

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

Note: This meeting is being held in lieu of the Regular meeting scheduled for April 26, 2022, which has been canceled.

## POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 27, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

### Board Members:

MICHAEL CHANG, CHAIR  
NATHAN MIZELL, VICE-CHAIR  
KITTY CALAVITA

REGINA HARRIS  
JULIE LEFTWICH  
DEBORAH LEVINE

JOHN MOORE III  
CHERYL OWENS  
ISMAIL RAMSEY

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### **AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** (2 minutes)
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (5 minutes)
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (TBD)

*(Speakers are generally allotted up to three minutes, but may be allotted less time if there are many speakers; they may comment on items on this agenda only.)*

The Police Accountability Board and Office of the Director of Police Accountability (ODPA) were created to provide independent civilian oversight of the Berkeley Police Department. They review and make recommendations on police department policies, and investigate complaints made by members of the public against police officers. For more information, contact the ODPA.

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4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (5 minutes)  
Regular meeting of April 13, 2022.
5. **CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS** (5 minutes)
  - a. Update from Board member Calavita on Police Chief Search
6. **DIRECTOR OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY'S REPORT** (5 minutes)  
Status of complaints; other items.
7. **CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT** (10 minutes)  
Crime/cases of interest, community engagement/department events, staffing, training, and other items of interest.
8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (discussion and action)** (10 minutes)  
Report of activities and meeting scheduling for all Subcommittees, possible appointment of new members to all Subcommittees, and additional discussion and action as noted for specific Subcommittees:
  - a. Fair & Impartial Policing Implementation – met April 20.
  - b. Director Search.
  - c. Regulations – met April 21. Next meetings May 4 and May 6.
  - d. Mental Health Issues (Response and Crisis Stabilization).
  - e. Policy 351, Fixed Surveillance Cameras.
  - f. PAB Budget Proposal.
9. **OLD BUSINESS (discussion and action)**
  - a. Update regarding conversations with the Deputy City Manager about the PAB's role in the recruitment and hiring of the permanent Director of Police Accountability; and authorizing further action, such as a follow-up letter, if needed. (10 min.)  
From: Director Search Subcommittee
  - b. Discuss how to prioritize the work of the Police Accountability Board and the Director of Police Accountability; and conduct the prioritization process. (15 minutes)  
From: Board member Calavita
10. **NEW BUSINESS (discussion and action)**
  - a. Review commendations of Berkeley Police Dept. personnel (15 min.)  
From: Interim Director
  - b. Training: Traffic Enforcement (1-1/2 hrs., plus time TBD for questions)  
Presented by Lt. Jennifer Tate

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT (TBD)**

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**12. ADJOURNMENT (1 minute)**

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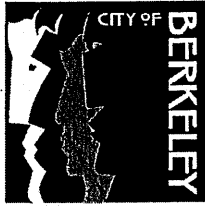




**POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD (PAB)  
SPECIAL MEETING ATTACHMENTS  
APRIL 27, 2022**

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April 21, 2022 Action Calendar item re City Manager Presentation and Response to the Reimaging Public Safety Task Force and National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform Recommendations.	n/a





OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

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**POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
*(draft)*

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

**No physical location; meeting held exclusively through videoconference and teleconference.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL BY CHAIR CHANG AT 7:01 P.M.**

Present: Board Member Michael Chang (Chair)  
Board Member Nathan Mizell (Vice-Chair) (arrived 7:35 p.m.)  
Board Member Kitty Calavita  
Board Member Regina Harris  
Board Member Juliet Leftwich  
Board Member Deborah Levine  
Board Member John Moore  
Board Member Cheryl Owens  
Board Member Ismail Ramsey

Absent: None

ODPA Staff: Katherine J. Lee, Interim Director of Police Accountability;  
Beneba Thomas, DPA Investigator.

BPD Staff: Lt. Melanie Turner; Ofc. Matthew Valle (BPA)

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion to approve the agenda with changes to combine #8.a. and #10.b.; #8.b., #9.b., and #10.a.; and #8.f. and #9.c.**  
**Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich) Motion Carried by general consent.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Regular meeting of March 23, 2022.

**Motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2022.**  
**Moved/Second (Calavita/Moore) Motion Carried by general consent**

b. Special meeting of March 30, 2022.

**Motion to approve Special Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2022.**

Moved/Second (Harris/Calavita) **Motion Carried by general consent**

**5. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Chair Chang reported: thanks to all for their hard work.

Board member Calavita reported on Police Chief Search: no update.

Reimagining Public Safety Task Force: Council special meeting on April 21, 2022.

**6. DIRECTOR OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY'S REPORT**

The Interim Director reported:

-- Beneba Thomas started work yesterday as a temporary investigator. Ms. Thomas introduced herself.

-- One new complaint filed since the last meeting. Case status report in agenda packet.

-- Recruitment for permanent Director of Police Accountability underway.

-- Training during your next meeting on traffic enforcement.

-- Commendations will be agendized soon.

-- Next regular meeting (April 26) conflicts with City Council meeting when ALPR use policy will be discussed. (Board agreed to cancel April 26 and schedule special meeting for Weds., April 27).

**7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT**

Lt. Turner reported on behalf of Interim Chief Louis:

-- After a retirement next week will have 155 sworn, including 5 in academy and 4 in training. 15 officers eligible to retire now, 15 more eligible in 2 years. 51 of current sworn are eligible to retire within 5 years.

-- Been working with City Manager on proposals related to Reimagining Public Safety.

-- Initial submittal under Police Equipment & Community Safety Ordinance made for May 10 Council meeting; included PAB's letter on impact statements. Chief will send the first annual Use Reports when ready.

-- This is National Telecommunications Week, recognizing dispatchers, who work, often unseen, to keep community safe

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (discussion and action)**

Report of activities and meeting scheduling for all Subcommittees, possible appointment of new members to all Subcommittees, and additional discussion and action as noted for specific Subcommittees:

- a. Fair & Impartial Policing Implementation – Heard with #10.b.
- b. Director Search – Heard with #9.b. and #10.a.
- c. Regulations – Chair Chang: Met March 31 and April 12. Next meeting April 21.
- d. Mental Health Issues (Response and Crisis Stabilization). Chair Levine: Continuing to postpone; nothing to report.
- e. Policy 351, Fixed Surveillance Cameras. Meeting to be scheduled.
- f. PAB Budget Proposal – Heard with #9.c.

**9. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and action)**

- a. Review Policy 319, Hate Crimes, as requested by City Council.

**Motion to approve Policy 319 with addition of the following language in Section 319.1.1 following (c) Nationality, “(which includes country of origin, immigration status, including citizenship, and national origin.)”**

Moved/Second (Levine/Harris) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Calavita, Chang, Harris, Leftwich, Levine, Mizell, Moore, Owens, and Ramsey.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- b. Consider ways to contribute to the hiring and selection of the permanent Director of Police Accountability and the Police Accountability Investigator.

(Heard with #10.a.)

Chair Chang recused himself from the discussion of the combined items.

**Motion to authorize the Director Search Subcommittee to draft a letter on behalf of the Board clarifying the timeline for, and role of, the Board in recruiting and hiring the permanent Director of Police Accountability.**

Moved/Second (Mizell/Moore)

**Friendly amendment: to authorize Board member Levine to direct these clarifying questions to Deputy City Manager Bellow and, if her answers are insufficient, to have the Subcommittee draft the letter for the Board’s approval at its next meeting.**

Moved by Levine, accepted by Mizell and Moore

**Motion, as amended, Carried**

Ayes: Calavita, Harris, Leftwich, Levine, Mizell, Moore.

Noes: Ramsey

Abstain: Owens

Absent: None

**Motion to close discussion on input regarding hiring of the Police Accountability Investigator and take no further action tonight.**

Moved/Second (Owens/Ramsey) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Calavita, Harris, Leftwich, Moore, Owens, Ramsey.

Noes: Levine

Abstain: Mizell

Absent: None

- c. Approve letter to City Council regarding Police Accountability Board budget and authorize Chair or other Board member to represent the PAB before the Budget Subcommittee.

**Motion to authorize Board member Levine and Interim Director Lee to edit the draft letter in the packet and send it to the City Council.**

Moved/Second (Calavita/Harris) **Motion Carried by general consent**

**10. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and action)**

- a. Request that the Byers Group replace the photographs in the recruitment brochure for the Director of Police Accountability.

(Heard with #9.b.) Discussed; no action.

- b. Review proposed revisions to Early Warning System Policy (General Order E-13 / Policy 1041) and Consent to Search form.

Discussed; no action.

- c. Review proposed changes to Policy 311.6, Warrantless Searches of Individuals on Supervised Release Search Conditions and decide how to respond.

**Motion to send a letter to the Council to recommending against the proposed change and keep the policy as is, citing the PRC's time spent and collaboration with the Police Department; ask the Interim Director to attend the Public Safety Policy Committee meeting to convey this; and authorize Board member Calavita to represent the PAB before City Council, as a panelist if she is permitted.**

Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Calavita, Chang, Harris, Leftwich, Levine, Mizell, Moore, Owens, and Ramsey.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- d. Authorize the Chair and Interim Director to prepare and issue a public statement regarding the unfair practice charge filed by the Berkeley Police Association.

**Motion to authorize the Chair and Interim Director to prepare and distribute a public statement in the tone and along the lines discussed by the Board.**

Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich) **Motion Carried**

Ayes: Calavita, Chang, Harris, Leftwich, Levine, Mizell, Moore, Owens, and Ramsey.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- e. Consider requesting that the City Council endorse Assembly Bill 2557, Ensuring Transparency in Police Oversight Act.

Postponed to the next meeting.

- f. Discuss how to prioritize the work of the Police Accountability Board and the Director of Police Accountability; and conduct the prioritization process.

Postponed to the next meeting.

