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CITY OF LAWNDALESUBJECT: **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Good evening Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council. I am here tonight to present the Public Safety Report for December 3rd sthrough December 16th.

On December 3rd, about 1:00AM in the morning, Deputy Dean Mendoza was driving east on Marine Avenue approaching Larch, when another vehicle nearly struck his radio car. He also noticed the vehicle had expired registration. He conducted a traffic stop to warn/cite the driver. The driver was unlicensed. While attempting to ascertain the vehicle's owner, Deputy Mendoza noticed the ignition had been tampered, and it appeared to have an altered ignition key. The driver did not possess any paperwork pertaining to the vehicle, and, the deputy could not determine who owned the vehicle. Deputy Mendoza detained the driver pending a stolen vehicle investigation. The driver could not answer any questions pertaining to the vehicle, could not explain the altered ignition or the key. In addition, the driver failed to provide any information regarding the owner of the vehicle. Due to the above, Deputy Mendoza placed the driver under arrest for Reasonable Cause, Driving a Vehicle Without Owner's Consent. The driver was also charged with Possession of Burglary Tools due to the altered ignition key. This is a common way for suspects to steal vehicles. He was transported and booked at South Los Angeles Station.

On December 6th, about 9:30PM, Deputy Izzett Camargo was conducting a patrol check in the parking lot located at Rosecrans and Hawthorne Boulevard. She contacted a female sitting by herself in a vehicle regarding a welfare check. Deputy Camargo imediately saw a syringe commonly used to inject narcotics. She inquired if the female had any medical conditions requiring the syringe for medication. The female replied "No." Due to the above the female was detained pending a drug paraphernalia investigation. Deputy Camargo asked if the female had anything illegal. The female replied "Meth" in my backpack. This is a common street name for methamphetamine. While conducting a search of the vehicle, numerous baggies were recovered containing a white crystal substance resembling methamphetamine. Numerous cellphones and cash was also

discovered in the suspect's backpack. Based on the above, the suspect was placed under arrest for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) For Sales, transported and booked at South Los Angeles Station.

On December 12th, about 11:00PM, Deputy Izzett Camargo stopped a female riding a bicycle at Rosecrans and Kingsdale Avenues. The bicycle did not have a front light. Deputy Camargo detained the rider pending the above California Vehicle Code violation. Deputy Camargo asked if the female had anything illegal on her person. The female stated "No, go ahead and search me." While conducting a search, the female kept tensing up. For her and the deputy's safety, Deputy Camargo attempted to handcuff the female. A fight ensued culminating with the deputy spraying the female with OC Spray. While still fighting with the female, assisting units arrived and the female was taken into custody without further incident. The female was charged with Resisting Arrest, transported and booked at South Los Angeles Station.

This concludes my report and I would be happy to entertain any questions you may have.