

Agenda Report

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: JANUARY C.L.E.A.R. REPORT

DATE: February 23, 1998

INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

No recommendation.

BACKGROUND

The multi-agency Community Law Enforcement And Recovery team is now fully operational. This report reflects activity for January, 1998, the first fully operational month. Working together, the unit has logged several hours of interviews, surveillance and investigations in both the Pasadena and Altadena communities. In addition, numerous hours were spent serving subpoenas and locating witnesses for upcoming cases.

The following report summarizes the current status of the program including arrests, ongoing investigations and the pending prosecutorial process.

PPD OFFICERS ORENT AND INGRAM

Officers spent approximately six days conducting follow up investigations on past homicides from Pasadena and Altadena. These investigations led to two probation searches, three parole searches and a confession from a suspect in an attempt homicide case. C.L.E.A.R. officers spent several hours interviewing a known PDL gang member while he was in custody at LA County jail. He eventually admitted to being the shooter in an attempted murder from last year at Lincoln and Orange Grove. In addition, officers served subpoenas for the trial of a domestic violence suspect and testified on same. The case is currently being held in Alhambra with C.L.E.A.R.'s DDA Vieira as the prosecuting attorney.

During the last two months, C.L.E.A.R. officers spent several hours of investigation and surveillance in Riverside County searching for witnesses and the suspect in a pending homicide investigation. Their efforts paid off as one of the suspects was arrested by San Jacinto police during a traffic stop. With the arrest of another by S.E.S., C.L.E.A.R. officers filed murder charges with district attorney's office, naming both as the primary suspects. C.L.E.A.R.'s DDA Vieira will prosecute the case.

Working with Field Services Patrol, C.L.E.A.R. officers followed up on two shootings that occurred in the areas of Marengo and Grandview. Further investigation revealed that the shootings were related. C.L.E.A.R. officers identified the parties involved and obtained a search warrant in an effort to recover weapons and prevent further retaliatory violence. Two search warrants were executed. The searches resulted in the recovering of two weapons and several rounds of ammunition. In addition, two suspects were taken into custody. Both were arrested for conspiracy to commit armed robbery, as a detailed sketch and plan for a robbery of a local market was found in their bedroom during the search. These two subjects along with another are believed to be involved in the above mentioned shootings. Further, evidence found during the warrant enabled investigators to re-open a shooting case from last year.

OLIVE LASO DEPUTIES AND RODRIGUEZ

The Deputies continuous investigative efforts led to six arrests, four probation searches and three cases being filed with the District Attorney's office. During a warrant arrest, and with the assistance of C.L.E.A.R. Probation Officer Bob Bridges, Deputies discovered that the suspect is a "two striker" and in violation of his probation. It was discovered that the subject had not reported to his Probation Officer for more than six months.

Working with PPD C.L.E.A.R. officers, Deputies logged several hours of footbeat in Pasadena at known gang areas, e.g., Community Arms/Summit and Washington/Fair Oaks areas. The deputies have made contact with several "key" witnesses to ongoing homicide and related crime investigations.

L.A. COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER BRIDGES

The first full month of participation from the Probation Department has already produced dividends. The first few days of the month were used to familiarize the probation officer with the two cities and the subjects on our lists. The C.L.E.A.R. Probation Officer met with the Pasadena Area Gang Probation Officer and discussed mutual members and related problems.

The Probation Officer spent several hours riding with both LASD and PPD C.L.E.A.R. officers. As mentioned above, during one contact, a subject was discovered to be in violation of probation. The probation officer's subsequent efforts resulted in the subject being placed under arrest.

Several probation inquiries were conducted on known gang members and active members on our list. The presence of the probation officer in the field has proven to be an instant asset.

The Probation Officer sent a memorandum to all Los Angeles County Probation Officers explaining our (C.L.E.A.R.) goals and objectives. With that, he requested six conditions of probation to be added to any gang member's conditions of probation regardless of the crime, which they may be in court for. These conditions will strengthen our efforts to identify and monitor those members on our lists.

L.A. COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY VIERA

- * CLEAR has a total of 9 filed and pending cases. Those cases all involve targeted gang members.
- * CLEAR is also following, and where appropriate, intervening in the cases of several other non-targeted defendants for the purpose of discovering informants and witnesses on our pending cases.
- * CLEAR personnel are developing significant evidence for both filed and as yet unfiled cases.
- * CLEAR personnel have been instrumental in locating and bringing reluctant witnesses to court.
- * The filed cases consist of 8 adult cases and 1 juvenile case. We have filed a motion requesting to try the juvenile as an adult.
- * The specifics of those cases are as follows:
 - a) Three defendants are charged with multiple counts of attempted murder. One is a targeted gang member. All defendants are "Villa Boys" gang members. Trial is scheduled for early March 1998. There were pretrial hearings on January 2 and February 2, 1998.
 - b) This same defendant also has a pending "grand theft person" case set for trial in late February 1998. There were pretrial hearings on January 2 and February 2, 1998.

- c) A domestic violence case, previously being tried during the week of January 26, 1998, mistried when the victim approached the jurors during a recess and told them that the "DA and the cops are trying to set up her boyfriend and that he didn't do anything wrong." As a result of her failure to appear, CLEAR personnel were forced to surveil various locations where the victim was known to frequent. She was eventually found and was placed in custody, by the Court, as a material witness. She has since bonded out. A witness who failed to appear was also arrested by CLEAR personnel and brought to court where he testified. The suspect is a targeted PDL who is charged with spousal rape, false imprisonment, ex-con with a gun, kidnapping, spousal abuse, and terrorist threats. The case is set to go to trial again in late March 1998.
- d) Another targeted defendant, who is a P9 gang member, is charged with a narcotics violation. His preliminary hearing was held on January 8, 1998 where he was held to answer. His next court date is a pretrial on March 20, 1998.
- e) Three other defendants who are known "Villa Boyz" are all charged with multiple counts of attempted murder. They were last in court on January 31, 1998. The preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 13, 1998.
- f) Two defendants, who are known "Pasadena Denver Lane" gang members, are charged with the shooting death of a "Squiggly Lane" gangster as well as the attempted shooting of another targeted gang member. Their preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 19, 1998. They were last in court on a hearing on January 26, 1998.
- g) Another defendant, a known "Raymond Avenue Crip" and targeted gang member, has two cases. He has a stolen vehicle case and a first-degree residential burglary case. Both are set for preliminary hearing on February 13, 1998.
- h) A juvenile defendant, who is an admitted and targeted POC (Pimping Out of Control) gang member, has a juvenile fitness hearing set for February 19, 1998. We are seeking to try him as an adult. We were last in court for his arraignment on February 4, 1998. He is charged with multiple counts of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon and discharging a firearm at an occupied dwelling.

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

Arrests

Felonies:	13	Misdemeanors:	2
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Miscellaneous

Cases Filed:	8	Weapons Recovered:	2
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Searches:		Search Warrants:	2
Probation & Parole:	9		

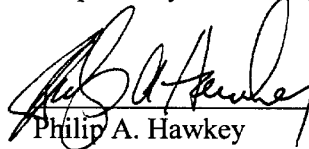
Violations

Probation:	2	Parole:	1
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List Movement

Added to List:	1	From Active to Inactive:	1
From Inactive to Active:	0		


Respectfully submitted,


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