#### **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

4 speakers.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

Moved/Second (Calavita/Owens) **By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.**





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 Accountability

Current and pending items	Status
<b>I. Policy Work</b>	
1. Monitor Fair & Impartial Policing recommendations	Subcommittee formed; ongoing
2. Review Policy 319, Hate Crimes	In progress
3. Controlled Equipment Impact Statements & Use Policies	1 <sup>st</sup> review completed; future work TBD
4. Automatic License Plate Readers	- Current use policy to Council 4-26. - Revised policy for fixed ALPRs forthcoming
5. Body-Worn Camera policy – update to incorporate PAB/DPA and reflect greater access	Staff to discuss needed changes with BPD; pending
6. Inquiry into sedative(?) injected involuntarily into detainee	Policy review opened; pending with staff
7. Lexipol Policies – continue review of General Orders converted to Lexipol format	Not started
8. Mental Health Response	Subcommittee formed
9. Policy 351, Fixed Surveillance Cameras	Subcommittee formed
10. Changes to Policy 311, warrantless searches of those on supervised release	Agendized for 4-13
<b>II. Legal and operational issues</b>	
11. Draft Permanent Regulations	Subcommittee in progress
12. Director Search	In progress
13. PAB Investigator hiring	In progress
14. Union's PERB charge	- Awaiting City Attorney. - Public response on 4-13 agenda
15. Budget for FY 2023 & 2024	In progress
<b>III. Other Board obligations</b>	
16. Training	In progress
17. Commendations - January to December 2021 received from BPD	To be agendized
18. Outreach (also staff obligation)	Not started

<b>IV. Individual Complaints</b> (allege misconduct against officers)	
19. Five active complaints: one awaiting rescheduled hearing; one in criminal tolling; 3 awaiting records release.	
<b>V. Other Staff obligations</b>	
20. New Citywide website	Ongoing; to be completed end April.
21. Publicize application process for public members of policy subcommittees	Pending with staff



BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT  
BELMONT, CALIFORNIA

ANTHONY J. PSAILA  
CHIEF OF POLICE

February 12, 2021

Chief Andrew Greenwood  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Chief Greenwood:

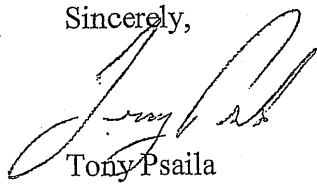
On behalf of the Belmont Police Department, I would like to extend our gratitude for the assistance your team provided to us during the investigation of a bank robbery that occurred in our city last Friday.

On February 4, 2021, the Belmont Bank of America branch was robbed and the suspect fled with a GPS tracking unit. During our investigation, Berkeley Police Officers Gibson and Muratovic, along with Berkeley Police Sergeant Bejarano located our suspect's vehicle parked in an industrial area of your city where previous commercial burglaries have occurred. Your Officers safely detained the suspect and subsequently found over \$4,000 in cash on his person, in banded stacks, which were likely proceeds from our bank robbery.

Once the suspect was transported back to your police department, your officers and sergeant were extremely gracious and accommodating, providing our detectives with a conference room, a recorded interview room and a monitoring room, along with the video of the interview.

It should also be noted that your personnel's efforts, professionalism and assistance helped solve not only our case, but several other bank robberies around the bay area.

Sincerely,

  
Tony Psaila  
Belmont Police Chief

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Turner, Melanie" <MTurner@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Date:** March 6, 2021 at 12:51:38 PM PST  
**To:** "Schofield, Kevin M." <KSchofield@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Commendation for Ofc. Ruff #45

Captain Schofield,

I'd like to commend Officer Eric Ruff #45 for his tremendous efforts to apprehend a wanted person and vehicle on February 3, 2021. Officer Ruff was working patrol and a call was dispatched advising us that ACSO was pursuing a wanted 187 vehicle from the freeway into our City. ACSO requested code 3 cover as the vehicle exited Gilman Street. Officer Ruff was in the area and arrived on scene immediately. The 187 vehicle was occupied by 4 individuals. As he arrived on scene, Officer Ruff observed one of the occupants exit the 187 vehicle and get into the passenger seat of a white van. He broadcast this information and attempted to conduct a vehicle stop of the van but it failed to stop and a pursuit was initiated. Officer Ruff's pursuit of the vehicle lasted almost 20 minutes as the van went north on 580 and into Richmond. The vehicle drove recklessly during commute traffic hours and at one point even drove the wrong way on the freeway.

Officer Ruff's traffic remained calm, clear, and professional throughout the entire pursuit. Multiple officers responded to assist Officer Ruff and were able to find him due to his consistent location updates. Richmond PD and the CHP helicopter also assisted with the pursuit and it ultimately ended safely in Richmond. Both occupants were detained without issue and the van was confirmed to be an unreported stolen vehicle. The driver was arrested for multiple charges including felony evasion, stolen auto, and a probation violation. The passenger was turned over to the agency investigating the homicide. In my time at BPD, I haven't heard a pursuit that lasted as long as this one nor have I heard better radio traffic from a primary officer in a pursuit. I spoke to numerous Officer's on scene that day that commented on how calm and composed Officer Ruff was. I believe Officer Ruff's actions are worthy of recognition and ask that this be processed as a commendation.

Thank you,  
Lt. Mel Turner  
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Berkeley, CA 94704  
[mturner@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:mturner@cityofberkeley.info)

Ofc. Armistead  
Ofc. Grover  
Ofc. Moore  
Ofc. Albrandt  
Ofc. Abdoulmawla  
Ofc. Legall  
Ofc. Nash  
Ofc. Muratovic  
CSO Lee

**From:** Bejarano, Andres  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 1:29 AM  
**To:** Tate, Jen <[JTate@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JTate@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Commendation for BPD Officers [BPD Cases ]

Lt. Tate,

Please process the following commendation for the Officers involved in the following incidents from the morning of 03/06/2021 [BPD Cases 21-09808 & 21-09814]:

*On 3/6/21 at 0148 hours Officers responded to the [redacted] for a reported assault with a Victim on scene with a knife protruding from his back. Numerous Officers responded to the Victims' location rendered aid and broadcast updated suspect(s) information.*

*While searching for the Suspects near People's Park, Ofc. Muratovic on-viewed an assault in progress. Ofc. Muratovic quickly put out this information and Officers located a second Victim who had multiple stab wounds. Officers rendered aid to include two tourniquet applications while other Officers worked to safely detain the suspect who was erratic, armed with a knife and would not follow Officers' commands to drop the knife and/or stop. Officers deployed two 40mm Less Lethal rounds at the suspect, which proved ineffective. The suspect eventually dropped the knife and was safely taken into custody by Officers.*

*Soon after, OPD detained the Suspect in the initial reported assault on the [redacted] in Oakland. Officers responded to Oakland, coordinated in field show-ups with witnesses, obtained video that captured the suspect's spontaneous admission to the stabbing and took him into custody.*

*It was ultimately determined that both of these assaults were unrelated incidents, involving different suspects that just happened to occur in the same area at around the same time. Officers coordinated with UCPD and OPD to gather evidence that pertained to each case. Officers went above and beyond in their investigations, from conducting suspect interviews to obtaining search warrants. Their teamwork and collective efforts allowed BPD to put forth the best cases to the DA's Office.*

*On 3/10/21 both suspects were charged with felony assault and attempted murder respectively. Each suspect was also charged with numerous felony enhancements related to their cases.*

*These scenes were chaotic, dynamic and easily could have had different results if not for the professional efforts of BPD. The Officers on scene showed tremendous restraint when trying to detain a violent and armed suspect who showed zero ability to comprehend anyone's instructions. Officers remained flexible and their ability to provide immediate medical aid was likely vital in saving the second Victims' life.*

*All of the involved Officers should be commended for their extraordinary work. From their initial responses to the scene, to putting out updated information, to rendering medical aid to the victims all while Officers were working to safely detain an armed, violent and uncooperative suspect.*

*In these cases, both Victims survived, both suspects were safely detained, and both cases were charged. This is a great example of the everyday professionalism and tremendous work displayed by BPD Officers.*

Thank You,



Sgt. Andres Bejarano #S-11 | Berkeley Police Department | Operations – Team 7  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley CA 94704 | 510-981-5900



**Lieutenant Jen Tate, #L-8**

BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Operations Division

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**From:**

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:23 PM

**To:**

**Cc:** I

**Subject:** Incident on

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear

This afternoon I picked up my daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, age 8, from school on \_\_\_\_\_, we made a quick stop at the donut shop on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and then started heading toward our home on \_\_\_\_\_. At the crosswalk of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, we crossed paths with a mentally challenged man, who noticed us and thought he recognized in my daughter a family person of his own, "Lilly". Within seconds, he started chasing us up \_\_\_\_\_ to snatch my daughter. A fellow Berkeleyan on a bicycle stopped to help us by slowing him down while my daughter and I started running away from him as fast as we could. We turned on \_\_\_\_\_ Place while he was running only steps behind us and screaming that I was taking "Lilly" away from him. My daughter and I ran hard to \_\_\_\_\_, while the good samaritan did all he could to keep him from catching up with us. At \_\_\_\_\_, we turned west and made it to the Fire Station, where the firemen offered us shelter. The deranged man went away, then came back screaming that he wanted "Lilly", then went away again. The firemen called the police who apprehended him a few minutes later on \_\_\_\_\_ across from \_\_\_\_\_. I was escorted by a police officer to the location of his arrest to make an identification. Apparently, he is a repeat offender.

My daughter suffered significant emotional distress and says that she does not want to ever walk again from school and that I will have to pick her up by car from now on. She is unable to go to bed tonight (it is now past 11:00p), because she is afraid of the man who wanted to take her away. My wife and I are worried about long-term effects.

