



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HPD CASE

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Hawthorne Police is investigating a spree of street Robberies that occurred over the weekend. A synopsis:

Hawthorne PD Case 09-4555

On March 19th at around 7 pm, a mother was walking to church with her 8-yr old daughter when two suspects approached them at the corner of 118th Street and Cedar Ave, City of Hawthorne. The suspects shoved the victim to the ground and forcibly took her purse after dragging her on the sidewalk about 15 feet (as her frightened child watched).

Officers quickly located and arrested one suspect who was fleeing from the scene. Officers were able to obtain additional information on the whereabouts of the 2nd suspect who was later arrested at his residence. The purse was recovered in a nearby trash dumpster. The mother suffered minor injuries and her child was shaken but physically fine. Arrested were two juveniles, 15 and 16 yrs old. They were taken to Juvenile Hall.

Hawthorne PD Case 09-4551

On March 19th at around 5 pm, an elderly Hispanic man (66 yrs old) was seriously injured when he was robbed in the parking lot of Quick Stop Liquor store, 12845 Prairie.

A lone male suspect approached the victim, grabbed him and threw him to the ground. The suspect then forcibly took the victim's property from his pocket and fled in a dark colored vehicle from the location. The victim sustained serious head injuries when the suspect shoved him to the ground. The suspect was described as a male Black adult.

Hawthorne PD Case 09-4640

On March 20th, at around 4 pm, the victim was standing at the intersection of Ramona Ave and El Segundo Blvd when he was approached by two male Hispanics who robbed him of his cell phone. Officers were able to locate the two suspects hiding in a nearby apartment and arrested them for the robbery.

Arrested were Kevin Scott Ross, 18 yrs old from Hawthorne and a 17 year old juvenile

Hawthorne PD Case 09-4636

On March 20th, while the earlier robbery was being handled, a second one was happening nearby. This victim was in the 4700 block of El Segundo Blvd when she was approached by two female blacks who robbed her of her cell phone.

An Officer saw the suspects walking near Broadway Ave and Inglewood Ave. As the Officer attempted to detain the two suspects, one suspect fought with the officer while the other took off running. Fortunately, Hawthorne's police helicopter (Air-55) was overhead and watched the suspect run from the officers.

The suspect jumped into a backyard of a house in the 12400 block of Eucalyptus Ave where she forcibly entered into house. In the house were a mother and her 12 yr old child. Officers surrounded the house and made sure the mother and child were ok before entering and arresting the suspect. She was attempted to conceal herself in the bathroom. She also had the victim's phone with her. The mother and child were not injured, but obviously they were extremely upset and frightened.

The two suspects, 17 and 16 yr old juveniles, were arrested and taken to Juvenile Hall.

Hawthorne PD Case 09-4686

On March 21st at around 3 pm, a male victim was walking from the Metro Rail Train at Hawthorne Blvd (11200 block) when a male suspect approached him, said he had a gun, and ordered to give up his wallet. At the same time, a MTA bus stopped near the victim and the victim was able to blend in, and then entered the bus.

The suspect was located walking nearby and ran from officers as they approached. Officers went in foot pursuit of the suspect and eventually caught him in the 11400 block of Acacia Ave.

Arrested was Mark Brown, 18 yrs old, from Los Angeles.

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