

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Long Beach, California. The city is densely packed with buildings and streets, extending to a wide, sandy beach. A long, white pier extends from the beach into the blue ocean. The sky is clear and light blue.

*In case you missed it*

# CHIEF'S UPDATE

**City Council Meeting March 8, 2022**

At the recent City Council meeting, Chief LeBaron provided the following updates:

- **Crime Trends.** Theft related crimes continue with secured parking garages being targeted for unlocked vehicles as well as bicycles.

Phone/email scams are of concern- anyone asking for payment with gift cards, Apple cards, Green Dot, or Western Union are potential scammers.

- **Recruitment.** We are currently hiring for several open, or soon to be open positions including Police Officer recruits and lateral Police Officers, Community Service Officers, Police Services Officer and Management Analyst.



- **Arrests of Interest.** We recently had two separate crimes that took place at multi-unit housing complexes targeting household items and catalytic converters. In both cases we had the cooperation and quick response from management/HOA groups. Through the use of evidence provided by these groups, Detectives were able to quickly identify and arrest the suspect who was on PRCs (Post Release Community Supervision) and had prior felony convictions. HBPD Patrol located and arrested the suspect in Orange County, along with a female subject who had a No Bail warrant for unrelated crimes. Property belonging to the Hermosa victims was recovered and returned.



**Arrests of Interest** (con't) Our officers recently conducted a covert bicycle sting operation. A suspect stole the bicycle around 8:30pm and was immediately arrested and is being held without bail due to prior arrests. Due to the cost of the bicycle the charges rose to the level of a felony and will be presented to the District Attorney for filing. A short time after processing the arrest officers were back to work and around 4:30am another suspect was arrested for felony theft of a bicycle as part of the same operation. Any bicycle left in the open is a potential target for bike thieves, even if it is locked. The type of lock being used matters, so make sure the lock you are using is not able to be cut with bolt cutters and whenever possible, keep the bike secured inside where only you have access to it.

