



Wilshire Area Captain's Newsletter



Captain Shannon K. Paulson, Commanding Officer

March 19, 2021

Wilshire Area Crime Update – As of 3/19

Robbery	Up 28.6.0% (20 more robberies compared to this time last year)
Aggravated Assault	Down 7.3% (down 9 compared to this time last year)
Burglary	Down 11.8% (down 23 burglaries compared to last year)
Grand Theft Auto	Up 93.6% (88 more cars stolen than this time last year)
Burglary/Theft From Motor Vehicle	Down 14.7% (51 less cars broken into)
Violent Part I Crime in Total	Up 5.0% (10 more violent crimes than this time last year)
Property Part I Crime in Total	Down 10.8% (112 fewer property crimes)
Total Part I Crime	Down 8.3% (102 fewer overall serious crimes)

UPCOMING MELROSE AREA COMMUNITY WALK

As mentioned in last week's newsletter and the Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting last night, Wilshire officers, in conjunction with the Melrose Action Neighborhood Watch, will be sponsoring a Community Walk next Wednesday, March 24. We will be gathering at Poinsettia Park and walking through the surrounding neighborhoods. All are welcome. Please see the attached flyer.

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.

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING WITH WILSHIRE

As we (hopefully) continue to reduce restrictions, and open businesses and social activities, we at Wilshire Division hope to expand our various avenues of community engagement. In the coming months it is my sincere goal to increase my own visibility and activity with the community and establish entirely new lines of communication and interaction.

We at Wilshire have been reviewing an expanding list of opportunities for community members to assist with various station operations and division activities. These include assisting at the front desk providing services to the community via lobby visits and telephones, assisting with various aspects of our detective operations, or our community relations duties. Those that are looking for even more active involvement in their community might wish to explore our Volunteer Community Patrol, a uniformed component who assists officers in a variety of community engagement, education and neighborhood watch type efforts.

Honestly, the possibilities are limited only by our collective imaginations. If you are interested or have any ideas, please reach out to our Community Relations Office at wilshirecro@lapd.online.

RECENT ARRESTS OF CONFRONTATIONAL “MASKLESS” ACTIVISTS

As I have addressed in prior community meetings, my Department’s initial stance, at the onset of the current health crisis, was that we would not be taking a primary roll as the “mask police” (for a variety of reasons). My officers made efforts to educate and mediate when they answered calls regarding individuals who failed to wear masks while in public areas. I believe it is safe to say that , at that time, no reasonable person imagined we would descend to a point where individuals would claim it was their Constitutional right to not wear a mask, then use that claimed right to create disturbances. You have likely all seen the news reports of individuals who publicly ridicule those wearing masks, infringe on the rights of their fellow citizens to freely navigate the community in a safe and unmolested manner, and disrupt the operations of privately operated businesses and properties attempting to comply with the legal health mandates which regulated their ability to stay open, run a (hopefully) profitable business and keep others employed.

However, in light of this development and the confrontational conduct which has been displayed, Los Angeles Police officers found it necessary to adjust our posture in regards to the standing Emergency/Health Directives. In short, we have been forced, in certain circumstances, to become “mask police.”

To be clear, those individuals who claim their right to not wear a mask and choose to demonstrate in support of that professed right, will not be interfered with. We will facilitate that action as long as they are on public property, respect the mandated social distancing requirement in regards to other persons, do not interfere in other persons’ free navigation and movement, and comply with the rules and regulations established by private businesses and public government buildings – most notable of which is the requirement that persons entering such properties are required to wear masks.

Those individuals who choose to be confrontational with other people, perhaps impeding their travel, hounding them and calling them “sheep”, or intentionally coughing on them or their children, are subject to immediate arrest for violating the social distancing and mask requirements. If officers observe this type of confrontational behavior, no warning is necessary prior to arrest.

Individuals who enter businesses without a mask will be advised of the standing rules, and likely will be offered a mask for their use (as long as supplies last). They will be warned, told they are subject to arrest, and be given two options: (1) don the mask and feel free to partake of the business offerings; or (2) leave the store. If they fail to comply with one of those two options, they will be arrested. If the appropriate warning is given and the parties leave then return later that day, they will be arrested. Depending on the circumstances and what activity is observed by my officers versus the business management, a private persons arrest by management may be necessary.

This precise scenario happened at two locations in quick succession this week. At the first location a group of “anti-maskers” made their way into a grocery store and refused employee requests to put on a mask or leave. Officers arrived and the warning and options were again provided and refused. The most vocal individuals at the front of the activist crowd were immediately taken into custody. As handcuffs were placed on those individuals their compatriots had a sudden change of heart and rapidly exited the store.

Shortly thereafter, that same crowd ventured to another business location to engage in the same behavior. When the some of the same officers pulled up to the scene, those individuals rapidly departed.

I have made my expectations on these incidents very clear to my officers. Those anti-masker activists who are gathered in protest with other anti-maskers, on public property, displaying their views and not infringing on other people, will be permitted to freely do so. But we will act expeditiously to remedy any overt and intentional violations and prevent potential confrontations. My officers will not be drawn into a political or philosophical debate over the wearing of masks. They will simply give one warning, then they will make physical arrests and violators will be removed from the location.



COMMUNITY WALK

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Melrose Action
Neighborhood Watch

HELPING KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE



Date & Time:

March 24th 2021
6:00 pm - 8:00pm

Location:

POINSETTIA PARK
7341 Willoughby Ave,
Los Angeles CA 90046

For More Info email:

wilshirecro@lapd.online

Note:

Please wear
masks and
engage in social
distancing
between
households.

Come walk with your local police officers as we travel the streets of your community for an evening stroll. Bring your family. Let your children walk, scamper, bike or scoot. Bring your people friendly pets. Joggers, power-walkers, stroller pushers, dog-walkers and "meanderers" unite! The goal is to get to know your neighbors in a safe setting.

For more information please contact:

Wilshire Community Relations Office
@ (213) 473-0200 or visit Melroseaction.org



CRIME ALERT

Notification

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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BURGLARY



DR#	CRIME LOCATION	RD	DATE	DAY/TIME
2007-17350	300 BLK OF HAUSER BL. (APT COMPLEX)	0733	12/22/20	TUESDAY AM 1 HRS

PROP TAKEN: MAIL

SUSPECT 1: MALE, WHT, BALD/SHAVED HEAD, 508/510, 165/175, APPROX 25/35 YRS, WEARING BLK NECK GAITER, BLK JACKET W/ "SECURITY" ON THE BACK, DARK PANTS, BLK/WHT SHOES.
(POSSIBLE UNK TATTOO ON LEFT HAND)

SUSPECT 2: FEMALE WHT, 506, 145/155, WEARING DARK HOODED SWEATSHIRT, BLK PANTS, BLK/WHT SHOES

SUSP(S) VEH: NEWER MODEL, (POSSIBLE GENESIS), BLU 2 DOOR CONVERTIBLE WITH BLUE TOP AND TAN INTERIOR

MO: SUSPECTS 1 & 2 DROVE ONTO THE PROPERTY AND ENTERED THE APARTMENT COMPLEX FACILITIES BY POSSIBLY ENTERING GATE CODE. SUSPECT 1 & 2 PRIED MAILBOXES, REMOVED MAIL AND FLED VIA POE WITH VICTIM'S PROPERTY.

If you have any information regarding the identity of the suspect or circumstances regarding the crime, please e-mail detst07@lapdonline.net.
To report anonymously, please contact Crime Stoppers.