There are two reasons that I share this information with you: First, I want to express my dismay and outrage with the city's inability (or, perhaps, unwillingness) to confront and address the problem posed by the rapidly growing population of unhoused people, many of whom, like the man that assaulted us, are mentally disturbed. What will it take for the city leaders to recognize that the safety of its citizens is being placed at risk by the overly permissive attitude toward homelessness? Will the tent cities on Shattuck and the isolated (for now) tents on College and elsewhere in our district and in the city at large become the norm? Who among our city leaders

will guarantee that an 8-year girl, accompanied by a parent, will be able to enjoy the pleasure of a leisurely walk on ( ) at 3:30p without being assaulted? As I am writing these words, my daughter came down to ask me how long will this man be kept away from our community - what would you recommend that I tell her?

Second, I cannot say enough good things about the men at Fire Station 3 and the Berkeley police officers that came to our rescue.

The BP officer that handled the case, Derek Radey, not only performed his duties with impeccable professionalism, but also displayed heartfelt concern about our well-being and safety.

While I was briefly away to identify the suspect, another BP officer stayed behind with my daughter, who was still shaking and sobbing, and showed her videos of his own kids playing and telling stories - it was extremely helpful. In the absence of a female officer on site, the firemen called Captain Kellie East-Bratt, who rushed from Fire Station 5 to console my daughter - she is an extraordinary human being.

At the end of the ordeal, we even rode home on a long-wheeled firetruck.

As you may recall, I have written to you in the past expressing my concern about defunding the police department. Tonight, I expect to receive a firm commitment from you to work diligently toward enhancing the safety of our public spaces in District 8. And, I would appreciate hearing about concrete steps that are taken (or will be taken) in this direction, rather than broad statements of good intentions.

With regards and in eager anticipation of your response,

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From: Durbin, Michael R.  
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 8:40 AM  
To: Jung, Roselyn C. <[RJung@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:RJung@cityofberkeley.info)>; Okies, Joe <[JOkies@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JOkies@cityofberkeley.info)>  
Subject: RE: Emergency Notification Arson Series: Beat 2 / District 6

Please add Lieutenant Rodrigues to the commendation. She managed the scene and investigation with Sergeant Castle.

-----Original Message-----

From: Rodrigues, Veronica  
Sent: Saturday, June 12, 2021 7:58 PM  
To: Jung, Roselyn C. <[RJung@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:RJung@cityofberkeley.info)>; Okies, Joe <[JOkies@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JOkies@cityofberkeley.info)>  
Cc: Durbin, Michael R. <[MDurbin@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MDurbin@cityofberkeley.info)>  
Subject: FW: Emergency Notification Arson Series: Beat 2 / District 6

Joe/ Rosie-

Can you please process the appreciation provided below from Councilmember [redacted] (transcribed by the Chief) as a commendation for the following officers:

Sergeant Scott Castle  
Officer Ashley Navarro  
Officer Justine Bally  
Officer Cesar Coria

These officers conducted a persistent, thorough investigation that resulted in the arrest of a suspect responsible for a series of arson fires in the Berkeley hills. The arrest of the suspect likely saved lives and prevented further property damage. The case was documented under [redacted]. I would like to commend these officers and their efforts to safeguard our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roni

-----Original Message-----

From: Louis, Jennifer A.  
Sent: Saturday, June 12, 2021 11:22 AM  
To: Rodrigues, Veronica <[VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info)>  
Cc: Durbin, Michael R. <[MDurbin@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MDurbin@cityofberkeley.info)>  
Subject: Re: Emergency Notification Arson Series: Beat 2 / District 6

From CM from Councilmember

Thank you. And please pass on my gratitude to Police and Fire for their good work.

> On Jun 12, 2021, at 1:13 AM, Rodrigues, Veronica <[VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info)> wrote:  
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> \*Update- Juvenile Suspect In Custody\*  
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> While on scene, officers identified and questioned a possible 12-year-old suspect for these fires. It was revealed the suspect was residing temporarily with grandparents for the summer at [redacted]. She subsequently confessed to the Fire Marshals. YSD was briefed and consulted on the case. Officers later arrested and transported the suspect to Juvenile Hall on 5 counts of PC 451(d).

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Louis, Jennifer A.  
> Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 9:33 PM  
> To: Durbin, Michael R. <MDurbin@cityofberkeley.info>  
> Cc: Rodrigues, Veronica <VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info>  
> Subject: Re: Emergency Notification Arson Series: Beat 2 / District 6

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>> On Jun 11, 2021, at 9:27 PM, Durbin, Michael R. <MDurbin@cityofberkeley.info> wrote:

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>> Chief Louis,

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>> Berkeley Police Officers are currently working with Berkeley Fire Department investigating a series of arson fires that have occurred throughout the day near [redacted] and [redacted] Streets.

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>> At approximately 1022 hours, an unknown suspect started two separate foliage fires in the 1600 block of [redacted]. Those fires were put out by neighbors prior to BFD arrival. At approximately 1400 hours, another brush fire started in the 1 [redacted]

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>> At approximately 1930 hours, a garage caught fire in the [redacted] [redacted]. Berkeley Police, who were in the area providing additional patrols, were the first to spot that fire and notify BFD.

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>> There were no known injuries associated with any of these fires. Berkeley Police are currently on scene working investigative leads and will devote additional personnel to stay in the area.

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>> The media is on scene as well as a Police Watch Commander and Fire Chief to respond to those inquiries.

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>> Please let me know if you need additional,

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>> Mike

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**From:** "Durbin, Michael R." <MDurbin@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Date:** June 14, 2021 at 12:37:19 PM PDT  
**To:** "Rolleri, Rico" <RRoller@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** FW: Case :

Captain Rolleri,

I concur with Lieutenant Turner and request this interaction be documented as an internal commendation for Detectives Egbert and Villarroel for demonstrating exemplary restraint and professionalism.

Thank you,

Mike

**From:** Turner, Melanie  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 13, 2021 9:30 AM  
**To:** Durbin, Michael R. <MDurbin@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Case

Capt. Durbin,

I reviewed a use of force report in Blue Team under Case # [REDACTED]. The case involved a parolee at large who assaulted a man downtown, causing the man injuries to his head and nose. The suspect was active to parole for PC 245(A)(1) and has a lengthy criminal history to include violence against law enforcement. Officer's Villarroel and Egbert had primary physical contact with the suspect. During the encounter, the suspect spit on Ofc. Villarroel and tried to bite both of them. Despite threats to their own personal safety, both officers maintained high professionalism, showed concern for the suspect's safety and well-being, and used effective de-escalation skills to prevent the suspect from further escalating this incident. Time and time again I see that our officer's use effective communication, physical restraint, and problem solving when dealing with situations that are dangerous and highly charged. This is exactly what I saw from Ofc's Villarroel and Egbert and would like to commend them for their actions.

Lt. Mel Turner  
Operations Division  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 MLK Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704  
[mturner@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:mturner@cityofberkeley.info)



**Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum**



To: Captain M. Durbin *MD 6-2* Date: June 28, 2021  
From: Lieutenant V. Rodrigues *VR 6-2*  
Subject: **Commendation for case,**

On April 18, 2021, Officer Armistead responded to a report of a disturbance between a woman and an Amazon delivery driver. The woman reported the delivery driver was driving "too fast" and had almost hit her vehicle. Officer Armistead conducted extensive interviews and obtained a detailed account of the incident. His investigation revealed the woman, who was the original reporting party, had chased after the delivery driver, confronted him, commandeered his vehicle and prevented him from leaving. The woman also yelled racially derogatory remarks at the delivery driver, who was African American. Sergeant Speelman and Officer Albrandt arrived later to assist with interviews and the recovery of additional evidence. Further investigation by these officers revealed the altercation and hateful speech were captured on video by a witness.

Based on their detailed investigation, the woman was deemed the aggressor of a hate crime and arrested. Officer Ramey later obtained additional video of the incident which aided in the suspect being formally charged by the Alameda County DA for a hate crime and false imprisonment.

I would like to commend the following officers for their exceptional work on this case:

Sergeant Samantha Speelman  
Officer Dillon Armistead  
Officer Madison Albrandt  
Officer Skyler Ramey

This case was an excellent example of our officers who understood the seriousness of this type of crime and investigated to the fullest extent possible. This crime later garnered national media attention and highlighted the quality of work our officers provide our community on a daily basis. These officers should be recognized and commended for their work.

# Berkeley Police Department

Sex Crimes and Domestic Violence Unit – Sergeant Jesse Grant



TO: Acting Chief Louis, via chain of command, Detective Division *ML-10 / JSG*

FROM: Sergeant Jesse Grant, Detective Division

SUBJECT: Sergeants Castle #S21, Rafferty #S2, Kacelek #S18, Lindenau #S22, Officers Grover #67, Martinez #21, Lomeli #19, Moore #56, Abdoulmawla #58, Navarro #124, Jacala #61, Bally #73, Armistead #4, Melowitz #94, Legall #19, Pickett #81, Stern #8, Shedoudy #127, Breaux #15, Michalczyk #9, Nabozny #118, Villarroel #11, Egbert #103, Smith #60, ID Tech Bolla, ID Tech Lee

DATE: 6/22/21

On 09/27/2020, Berkeley Police Department Officers responded to Berkeley, where a twenty-one-year-old female was attacked by an unknown suspect at gunpoint, while alone in her apartment. The suspect, identified as [redacted], broke into the victim's apartment and stole multiple cell phones, computers, electronics and personal items. During the home invasion, the victim was sleeping in her bed. [redacted] woke the victim up and pointed a gun at her face. Jordan pulled back the covers and made a motion as if he was to jump into bed with the victim as he told her, "Be quiet. You know what I'm doing." The victim attempted to flee, however struck the victim multiple times with an object, causing blunt force trauma to her head and face. [redacted] fled from the apartment. Berkeley PD ID Techs Lee and Bolla processed the scene for evidence.

The victim was treated at the hospital for her injuries. The victim sustained multiple injuries on her face and head that required 5 stitches in her eyebrow and 8 staples to injuries sustained to the top of her head.

After the incident occurred, the victim's electronics were briefly tracked to a location in [redacted], CA. The victim does not have any relation to the address.

