Missing street and traffic signs?*
- Writing or torn pages in library books?*
- Public restrooms with broken doors and graffiti?*

**Vandalism Costs.**

Schools pay out millions of dollars each year to clean up graffiti, repair buildings, or replace vandalized equipment. That means less money for new books, computers, sports equipment, and student activities.

Local governments (and their taxpayers) pay the bills for broken street lights, stolen signs, and vandalized parks. Businesses pass the costs of vandalism on to customers through higher prices.

**Vandalism Hurts**

People feel angry, sad, and frightened when something of theirs -- a mailbox, a garden, a car antenna -- is destroyed for no reason.



**Vandalism indirectly claims other victims**

A child is injured because a stop sign was stolen, a person can't reach 9-1-1 because the public phone is broken.

**Who and Why?**

Most vandals are young people -- from grade school to teens to young adults -- who damage property for one or more of the following reasons:

- Boredom*
- Anger*
- Revenge*
- Defiance*
- Alliance*

Graffiti is often the first sign that gangs are taking over a neighborhood. Gangs use graffiti as their street "telegraph," sending messages about turf and advertising their exploits. Graffiti identifies territorial boundaries, lists members, and communicates with rival gangs. The gang says "This place belongs to us."

A community's first step in taking back its streets from gangs is getting rid of graffiti immediately. This power struggle can't be won overnight, but persistent communities working in partnership with law enforcement almost always emerge as victors. Once the graffiti is gone, use landscape designs (such as prickly shrubs or closely planted hedges), building materials (such as hard-to-mark surfaces), lighting, or fences to discourage vandalism.

### **You Can Help Prevent Vandalism**

Educate the public, especially young people about the costs of vandalism. Clean up vandalism as soon as it happens -- replace signs, repair playground equipment, paint over graffiti. If you see anyone committing vandalism, report it to the police, school authorities, or someone who can take action.

Remember, vandalism is a crime. Protect your house or apartment from vandalism by using good lighting and locking gates and garages. Support recreational programs for young people in your community. Volunteer your time, donate money or supplies, and help in any way you can.

### **Take a Stand!**

Tap into the energy and idealism of youth. Involve young people in all vandalism prevention efforts. Organize a graffiti clean-up project in your neighborhood. Work with Neighborhood Watch and ask the City or a local business for cleaning supplies and paint. Work with schools or the arts community to paint murals on areas that are vulnerable to graffiti. Make it a contest for teens. Adopt a street or park, perhaps in cooperation with a church or business. Plant trees, bushes, and flowers. Repair equipment and install trash containers. Organize a monthly park patrol to clean up litter and keep an eye on things. Ask police or a City agency to start a hotline for reporting vandalism. Have a community meeting on vandalism to discuss its victims, costs, and solutions.

Finally, make certain that City or town officials promptly remove abandoned cars.

### **Crime Tips-Reporting a Crime by Text**

**If you have a crime you would like to report anonymously you can now text the letters LAPD plus your tip to #274637. You can also call 877-LAPD-24-7.**



## **Have you heard about the Southwest Teen Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB)?**

The Los Angeles Police Department Southwest Area Teen Community-Police Advisory Board (Teen C-PAB) was established as a forum for area youth to advise and discuss public safety issues with the Commanding Officer and community police officers of the Southwest Area. Teen C-PAB focuses on quality of life issues and concerns from the perspectives of the youth in our community.

The members meet monthly and participate in special events and projects including community service clean-ups, holiday toy give-aways, potlucks, city-wide benefit walks and field trips.

Meetings are held at Southwest Area on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 1:30 P.M. **The next meeting will be held on July 26, 2012.** Please contact Ofcr. Paul Evleth or Management Analyst II Denise K. Smith at (213) 847-5800 for further details about Teen C-PAB.

## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EVENTS**

The Wisconsin Street Block Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm and the University Gardens Block Club meets the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. For additional information, contact SLO Salazar at (323) 387-9617.

The Southwest monthly Community Police Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2012, 6:30 pm at the Los Angeles Child Guidance Center, 3787 S. Vermont Avenue. For additional information, contact Police Service Representative II Toni Rodgers at (213) 847-5800.

LAPD Operations South Bureau, in conjunction with Southwest Community Police Station will host an African American Forum on August 16, 2011. The location and time are still to be determined. For additional information, contact Police Service Representative Toni Rodgers or Southwest Community Relations Office at (213)847-5800.



On August 7<sup>th</sup> 2012, Southwest Area will be celebrating its National Night Out. Marlton Av

between 39<sup>th</sup> St and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. will be closed so that stakeholders can celebrate our community with music, food and informational vendors. Come be part of the festivities from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

### **Farmers Market**

The Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza proudly welcomes the Crenshaw Farmers Market. The Farmers Market will be held in the parking lot near Stocker and Santa Rosalia from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday.



*\*Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please consult with your Senior Lead Officer prior to attending any listed event.*

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**You can prevent Burglary from Motor Vehicle and Vehicle theft!  
Most cars are taken by amateurs who can be stopped fairly easily.**

**You can increase your protection against this type of crime  
by taking the following sensible precautions:**



**The message is simple:**

### **Lock It:**

**Lock your vehicle every time you leave it unattended  
and always lock your valuables in the trunk.**

### **Hide It:**

**If you don't have a trunk, hide valuables under the seats,  
in the glove box, or other compartments within the vehicle.**

### **Keep It:**

**Personal responsibility is the best prevention to safeguard  
personal property and to prevent becoming a victim.**

**No Se Conviertan en una Victima de un Crimen  
de Automoviles Relacionado con Propiedad**



**El mensaje es simple:**

**Pongale llave!**

Un recordatorio de que siempre se debe poner llave al vehiculo.

**Escondanlos!!**

Si tienen que dejar sus objetos de valor en su vehiculo,  
escondanlos de la vista de otros.

**Mantenganlos!!!**

Un recordatorio positivo de que responsabilidad personal y  
prevencion los pueden proteger contra el robo.