



# Wilshire Area Captain's Newsletter

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## Wilshire Area Crime Update – As of 3/12

<b>Robbery</b>	<b>Up 45.0%</b> (17 more robberies compared to this time last year)
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>Down 0.9%</b> (down 1 compared to this time last year)
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>Down 10.3%</b> (down 18 burglaries compared to last year)
<b>Grand Theft Auto</b>	<b>Up 93.1%</b> (81 more cars stolen than this time last year)
<b>Burglary/Theft From Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Down 15.4%</b> (49 less cars broken into)
<b>Violent Part I Crime in Total</b>	<b>Up 14.4%</b> (25 more violent crimes than this time last year)
<b>Property Part I Crime in Total</b>	<b>Down 12.7%</b> (121 fewer property crimes)
<b>Total Part I Crime</b>	<b>Down 8.5%</b> (96 fewer overall serious crimes)

## UPDATE ON RECENT NOTABLE CRIMES IN WILSHIRE AREA

Some of you may have seen the Twitter release and subsequent press coverage within the last day regarding our recent arrests in the “Rolex” robbery trend. I’m afraid I must be somewhat brief due to the ongoing nature of this investigation and the fact we are still pursuing leads and additional suspects. What I can share is that within the past week our investigation led to the arrest of two suspects we can tie to this robbery trend, the service of related search warrants and the recovery of stolen jewelry (some of which has already been returned to a victim – see photo).



Many likely are perceiving a startling increase in our homicide rate within Wilshire Division – a trend which follows the overall crime patterns of the City and the region. Wilshire has been the scene of three homicides this year-to-date, compared to two at this time last year. Added to that was a homicide in late December, making three in relatively quick succession specifically in the northern portion of the Division, focused in close proximity within the Melrose corridor region.

I would like to briefly highlight two facts about these occurrences: first, while the close proximity of these tragedies (in both time and location) is understandably startling to our community, our investigations have determined these events are in no way related. There is no relationship amongst our suspects and the motives in each case have been different.

Second, all these homicides have been solved and the primary suspects have been apprehended and are currently face murder charges. This very quick series of resolutions was a direct result of the diligence and exceptional investigative skill of our West Bureau Homicide team. The cases were also greatly assisted by the cooperation of many of our Wilshire neighbors and businesses.

# UPCOMING MELROSE AREA COMMUNITY WALK

After a recent community Zoom meeting hosted by the Melrose Action Neighborhood Watch, my team and I tossed around some ideas to try and address some of the safety concerns expressed by the community members. We are exploring several ideas in hopes of supporting some long term solutions to improve the safety environment in and around the Melrose Corridor, some in partnership with Council District 5.

Currently, we are planning a series of Community Walks for the area. This was in response to several residents expressing a hesitation to engage in walking and jogging in their own neighborhoods like they had in months or years past. We are hoping to host perhaps a walk every two weeks or so over the next couple months, in and around the Melrose area, on weekday evenings and perhaps weekend afternoons. The first will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:00 PM. More information on a specific meeting location will follow.

As you have likely heard my officers and I state on prior occasions, utilizing the buddy system, or walking in groups, always provides a higher degree of safety. My hope is that I and my officers and volunteers can provide an opportunity for community members to engage and network with one another, and move forward arranging their own partnerships and neighborhood groups with common walking, jogging, strolling or doggie-playdate interests.

While I cannot guarantee my officers will have the ongoing availability to organize or attend such walks with continued or increasing frequency, we will make an effort. But again – the goal is for you, the community, to take ownership and hopefully grow this movement amongst yourselves to fit your need, interests and schedules.

**If any additional residential associations, neighborhood councils, etc would like to attempt to arrange similar group activities in their own neighborhoods, please reach out to your local SLO or my CRO office and we will endeavor to support it.**

## ADDITIONAL DWP SHUT OFFS FOR VIOLATIONS OF LARGE GATHERING/HEALTH RESTRICTIONS

Wilshire officers, throughout the current health crisis, have responded to a multitude of calls regarding large parties and gathering events held in violation of the Mayor's Directive and health and safety related restrictions. Wilshire officers have been some of the most (if not THE most) pro-active in referring repeat offenders, event hosts and property owners to the Mayor's Safe LA Task Force through the required administrative citation process. Councilmember Koretz' office has been equally pro-active in supporting further City administrative action against violators. In addition, our local Neighborhood Prosecutor, from the City Attorney's Office, has been diligent in pursuing additional criminal filings when such charges are appropriate.

Most recently, two additional addresses were served with DWP utility shut off processes and criminal cases have been initiated. These include a residence in the 800 block of North Sycamore and a business in the 300 block of North La Brea. The property owners of both currently face additional criminal misdemeanor charges with future court dates.