Team 7 and Officer Grover did a very good job handling the scene and the initial follow-up. It was assigned to Detective Martinez for follow up. With the assistance of Detective Nabozny, Detective Villarroel and Bike Force, over 90 residences were searched for video surveillance and additional leads. This case was worked for six months with very little useful information developed. There was a search warrant to Apple for location information which would prove, months later, to be invaluable. Many investigative steps were taken but they failed to pay off.

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Sgt. Rafferty assisted in providing information that would lead to search warrants for location information related to the Wi-Fi and internet providers at the victim's apartment and a neighboring apartment. Additionally, search warrants for three tower dumps in three different counties, Google Timeline, Geo Fence, historical data and call detail warrants for cell phones were authored.

Meanwhile, Patrol and DD were pointing out people they had dealt with who could fit this crime. DNA was collected from no less than 10 different subjects who could have been persons of interest in this crime. Bikes Force, especially Officer Michalczyk, Sgt. Lindenau and Detective Smith had an outsized impact on providing names of people of interest and helping obtain their DNA.

On 01/08/2021, [redacted] robbed a victim at gun point in Berkeley and fled in a vehicle. The victim of the robbery obtained the license plate of [redacted] vehicle. BPD Robbery Detective Egbert conducted follow up on this case. Detective Egbert placed a felony stop on the vehicle. On 01/13/2021, [redacted] was contacted and arrested by San Pablo Police Department for possession of a firearm, possession of a stolen vehicle and other various crimes. Detective Egbert conducted a search warrant of the vehicle and located stolen property from various locations in Berkeley, including mail from the victim's apartment building. [redacted] was linked to multiple robberies and burglaries in the area. On 03/18/2021, Sgt. Lindenau was reviewing Detective Egbert's work, when he noticed some of the stolen mail Detective Egbert recovered was from the same apartment complex the victim lived in at the time of this crime. Sgt. Lindenau advised Sex Crimes about [redacted] and his crimes. Thanks to the ground work which was laid in the months of previous investigation it was immediately apparent that [redacted] was responsible for this violent crime.

At the time [redacted] was arrested on this robbery he was also arrested for a kidnapping and rape in [redacted] during which he broke the victim's orbital sockets. [redacted] was booked into the Santa Rita Jail for the Berkeley PD Robbery and Burglary cases. [redacted] DNA was collected, compared and found to match the flashlight recovered at the scene.

Detective Martinez tracked down the 10851 VC that [redacted] had used (it was now in [redacted] at an auction yard). On 03/22/2021, Detective Martínez searched the 10851 VC and at the bottom of a trunk filled with nonsense, she found the victim's stolen Apple ear buds. The victim's and [redacted] DNA were both found on the ear buds. [redacted] was interview at the Santa Rita Jail. He denied knowing the victim or going to her apartment.

[redacted] is currently in custody at the Santa Rita Jail for PC 261(a)(2), PC 245(a)(4) and several other violent felonies with enhancements. Jordan is on PRCS for PC 212.5 and PC 245(a)(4) and has been arrested for a prior sexual assault and other violent felonies.

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Sex Crimes and Domestic Violence Unit – Sergeant Jesse Grant



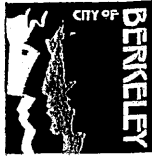
On 6/15/2021, \_\_\_\_\_ was charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office with:

1. 459 PC -1st with enhancements: 667.5(C)(21), 969f, 12022.5, 12022.7
2. 220 (a)(1) PC with enhancements: 12022.53(b), 12022.8
3. 245(a)(1) PC with enhancements: 969f, 12022.7.

Thanks to a Department wide effort \_\_\_\_\_ is now facing life in prison. Each of the officers named above diligently completed seemingly small tasks pertinent to this case. Each of these in total formed a rock-solid case against \_\_\_\_\_. Their actions helped make Berkeley and the larger East Bay community safer. Please extend my appreciation to each of them.

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**Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum**



To: Chief Jennifer Louis via Chain of Command *Am 1-4 MDC-2*      Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021

From: Sergeant Veronica Rodrigues, S-24 *VP #527*

Subject: **Commendation for Officer Matt Yee #136**

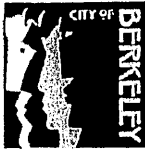
I would like to commend Officer Matt Yee for his work in the arrest of prolific thief and fraudster, [redacted]. Officer Yee is assigned to the Community Services Bureau as a Crime Analyst, however in September 2021 it was brought to his attention that a suspect he had previously arrested had reportedly committed a rash of fraud and theft through false pretenses cases in our city.

Officer Yee researched the cases and knew immediately the suspect matched the modus operandi (M.O.) of [redacted]. Despite his significant analyst workload, and with approval from the Property Crimes Detective Division, Officer Yee immediately launched head first into the investigation.

Between August 2021 to October 2021, Officer Yee found that [redacted] had contacted five different victims on the street in five separate incidents, and convinced them (under false pretenses) to deposit checks for her. The checks would later bounce or were determined to be stolen from mail thefts in San Francisco. [redacted] used the same M.O. every time. She told the victims her wallet was either lost or stolen and she needed help urgently. She also told the victims the checks were from her work, and she asked the victims to make up the difference through the purchase of gift cards. [redacted] pre-dominantly targeted Asian females near the campus or downtown area of Berkeley.

On October 18, 2021, and after two months of securing numerous search warrants, Officer Yee tracked [redacted] to Berkeley and arrested her during a vehicle enforcement stop. During an interview she admitted to numerous crimes and additional cases that were unreported in our city. [redacted] was subsequently charged with numerous counts of grand theft, fraud and identify theft.

Throughout this investigation, Officer Yee was relentless, meticulous and exhibited an unwavering work ethic in the arrest of an individual who consistently took advantage of our community. He was also exceptionally effective and diligent in the coordination and arrest of [redacted], who frequently eluded efforts to arrest her. Additionally, Officer Yee realized the impact these financial crimes have on our community, and notably the transient University community, and is in the process of preparing a public safety message to warn our community members of these types of crimes. I believe the impacts of Officer Yee's investigative work and forward-thinking safety message to our community are substantial and should be acknowledged and commended.



## BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



To: Chief Louis via the Chain of Command Date: 11/23/2021  
From: Sgt. Speelman  
Subject: Life Saving Commendation – Officers Hogan, Warren, Jackson and Valle

On 10/18/21 BPD received a report of two men sitting in a vehicle and one of them appearing “dead”. Officer Warren was the first to arrive on scene and contacted both of the men. Ofc. Warren quickly determined, and broadcast, that the man in the driver’s seat was unconscious but breathing and the man in the passenger seat was alert and responsive.

Within moments, Officers Jackson, Valle and Hogan arrived on scene to assist. They assessed the unconscious man and determined he may be suffering an opioid overdose. Ofc. Hogan obtained and administered Narcan as Ofc. Valle protectively maneuvered and cautioned him to beware of the possible fentanyl on the man’s clothing and face.

They monitored the man for a response to the Narcan but after about thirty seconds, Ofc. Hogan determined, and notified the other officers, that the man was no longer breathing. Ofc. Hogan pulled the man out of the vehicle and onto the ground with the help of Ofc. Jackson and Ofc. Valle.

Once the man was on the ground, Ofc. Hogan administered a second dose of Narcan and began chest compressions. The man was foaming at the mouth and turning blue as BFD arrived on scene. BFD began their assessment as Ofc. Hogan continued chest compressions. BFD started treating the man and then hoisted him onto a gurney. As the man was being wheeled into the ambulance he began breathing on his own.

The man made a full recovery and later commended the officers in a letter stating, “I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Berkeley Police and specifically Officer Warren for saving my life. My family and I cannot thank her enough for her valliant service. God bless Officer Warren and the Berkeley Police”.

I’d like to commend the actions of all officers on scene. Each officer was professional, efficient and capable during an emergency wherein their skills were tested and needed the most. This was a rapidly unfolding and life-threatening event and there is no doubt in my mind that their teamwork, communication and quick thinking saved this man’s life.

To: Chief Louis  
cc: Officer Schikore

Re: 51.50 on Shattuck

I am a local activist and mental health advocate- who lived in Berkeley on and off for over two decades.

While my fellow activists rarely acknowledge any good work by BPD, I tend the lean in the other direction

However, I am not blind to the instances of abuse of power I have witnessed or have been recounted to me over the years- nor to the implicit bias and differing conduct citizens of color or citizens with known

or apparent mental health conditions or crisis- may receive in comparison to citizens who are not readily identified as belonging to these classes.

I was very happy with the conduct of all officers involved in the 51.50 I witnessed in front of the Wells Fargo

at Shattuck , today- October 17th. Officer Schikore and several other officers managed to exercise very

good physical restraint - in a very protracted wait time - while the person in crisis was identified and his diagnosis were ascertained prior to transport to a local hospital. The entire engagement took over a half hour, and while the person in crisis grew more angry, anxious, and hostile- sometimes knocking into the bart elevator doors and sometimes kicking them- while attempting to provoke BPD- no officer used force and no officer took the bait of engaging in his provocation.

As well, the female officer, who appeared to play the role of "good cop" did so remarkably well. She was

phenomenally effective at de-escalating the person in crisis- by using her voice and by setting clear boundaries while not being harsh or authoritarian. And while she felt it necessary to lie to the subject in order to avoid his anticipation of a hold while they waited for the ambulance to arrive- telling him that his identity and paperwork on his identity were being processed- she maintained a supportive role with him throughout in a manner that I have rarely seen in Berkeley in my 1/4 of a decade here.

I appreciate the quality of the work and service that was done today. And I consider the individual taken to the hospital one of the "lucky ones" where the situation did not de-evolve into an arrest or harm to him- and where he was taken appropriately to a hospital rather than being left to decompensate on the streets as we all know so many are.

