



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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There were three separate accidents where officers were injured when their patrol vehicles were struck by DUI drivers over the weekend.

The first accident occurred Friday night January 30 around 8pm in the 13900 block of Cordary Ave. A LASO Lennox Deputies were conducting an investigation when their patrol vehicle door was sheered off by a passing driver, (Gabriel Games, 45, Hawthorne). The Deputies were not injured. Games was arrested for DUI.

The second accident occurred also Friday night January 30 around 1145pm when a driver, (William Irving, 36, Hawthorne), collided into two Hawthorne patrol vehicles at Kornblum and Rosecrans Ave. The officers were there investigating a traffic accident when Luna rear ended both patrol vehicles. Two officers seated in the cars were taken to a local hospital for minor injuries. Luna was arrested for DUI.

The third accident occurred Sunday night February 1 at around 8pm when a Hawthorne patrol officer was rear-ended while stopped at a red light at Rosecrans and Prairie Ave. The officer received minor injuries and was taken to a local hospital. The driver of the vehicle that crashed into the patrol car was arrested and booked for DUI. Federico Luna, 41 yrs old, Los Angeles.

The South Bay DUI taskforce was out both Saturday and Sunday night for DUI enforcement. 30 DUI arrests were made over the two day period.

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