## PREPERATION FOR OUTCOME OF MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICER TRIAL

Our Department is closely monitoring the progress of the trial of the Minneapolis police officer who has been criminally charged in connection with the death of George Floyd. We are aware this process, regardless of the outcome, may result in a resurgence of public attention and activism in regards to the related social and justice system issues. As we have in all prior public demonstrations and protests, our Department personnel stand ready to protect and facilitate all First Amendment protected speech, assembly and demonstration, while maintaining order and ensuring public safety. If any member of the public has questions over the Department's preparation or anything related to this, or observes anything on social media, etc which causes them concern, please reach out to me or your Senior Lead Officer.



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### ADW



SUSPECT 1



SUSPECT 2



SUSPECT 3

DR#	CRIME LOCATION	RD	DATE	TIME
2007-17360	MELROSE AVE & SPAULDING AVE.	0702	03/07/21	1625 Hours

**SUSPECT 1:** M/BLK, Blk/Bro, 506, 250, 20-25 YRS, RED HOODIE, GRY PANTS, BALD, LOW TRIMMED BEARD

**SUSPECT 2:** M/BLK, Unk, Unk, 509, 200, 20-25 YRS, GRY SWEATER, RED SWEAT PANTS W/ WHITE STRIPE

**SUSPECT 3:** M/BLK OR HISP, 510, 230, BLK HOODIE, BLK PANTS ON PURPLE DIRT BIKE

**ADTL SUSPS:** 2-3 OTHER MALE BLACKS ON DIRT BIKES

**SUSP(S) VEH:** WHITE WITH BLACK TRIM DIRT BIKE, OTHER DIRT BIKES AND QUADS

**WEAPON:** BODILY FORCE

**MO:** SUSPECT 1 CONFRONTED THE VICTIM AND PUNCHED HIM ON HIS FACE KNOCKING HIM DOWN.

SUSP 1 AND SUSP 2 BEGAN STOMPING ON THE VICTIM'S HEAD AND BODY WHILE HE WAS ON THE GROUND REPEATEDLY. THE SUSPECTS FLED IN DIRT BIKES EASTBOUND ON MELROSE AVE.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTION:** Suspect rides with numerous other dirt bikes and quad off road vehicles and conducts street takeovers.

If you have any information regarding the identity of the suspect or circumstances regarding the crime, please E Mail: [det07@lapdonline.com](mailto:det07@lapdonline.com)

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## BURGLARY



SUSPECT 1



SUSPECT 2

DR#	CRIME LOCATION	RD	DATE	DAY/TIME
2107-04053	100 BLK OF N. CROFT AVE. (APT BLDG)	0722	12/31/20	THURSDAY AM 1 HRS

**PROP TAKEN:** US CURRENCY, PASSPORT, CREDIT CARDS, MISC. CLOTHING

**SUSPECT 1:** MALE (POSS HISP), 509/511, 185/175, 30/35 YRS, WEARING BLK KNIT CAP, BLK "TOMMY HILFIGER" SWEATSHIRT, GRY "CHAMPION" SWEATPANTS, BLK SHOES

**SUSPECT 2:** FEMALE HISP, BLK HAIR, 506, 140/150, 30/35 YRS, WEARING LONG BLK HOODED JACKET WITH RED TRIM, FUZZY COLLAR, WHT HOODED SWEATSHIRT, GRY SWEATPANTS, RED/BLK SHOES

**MO:** SUSPECTS 1 & 2 PRIED THE FRONT DOOR TO THE APARTMENT BUILDING WITH UNK PRY TOOL, ENTERED THE LOBBY AND MADE THEIR WAY TO THE PARKING GARAGE. SUSPECTS 1 & 2 ENTERED VICTIM 1 & 2'S VEHICLES, REMOVED PROPERTY AND FLED WITH PROPERTY TO UNK LOCATION, POSSIBLY IN UNK YEAR, WHITE TOYOTA CAMRY.

If you have any information regarding the identity of the suspect or circumstances regarding the crime, please E-Mail: [des07@lapd.net](mailto:des07@lapd.net) online  
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## ROBBERY



DR#	CRIME LOCATION	RD	DATE	TIME
2107-06138	6500 Wilshire Bl	0742	02/26/21	1200 Hours

**SUSPECT:** M/H, 508/170, 20-30 YOA.  
Blk "Metallica" T-Shirt, blue jeans, white bandana, blk glove on left hand, blue face covering.

**WEP:** Strong-Arm

**MO:** Suspect approached victim and grabbed victim's purse from her hand. During the struggle, suspect punched the victim in the face, took the purse and fled on a bike towards an unk direction.

If you have any information regarding the identity of the suspect or circumstances regarding the crime, please E-Mail [dets07@lapd.online](mailto:dets07@lapd.online)  
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## ROBBERY



DR#	CRIME LOCATION	RD	DATE	TIME
2107-05462	500 Block of N Mansfield	0706	02/08/21	1515 Hours

**SUSPECT:**

MB, 603/160, 20-25 YOA

Black hooded sweatshirt, black pants, black shoes, gray shirt

**WEP:**

Bodily Force (Simulated Gun)

**MO:**

Suspect approached victim (US Postal Mail Carrier) and grabbed a mail box key from the victim's hand and ran N/B on Mansfield. Suspect was approached by witnesses who retrieved the property and returned it to the victim.

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