Sincerely,



Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum



To: Chief Jennifer Louis via Chain of Command *JL* Date 01/27/22  
From: Lieutenant Matt McGee #L-4 *M. McGee*  
Subject: Commendation for 2021 Organization of Shop with a Berkeley Cop

I would like to commend Sgt. Rodrigues for her work on, and leadership of, the 2021 "Holiday Shop with a Cop" event. This event provided 20 Berkeley families, who were selected by City of Berkeley Parks, Recreation and Waterfront (PRW) supervisors, to participate in a holiday shopping trip at a local Target store.

Sgt. Rodrigues organized, coordinated and supervised all facets of this extremely successful community. Sgt. Rodrigues's efforts allowed for not only 20 Berkeley families to receive gifts for the holiday, but also afforded many BPD officers and staff the opportunity to interact with community members in a non-enforcement capacity. This community event was successful for both community members and police officers alike, because of the work from Sgt. Rodrigues.



**From:** "Louis, Jennifer A." <JLouis@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Date:** January 5, 2021 at 11:50:25 AM PST  
**To:** "Schofield, Kevin M." <KSchofield@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:** "Rodrigues, Veronica" <VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** A thank you!

I wanted to send you a quick email to say that I really appreciated Sgt Rodrigues' participation in the zoom meeting with the City Auditor's office regarding the Police Budget Audit. She was knowledgeable, professional and did a great job giving them an overview as well as detailed explanation of the process. It was clear to me that she is used to working (and working well) with other City departments and external stakeholders.

Thank you Roni, and good job.

With respect,

Jen

**From:** .  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 5:45 PM  
**To:** BPD Webmail <[bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Commendation for two officers

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To Who it May Concern,

I wanted to quickly write to commend two of your officers for their work today. While I did not get their names -being a bit too rattled myself- they were on bicycles at the Shattuck and Virginia intersection at 3:40pm today. Just prior to their arrival a black Toyota (license with a handicap placard on the mirror) ignored the crosswalk lights, sped up and swerve to just miss my wife pushing my daughter in a stroller. The officers heard our yelling and arrived to ensure our safety, and then seeing the car parking up ahead (to pickup takeout at Chez Panisse of all places) went to engage with the driver, an elderly gentleman.

The officers were quite professional and calm with us (who were obviously rattled by the unsafe nature of this driver) and did let us know that having not seen the event, they could not cite the driver. However they took the time to follow up and try to engage with him (though he blew them off). At the time I was also able to see the officers engage with some homeless individuals in a kind and caring manner. It made me happy to be a Berkeley resident knowing that they are out on the streets, and I hope that they can be recognized for their work.

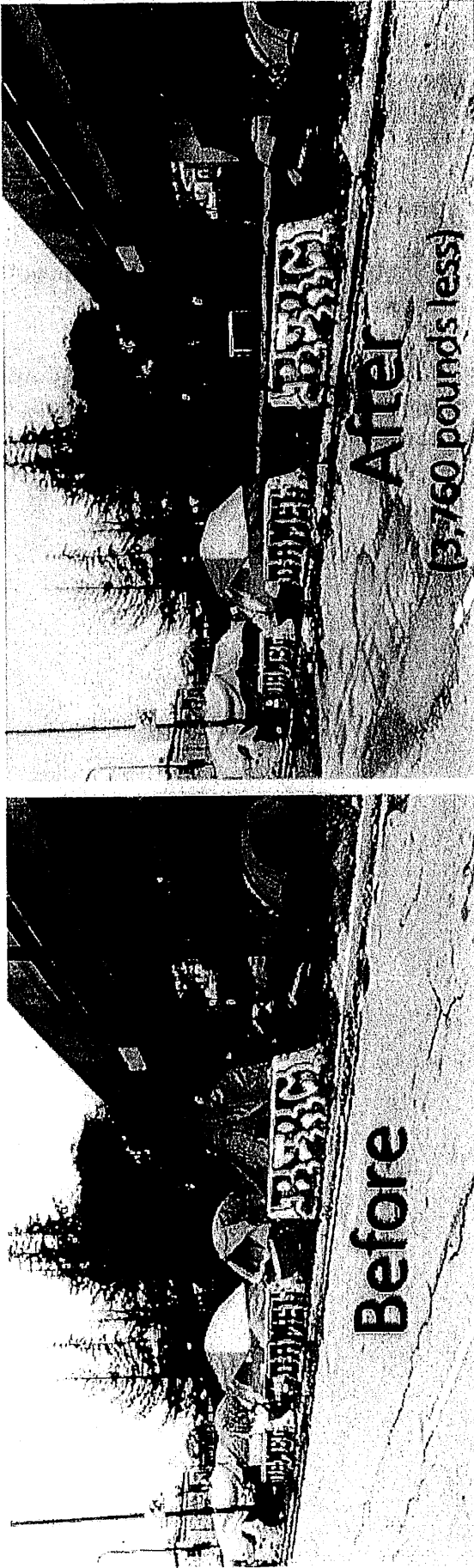
My regards,



**From:** Rafferty, Darrin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:15 AM  
**To:** Rodrigues, Veronica <[VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info)>; Schikore, George <[GSchikore@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:GSchikore@cityofberkeley.info)>; Hartley, Brian <[BHartley@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:BHartley@cityofberkeley.info)>; Hurtado, John <[jhurtado@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:jhurtado@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:** McGee, Matthew <[MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Here/There

FYI, good work last week on the TNCs.

Thank you, as always.



**From:** P  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:09 PM  
**To:** White, Byron E. <BWhite@cityofberkeley.info>; /  
**Subject:** Case 2021-0000

Byron, happy new year! Hope all's well with you.

Thank you for the recent bulletin about the hate crime yesterday afternoon on Durant, and my appreciation to the officers for their response.

I'm curious if this seems like a one-off incident or if the suspect is someone who is routinely challenging on Telegraph. Was her arrest from a previous crime also in the area? Totally understand if the suspect's name or record can't be disclosed yet.

Thank you,  
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Subject: incident January 23, 2021

On January 23, 2021 at about 6 PM a woman who "occupies" (i.e. not a paying tenant) an apartment in a building in Richmond, Ca. owned by my husband Dr. ; came to our residence, which is my non-community property at . She aggressively demanded my husband and when I told her that she was trespassing on my property and asked her to leave, she threatened to call the police-against me? I thought that was a good idea and did call Berkeley Police. In due time officer C. Coria, badge #87, came to my house. He made sure that the woman was not on premises and then had a very useful talk with my husband about safe property management. Officer Coria was wonderful, and I commend him for being observant, competent, and helpful. Thank you all for protecting us.

1/24/2021

**From:** ...  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:07 PM  
**To:** BPD Webmail <bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Commendation, B. Smith, Badge 3

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Hello there,

My name is I . About two weeks ago I was in a car accident on The Arlington. I was driving with my very young son at the time. Fortunately, we were both okay.

I am writing to communicate my gratitude to the officers at the scene that day, especially the lead officer, B. Smith, badge #3. His professionalism, leadership, and patience were instrumental in keeping a potentially chaotic scene safe and calm. At the time, I was somewhat shaken up, and his presence was a stabilizing and grounding force for which I am most thankful.

Keep up the great work and thank you again!

Sincerely,

**From:** Rafferty, Darrin

**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 2:40 PM

**To:** Williams-Ridley, Dee <DWilliams-Ridley@cityofberkeley.info>; Allen, Shalon L.

<SLAllen@cityofberkeley.info>; Buddenhagen, Paul <PBuddenhagen@cityofberkeley.info>

**Cc:** White, David <DWhite@cityofberkeley.info>; Brown, Farimah F. <FBrown@cityofberkeley.info>;

Garland, Liam <LGarland@cityofberkeley.info>

**Subject:** RE: Eighth Street Sidewalk Obstruction by Campers

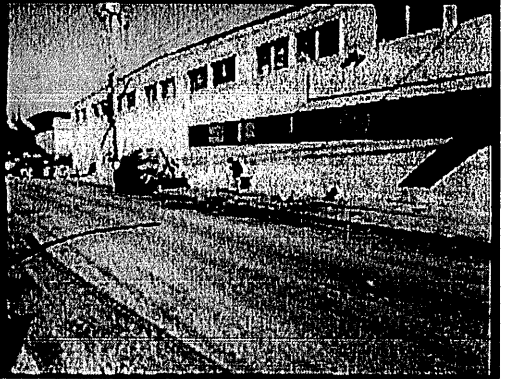
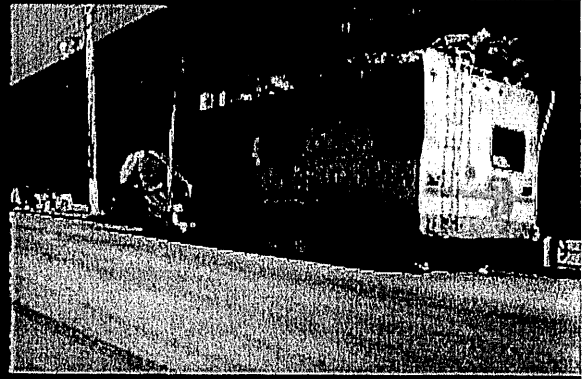
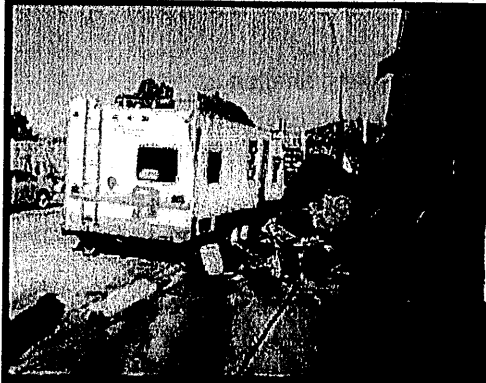
All,

This problem has been taken care of, and the block looks much better.

After extensive outreach (including HHCS, Lifelong, CMO, PD) I met with Environmental Health and Code Enforcement at the vehicle today. We were going to hit it from all angles because it would have been a bear to tow. As we were meeting and assessing the trailer the owner brought in a AAA tow truck because he could see what the next steps from the city were going to be. It was ultimately towed away and will likely go back to Oakland.

