

In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

City Council Meeting June 14, 2022

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

- **Bicycle & Traffic Enforcement.** We have been working closely with the School District and its leadership to ensure bicycle safety is at the top of every student's mind this summer. Officers continue to enforce traffic laws during their shifts and focus on the areas where violations are known to take place. Officer Gerold Rodriguez was recognized for graduating from the Orange County Sheriff's Department Motor School - look for him in the streets this week on his HBPD motorcycle.
- **Investigations.** Our patrol officers and detectives have been working closely together on cases that have resulted in some very challenging investigations. This calendar year we have already filed more felony cases with the DA's



Investigations (cont'd) office than we did for the entire 2021 calendar year. We attribute this to the proactive work of our officers and detectives, as well as the willingness of our community to call in suspicious behavior that allows us to respond quickly and catch suspects in the commission of the crime. We are also utilizing technology to solve crimes that otherwise would have been unsolvable. In two separate cases over the past month officers were able to use the most modern advances in technology to identify suspects, locate them, and hold them responsible for their actions. In one case a local restaurant had some artwork stolen from their walls after business hours and there were no witnesses. After conducting a thorough investigation and utilizing cellular technology, detectives were able to identify a suspect, locate their residence in the City of L.A., serve a search warrant and recover the stolen artwork.



- **Investigations (cont'd)** In the second case a luxury car was vandalized while parked but there were no witnesses to the crime. Thanks to the onboard camera technology installed in the car, the entire crime was captured on the car's video system and detectives were able to identify the suspect as a co-worker and the suspect was in custody within 48 hours of the crime occurring. Technology is an important factor in our ability to solve crimes. We have placed 2 mobile surveillance cameras in the area of Pier and Hermosa Avenues and we continue to conduct undercover operations that target bicycle thieves through the use of GPS technology. We are also using social media to help address crime trends in our city - we recently posted information on a subject wanted in our city for multiple property crimes and ask anyone that sees him to let us know immediately.

