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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

JIM McDONNELL, SHERIFF



Good evening Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council. I am here tonight to present the Public Safety Report for September 18th to October 1st, 2017.

Approximately 100 people were evacuated from their homes on Thursday evening, September 28th, around 10:30 PM, when deputies found World War II era explosives in a house on the 14700 block of Avis Avenue.

The events unfolded when deputies received a call of suspicious people in a car, parked outside of the house on Avis. Upon contacting the suspicious people, the deputies learned the driver was on parole. They conducted a search of the car and found a firearm. The driver said he obtained the gun from the aforementioned house. He was cleaning the home, and found numerous firearms, bombs and grenades.

The deputies searched the house, and found the ordinances. Due to the danger these explosives posed to the community, the deputies evacuated the surrounding homes. Those displaced from their homes were offered shelter at the Leuzinger High School cafeteria, and when school started that morning, they were moved to the Lawndale City Community Center.

LASD Arson and Explosives Detail responded and conducted a thorough search of the house, and confiscated the ordinances for disposal. Residents were allowed to return to their homes on Friday, around 2:00 PM.

Also on Thursday, September 28th, at approximately 5:15 PM, a Lawndale code enforcement officer was assaulted by a female suspect, after he had contacted her about loitering on the property of an abandoned business. During the confrontation, the suspect kicked the mirror off of the city truck and bit the officer's arm. After medical treatment, his injuries were determined to not be serious. The code enforcement officer had filmed part of the confrontation on his cellphone camera. After viewing the footage, the deputies recognized the suspect as a local transient. They searched the area, and took her into custody the next day. She was cooperative during the arrest.

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

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