Great thanks to PW and the new PW dump truck. We were able to get 1.29 tons off the sidewalk and roadway today (in 1 load) whereas the prior limit would be a half ton per load.





On Jan 26, 2021, at 12:54 PM, T

> wrote:

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Hello,

My name is T & I have been in communication today with Ms Shelly Hill from the Traffic Division of the Berkeley Police Department. We were discussing a fairly complicated issue revolving around a towed car whose owner (my daughter-in-law) resides in North Carolina and the driver (my daughter) who lives in Berkeley & thought the car was stolen...

Anyway, the point of this note is to let you know how professional, thorough, & kind Ms Hill was with me throughout the process. The car is still in the tow yard, we still need to decide our next steps, & it is going to cost a fair amount of cash no matter what we decide; so the problem has not been resolved.

But thanks to Ms Hill's careful attention to helping me understand all the specifics, I now have all the information I need.

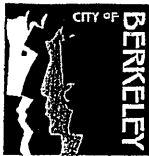
She is to be commended (& perhaps given a raise!) for her exemplary skills.

If you need any more follow up on this matter, I can be reached at:

or

or

Thanks,



**Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum**



To Lieutenant McGee, L-4 *DLH* Date: February 10, 2021  
 From Sergeant Veronica Rodrigues, S-24 *VRH/SJR*  
 Subject Commendation for 2020 Holiday Toy Drive

This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Community Services Bureau (CSB) was unable to organize the Holiday Shop with a BPD Cop event. In place of that event, CSB creatively pivoted towards a Holiday Toy Drive and identified Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) program as the primary beneficiary of the donated toys. The BOSS program provides shelter and support services to unhoused families within our City.

Throughout the month of December, CSB partnered with the Youth Services Division (YSD) to stand in front of various retail establishments throughout our City to solicit donations from our community.

The following BPD personnel enthusiastically volunteered their time and/or generously donated toys for this event:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Lieutenant Matt McGee    | Officer Jessica Perry   | Officer Alex McDougall  |
| Sergeant Jenn Coats      | Officer Jessica Nabozny | Officer Brian Hartley   |
| Officer George Schikore  | Officer Byron White     | Officer Chris Scott     |
| Officer Lionell Dozier   | Officer Geoff Mitchell  | Officer Alex Villarroel |
| Officer Dillon Armistead | Officer Kasia Kirkbride | CSO Fredicka Noh        |

On January 8, 2021, I received the attached letter from BOSS. They wished to express their appreciation for the Berkeley Police Department and thank us for our efforts in providing gifts for families in need.

I would like to commend and extend my appreciation to all of the involved personnel who made this Holiday Toy Drive special, successful and possible.



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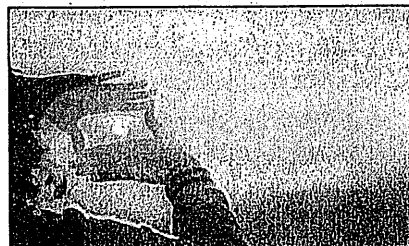
January 8, 2021

Attn: Sergeant Veronica Rodrigues  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Sergeant Rodrigues and the Berkeley Police Department ~

On behalf of BOSS's program participants, volunteers, staff, and Board of Directors, *thank you* for your dedication and the outstanding toy drive you organized and collected from the community in order to support BOSS programs for individuals and families in need of services and especially the children.

BOSS serves over 3,000 families and individuals impacted by homelessness with our network of Housing, Health, Economic Development, and Social Justice programs. Your support helps BOSS provide life-changing services and housing to help people overcome barriers and rebuild their lives.



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All the best ~

Executive Director

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**CHIEF OF POLICE**

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February 19, 2021

Chief Andrew Greenwood  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, Ca. 94704

Andy,

I want to thank you and your staff for helping us with our sergeant's promotional panel. As you know a sergeant is one of the most important positions in the police department and it is essential to put the right person in this position. Lt. Jen Tate was nice enough to assist us in our promotional process and provided her expertise and knowledge as a panelist to help ensure our candidates were capable of handling this key position.

Lt. Tate's performance reflected well on your organization and I really appreciate her taking time out of her busy schedule to help us with this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Geissberger".

John Geissberger  
Chief of Police

**From:** S  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 11:08 AM  
**To:** Turner, Melanie <MTurner@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Follow up from incident at

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Hi Lieutenant Turner,

Thank you for your voicemail about follow up and feedback. I must admit that I'm very hesitant about calling the police because we've had such bad experiences over the years, particularly in Oakland, and our clients are the target demographic for police violence. We felt that we had tried every other possible option when we called last week. The dispatcher we spoke to on the phone and Officer Thome both seemed thorough and thoughtful and actually listened to us. I asked [redacted] and [redacted] for feedback as well and [redacted] shared that she really appreciated two key aspects of the police response:

1. That the police never forced us to compromise our client's safety; allowed us to keep him safely in the community room with staff so he could manage his fear.
2. That the police who spoke to our client cared about his wellbeing. She said they really listened to what he was saying and sympathized.

I personally am grateful that not only was our client protected but the trespassers weren't harmed either. The officers for the most part spoke to them calmly and respectfully, which prevented the situation from escalating more than it did. The only negative feedback we had was that when [redacted] first called the police on Thursday afternoon, the dispatcher told her that the police could not help her and sent her on a bit of runaround trying to figure out who could help. [redacted] felt that she now knows she should have explained the situation differently to get the police to respond so she felt like it was her fault but I wonder if there's a way to tighten up that conversation.

Thank you very much,



**From:** Boone, Kevin

**Sent:** Monday, March 01, 2021 4:59 PM

**To:** Tate, Jen <[JTate@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JTate@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Incident at DoubleTree Hotel March 1, 2021

Lieutenant Tate,

At approximately 03:00 hrs. on March 1, 2021 Berkeley Fire Department Engine 6 and Medic 1 were dispatched to an unconscious 20 year old male in room 2313 of the DoubleTree Hotel. Upon our arrival we encountered three women who were talking with a now, very much not unconscious, agitated (likely impaired by alcohol as a minimum) male patient who appeared confused and scared. The scene was confusing due to the cross talk and the number of people in the room so I asked the three women to leave the room and wait in the hallway. During this time the patient kept yelling that he didn't want anyone to call the police because they would kill him. The engine 6 firefighter and I attempted to convince the patient that we were paramedics and that we were just there to help make sure that he was okay. Shortly after the three women left the room the patient started to scream and he charged us and shoved me backward into my firefighter. We were able to quickly exit the room and pull the door closed behind us, isolating the patient in the room and protecting us from him and avoiding an unplanned physical altercation. I immediately called for code 3 police and the five of us kept the door closed until BPD arrived on scene.

From this point forward I witnessed what I have on so many times over the years; Berkeley police officers who were professional, kind, courteous, and clearly had the safety and wellbeing of the public and my crew as an obvious priority. There was a clear discussion and plan for doing everything possible to deescalate the situation without harming the patient, us, or themselves. Not one officer had their hand on their gun, nightstick, or mace. The officer closest to the door stood next to me and spoke through the door to try and get the patient to come out of the room peacefully. The other officers were poised to assist in the event that the situation were to deteriorate, and BFD was ready to restrain and care for the patient.

In the end, the patient opened the door and three BPD officers used minimal force to handcuff the patient and allow for the medics to care for him. During this time the patient repeatedly voiced that he didn't want the police to kill him and he asked for one person to talk to. I engaged him and brought his focus to me and the BPD officers gave him space to allow him to calm down. My firefighter and I were able to get the patient to our gurney and with the assistance of your officers, we were able to restrain and sedate the patient and prepare him for transport to the hospital.

Throughout the interaction the BPD officers communicated with us and I felt as though we functioned as a well trained team.

I have been working in public safety for over 30 years and I have only called for code 3 police assistance a couple of times. In this particular instance I could not have asked for a better, more professional response. I would like to commend the Berkeley police officers that responded and assisted with this incident, and I want you to know that as a Captain with The Berkeley Fire Department, and as a Berkeley citizen, I am honored to work with your officers and I feel

grateful and safe knowing that these officers are here to protect my family and all of the other citizens of Berkeley.

Please extend my thanks to your officers and let me know if there is ever anything that I can do to repay the assistance that your officers gave me and my crew.

Respectfully,  
Kevin Boone

Kevin Boone, Captain  
Berkeley Fire Department  
Station 6 - A Shift  
(510) 981-5560

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 10:51 AM  
**To:** Hong, Peter J. <PHong@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Thank you

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I am an elderly person who walks with a cane and I have difficulty speaking. I am constantly frustrated by people who can't seem to understand my written inquiries and/or explanation of my problems.

Berkeley Police Officer Kyle Ludovico Badge #26 was very patient and took the time to read about my dilemma :  
On Friday morning ( 2/26/2021 ) AT&T cut my landline & internet.

And, therefore I faced a weekend with no communication with the outside world.

(I had paid my bill by sending \$200 on 2/12/2021 - 2 weeks earlier -  
to AT&T, Post Office Box per AT&T internet  
instructions for Area Code

Although I was very apologetic,  
Officer Ludovico assisted me without judgment.

When I went back to the Police Department a 2nd time, in the afternoon, because my landline was not working and I could not activate my Wells Fargo credit card to pay my bill to AT&T. AT&T had not yet received the \$200 I sent 2 weeks ago.

Again, Officer Ludovico was very patient and helped me by answering the security questions for me asked by Wells Fargo (because as I wrote above, I have difficulty speaking). Then, my card was activated and I could pay my AT&T bill because AT&T had not yet received the \$200 which I had sent 2 weeks earlier.

**I wish to thank you, Berkeley Police Department and especially Officer Lucovico for helping me in my time of needing help.**



**From:** Tate, Jen  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:35 PM  
**To:** Schofield, Kevin M. <[KSchofield@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:KSchofield@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** FW: Commendation for BPD Officers - [B

Captain,

Below, please find an outstanding commendation from Sgt. Bejarano for the officers who responded to the South Campus dual assault with deadly weapons last week. I would not only like to request that this email be forwarded as a commendation for all involved, but would like to add Sgt. Bejarano to the list of personnel to be commended.

Sgt. Bejarano responded to, and played an integral role at both scenes. As our officers followed UCPD's armed suspect on foot, Sgt. Bejarano followed in his vehicle providing cover to our officers. After the less lethal deployments were unsuccessful, Sgt. Bejarano quickly assessed the situation and his swift actions led to the suspect being taken to the ground where she was restrained avoiding the need for a greater level of force.

Sgt. Bejarano communicated with the Homicide Detail regarding BPD's assault investigation, which ultimately led to an interview opportunity for the handling officer. During the interview, they were able to acquire a full confession from the suspect. Sgt. Bejarano's oversight, expertise and follow-up showed tremendous leadership and provided a valuable investigative learning opportunity for our officers. His work on this case is worthy of commendation, in addition to the outstanding teamwork contained in his email.

Thank you,

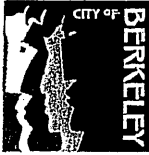


**Lieutenant Jen Tate, #L-8**  
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Operations Division  
Desk: (510) 981-5792  
Cell: (510) 812-9279

**From:** Bejarano, Andres  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 1:32 AM  
**To:** Tate, Jen <[JTate@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JTate@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** RE: Commendation for BPD Officers - [BPD Cases 21-09808 & 21-09814]

The involved Officers in the aforementioned cases below were:

Lt. Tate  
Sgt. Speelman  
Sgt. Kleppe  
Ofc. Bally  
Ofc. Navarro  
Ofc. Melowitz



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Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum

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To Lieutenant J. Okies, L-1                      Date 03-15-21

From Sergeant V. Rodrigues, S-24

Subject Commendation for Officer Byron White #17

On 03-15-21, I received the attached screenshot from the twitter account of \_\_\_\_\_, who is an independent investigative journalist. In the twitter post, \_\_\_\_\_ commends Public Information Officer Byron White for exceptional work on his public records requests and responses. \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledges Officer White as the "top of the good list."

I would like to acknowledge and commend Officer White and the outstanding customer service he consistently provides to the public and the media.

**LocalNewsMatters** 48m

**Spirit of**:

**#ShineWeek- The Good- The Bad & The #FFS public records responses.**

**First, we praise the agencies who rock our #FOIA #CPRA requests - top of the good list :**

**PIO @OfficerByron of @berkeleypolice**

**@CityofDavis**

**&**

**@bakersfieldpd rounding out " The Good"**

stitutional rights of the public and the media to record activities at your site

al team would like to alert our valued clients to a record that may impact your facility. Self-proclaimed community "First Amendment Auditors" have been videotaping inside lobbies. These groups attempt to provoke or by goading them and demanding information while videotaping to manufacture a confrontation that appropriate amendment rights. Typically, these groups will film in and around malls, government facilities, hospitals or petrochemical or manufacturing buildings.

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**From:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:33 PM  
**To:** BPD Webmail <bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** To Berkeley Police Department

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3/16/2021

To Berkeley Police Department

This is a personal sentiment to your department for the situation I witnessed today 3/16... it was in front of \_\_\_\_\_ @ 6:30 am. There were 3 officers assisting a man in only his underwear... I don't know why this had an impact, but as I awaited my coffee I saw care and compassion from officers with the dialogue with this man. The ambulance came to cover him with what must have been a warm blanket and where he went as I don't need to know. This has been my story over the past 20 years

I am in recovery from methamphetamine and mental health issues.. it was just 6 months and a week ago I was found in some city I don't recall laying face down in a Best Buy parking lot.. With the attention of a passerby the police were called and then the Paramedics...

I was off to Kaiser Hospital in \_\_\_\_\_ .. this is the last day I have been under the influence of any drug and alcohol... Like the officers today I remember not being harassed or felt less than... Under Kaiser's care (they have seen a lot of me 51/50's and rehabilitation treatment).. (I truly lost count how many times) I would be taken care of by Kaiser and was offered treatment in Bonita House in Berkeley.. I am now a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ in Berkeley.

I can't speak for the recovery community but from my experience in AA and NA and rehabilitation. I never knew when the day would be that I would never be shooting up or be found drunk again. It is with help from Public Service I was able to be pointed in a healthy direction and given a pause. This situation I think of my story, this may have saved his life and given a chance through the services the State and City of Alameda offers.

I am so grateful to be alive today, and just a big thank you to everyone who assisted this man. I pray for this man that God will be his strength and he will be continued to be surrounded by a supportive environment.

Thank You

To whom it may be concern!

I am writing this letter to express our gratitude and appreciation for the stellar work of your officer Brandon Smith on March 18 2021

My wife and I were out of town when the alarm system of our home went off.

Officer Smith tended to the matter swiftly, successfully and professionally.

He was kind, thoughtful and concerned.

Please pass on the message to him that we were very touched by his care and the way he handled the situation.

You have a wonderful officer in Brandon Smith and we thank him and the Berkeley Police department.

Sincerely,

**From:** Robinson, Rigel  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 11:08 PM  
**To:** Perry, Jessica <JPerry@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:** Rodrigues, Veronica <VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info>; Hartley, Brian <BHartley@cityofberkeley.info>; Schikore, George <GSchikore@cityofberkeley.info>; McDougall, Alexander <AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info>; White, Byron E. <BWhite@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Re: Area 2 Community Advisory Meeting 3/18 at 6 PM (Link Attached)

So appreciate you putting this on tonight, thank you! Hope all's well with each of you, take care

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**From:** Perry, Jessica <JPerry@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:52 AM  
**To:** < >; Robinson, Rigel <RRobinson@cityofberkeley.info>; < >  
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**Cc:** Rodrigues, Veronica <VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info>; Hartley, Brian <BHartley@cityofberkeley.info>; Schikore, George <GSchikore@cityofberkeley.info>; McDougall, Alexander <AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info>; White, Byron E. <BWhite@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Area 2 Community Advisory Meeting 3/18 at 6 PM (Link Attached)

Hello all,

Thank you for your responses and for joining me tomorrow night in my first Area 2 Community advisory meeting. This is the first meeting of many and is a why for us to communicate on issues and creating solutions to ongoing problems. I have tried to invite numerous individuals from South Berkeley to assist in answering the questions that you have sent to me with your RSVP. I appreciate all your questions and will do my best in answering everything that we can in this 1 hour meeting. Although, I do not plan on solving everything that is addressed in one night, I will do my best moving forward after this meeting to continue to help.

If I missed anyone, please forward accordingly as I am still rebuilding my community outreach list. I'm looking forward to speaking with you all tomorrow.

Thank you,

**Officer Jessica Perry #16**  
Area 2 Coordinator- Community Services Bureau

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2021 9:16 PM  
**To:** Rodrigues, Veronica <VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Thank You

Hello Sergeant Rodrigues,

I just wanted to give a big thanks to you and the Berkeley Police Department for your help and support. The rally and March were an incredibly positive experience for the girls and all who attended.

Thanks,

On Mar 25, 2021, at 12:08 AM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

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Thanks for your phone call. It was nice talking with you this morning. I am attaching a flyer with the speakers.

<[REDACTED].png>

The volunteers will arrive before 10:00am, set up the speaker area. The main group of youth organizers along with parent help will go to the footbridge and put up a large sign across the span on the fence. (We plan to do this before the rally so that the kids are not dealing with large signs when there are more people on the bridge).

They will return to the main speaking area. Speeches start at 2:00pm and go for an hour or so. Then a March to the bridge will start around 3:15. The attendees will walk to the bridge and hold up signs, maybe put some smaller ones up on the fence. The rally will finish up there. Volunteers will return for clean up.

Thanks again,



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Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum

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Hi,

You called me on Th regarding my Alarm.

What a great, helpful and professional message. At times when many tend to complain, I want to show appreciation.

Thank you.

You even pronounced my name correctly.

When calling to leave a thank you message the dispatcher agreed with me that you are a great guy

The first message was sent to the BPD Webmail address and the second was sent directly to Ofc. Smith via text message.

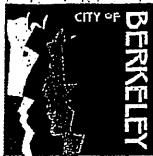
Please process these messages from the community as a commendation for Ofc. Smith.

Sincerely,

*K. Kleppe #S-4*

Sergeant Kevin Kleppe #S-4





**Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum**



To: Interim Police Chief Louis #C-1, via Date: March 23, 2021  
the Chain of Command *YSC*

From: Sergeant Jennifer Coats #S-6 *J Coats*

Subject: External Commendation for Officer Abdoulmawla and ID Tech Schwarck

Today, I received a telephone call from Mr. [redacted] was the recent victim of a vandalism incident at [redacted] documented under BPD Case # [redacted]. An unknown suspect had slashed the tires of [redacted] vehicle. Officer Abdoulmawla was assigned to handle the investigation.

[redacted] called because he wanted to express his appreciation for how Officer Abdoulmawla handled the investigation. He advised that Officer Abdoulmawla was professional and kind. That he truly enjoyed his job and cared about the people he came in contact with. He noted that Officer Abdoulmawla was emphatic and understanding. He stated that Berkeley was "lucky" to have officers like Officer Abdoulmawla.

[redacted] also indicated that ID Tech Schwarck had responded to the location. He said that ID Tech Schwarck was also professional and very kind.

He wanted to call and ensure that Officer Abdoulmawla and ID Schwarck received recognition for their outstanding work and professionalism.

**From:** Ross, Sean B.

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 7:12 PM

**To:** Montgomery, Daniel R. <[DMontgomery@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DMontgomery@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Commendation For PSAD Krocil #

Lt. Montgomery,

On 03/24/21 PSD Krocil advised me of a call she had taken regarding a welfare check on a subject at . . . . The caller lived out of the area and requested a welfare check on her brother in law who she had not spoken to in several weeks. PSD Krocil researched the address and found the subject of the call had been the subject of a welfare check 3 days prior. In that prior call officers found the subject deceased, however they were unable to locate a next of kin. PSD Krocil recognized the sensitivity of the situation and kindly told the R/P a sergeant would call her back.

I called the R/P, explained the situation, provided the coroner's case number, and gave directions on how to proceed. The R/P told me PSD Krocil was "very nice" on the phone. The R/P told me when PSD Krocil said, "a sergeant would call her back," the way she said it, subtly communicated something was going on. I am certain PSD Krocil's friendly disposition, coupled with the *je ne sais quoi* of a veteran dispatcher, primed the family for the bad news I was about to deliver, thus making my job so much easier. I believe PSD Krocil's efforts with this call are worthy of commendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Ross



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## Berkeley Police Department Memorandum

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To Captain Schofield via Lt. Montgomery *ms* Date 03/24/2021

From Sgt. Kevin Kleppe #S-4

Subject Commendation for Ofc. Smith #3

I am requesting that the following messages directed to Ofc. Smith be processed as commendations. The messages from our community members speak to the kind of officer that Brandon is and to the level of service that he constantly provides, day in and day out. I believe that they are reflective of the high standards that Ofc. Smith has for himself and the positive way that he interacts with members of the community. Please see below for the following messages.

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 6:00 PM  
**To:** BPD Webmail <bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** in appreciation, thank you, (

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Greetings

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to Officer Brandon Smith.

On March 18 Officer Smith discovered that our car, parked at \_\_\_\_\_, had been vandalized with the window broken. Office Smith alerted us and covered the window with plastic to protect the interior from rain. We really appreciate his actions and wish to thank him again for his courtesy and care, and also the entire Department.

Best wishes

**From:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:30 PM

**To:** Rodrigues, Veronica <VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info>;

<[redacted]>; Hartley, Brian <BHartley@cityofberkeley.info>

**Cc:** [redacted]

<[redacted]>

<[redacted]>

<[redacted]>

<[redacted]>

**Subject:** RE: Workplace Violence Restraining Order - [redacted]

\*UPDATE\*

We really appreciate this, thanks so much, Roni.

Brian, a big thanks to you, too, for being here, serving [redacted], and all of your follow up with me and Sean.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:**

**Date:** April 2, 2021 at 4:03:37 PM PDT

**To:** "Louis, Jennifer A." <JLouis@cityofberkeley.info>

**Subject:** Berkeley Police Department- Resident Feedback

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Dear Acting Chief Louis,

As a part time resident of Berkeley, I love the quality of your police officers!

I was recently cited for taking a phone call, by your officer Megan Jones! She was so professional in caring and in explaining how I could endanger myself or other residents of Berkeley... she demonstrated Love and Care!

The pandemic has certainly caused much fear, and as my daughters live here, we were concerned about the health of one of our daughters, and I took a call from my wife, inadvertently, without pulling over!

I will go to court to plead mercy of the magistrate, however even if no relief is granted, I want to express my total delight in this educational moment!

Since this time I have purchased a new mounting device for my phone, and as an African American male senior, watching the Trial of officer Minneapolis, MN officer Chauvin, I am heartened to know we do have officers such as Megan Jones, who care for all law abiding citizens, of which I am a member.

I truly appreciate your team, and I accept responsibility of my action which caused her to cite me for violating!

I leave Berkeley next week, and in my home town, Ann Arbor, MI, we also have officers committed to excellence, as is Officer Megan Jones!

Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

April 3, 2021

Berkeley Police Department  
2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

Re: Case #21-

Dear Berkeley Police Department:

On the afternoon of March 12, 2021, our husband and father, passed away in the waiting room at Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center (formerly Herrick Hospital) on Dwight Way. Though he suffered from cancer, we were not prepared for him going into cardiac arrest.

ABCCC called a code, which included calling a team of Berkeley paramedics, who quickly appeared on the scene. Unfortunately, their attempts to resuscitate Steve were ultimately unsuccessful.

Because of the circumstances of 's passing, the police department sent Officer L. Ceja #34 to ABCCC. Officer Ceja handled this difficult situation with care and compassion.

We write this letter in thanks to Officer Ceja. We hope our deep gratitude can be shared with him.

Sincerely,

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** .

**Date:** April 7, 2021 at 9:12:13 PM PDT

**To:** "Louis, Jennifer A." <[JLouis@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JLouis@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Re: chronic unsafe activities

PS I also wanted to share how kind and thorough your officer (Muratovic) was when he spoke with us. He also followed up, on his day off, with a phonecall to my husband to explain the process and details, and was very empathetic. Thank you.



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Colma, California 94014-3211  
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April 8, 2021

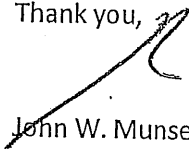
Chief Andrew Greenwood  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Chief Greenwood,

On March 30, 2021 your agency assisted my department with a high-risk SWAT search warrant in the City of Berkeley. The search warrant stemmed from an investigation in our city, in which the suspect was believed to be in possession of AK47 rifles equipped with large drum magazines. Although the weapons were not located, it was established the suspect was previously in possession of the weapons inside his residence located in the City Berkeley. The suspect in the case is currently cooperating with ATF. We hope this cooperation will lead to the confiscation of illegal firearms in your area.

I would like to express a sincere thank you to your agency and specifically to SWAT Lieutenant Okies & his Team for safely securing the residence, allowing us to conduct our investigation. If we can ever do anything to assist you, please reach out to us.

Thank you,

  
John W. Munsey  
Chief of Police



**From:**

**Date:** April 11, 2021 at 9:30:46 AM PDT

**To:** All Communications Center <AllCommunicationsCenter@cityofberkeley.info>

**Subject:** Follow Up on 4/10/21

All,

Just wanted to say thank you to all the comm center folks who worked the shift of 4/10/21 (A Shift). It was a crazy shift including apparatus breaking down on scene requiring heavy tows, high call volume and the technical rescue at BHS for the overturned heavy lift operator. Critical patient, 40 ft in the air with no secure anchor points, using rescue ropes, power saws, extrication air bags, holmatro spreaders and cutters, it was one of the more difficult technical rescues we have done in a long time. The patient is now in ICU at Highland Trauma Center with leg injuries and multiple intracranial head bleeds but is stable at this time. Thank you all for your assistance, patience and expertise helping me navigate through the myriad of events yesterday. You folks are the best. I have attached a couple pics here so you can see post incident what we were working on.

With appreciation,

Brian

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*Berkeley Police Department  
Historical Unit  
2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704-1109  
Office #: 510-981-4795*



**To:** Interim Chief Jen Louis via  
Captain Rico Rolleri via  
Lieutenant Joe Okies via  
Lieutenant Melanie Turner via  
Sergeant Ryan Andersen – Honor Guard Lead

**From:** Michael J. Holland – Director/BPD Historical Unit

**Subject:** Commendation for Sgt. Frank Landrum #S-1 and Ofc. Eric Ruff #45

*Background:*

As you may recall, we sadly loss retired Officer \_\_\_\_\_, Badge #57, suddenly, on April 13<sup>th</sup>. At that time Sgt. Ryan Andersen had passed on to the family, through Reserve Officer Larry Parker, that should they decide to have services, that the Department would be honored to provide our Honor Guard Unit if they desired. The family initially decided that due to the COVID-19 restrictions, they would forego any services until a future time, and no contact was returned to Larry or Ryan.

As the President of the Berkeley Police Retiree's League (Retired Officer Matt Meredith) was going on vacation, he asked me as a Board Member to run point with assisting the family and putting out notifications to the League Members, etc. As such I was connected by \_\_\_\_\_ son, \_\_\_\_\_, as described below under "Commendable Actions."

*Commendable Actions:*

On Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1030 Hrs., \_\_\_\_\_ contacted me with a last minute request. The family had decided to gather with family and a very small group of friends at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ home in Concord at 1300 Hrs. To paraphrase, he asked if there was any possibility for an on-duty Officer to pay a visit to the home in honor of \_\_\_\_\_ time with us. He knew that this being a last-minute request, that there was little chance, but that for \_\_\_\_\_ and the family, he felt that he had to at least ask.

After my conversation with \_\_\_\_\_, I immediately called the Sergeant's Office and spoke with Sgt. Frank Landrum, one of the on-duty Patrol Sergeants and explained the situation





to him and provided him with \_\_\_\_\_'s contact information.

Frank called me back a few minutes later. As a former member of the Honor Guard Unit himself, he fully realized the importance of the request and, fortuitously, an officer on his team, Eric Ruff, was an active Honor Guard Member, who volunteered to represent the Department. Eric had his full kit at the station and was able to arrive by 1300 Hrs.



(Officer Ruff with \_\_\_\_\_ )

Less than a two and a half hour turnaround time from request to appearance, but more importantly, providing the respect and honor one of our own deserves. \_\_\_\_\_ could not express his appreciation enough, for the effort made. A job well done, by all.

Status: Completed  
cc: HU Commendation File

*Michael J. Holland*  
Sgt. Michael J. Holland, #S-8 (Retired)  
BPD Historical Unit - Director  
4.29.21 1705





# BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

To: Chief Louis  
Via Chain of Command

From: Sergeant Bonaventure S-10

Re: Commendation for Officers Michalczyk and Stern

On 4/10/21, approximately 1030 hours, Bike Force Officers Greg Michalczyk and Thomas Stern were proactively patrolling the downtown area when dispatch broadcast a bank robbery in progress at Bank of America, located at [redacted]. Within 1 minute of the broadcast, Officers Michalczyk and Stern arrived on scene and exited their vehicle. As they were approaching the bank, Officers Michalczyk and Stern observed a male, later identified as [redacted], walking in a rapid pace away from the bank. As [redacted] was walking away he peered over his shoulder, looked directly at Officers Stern and Michalczyk, and began to run away. Both Officers chased after [redacted] as he ran across the street and into a Wells Fargo Bank.

In an effort to detain [redacted] before he could victimize anyone else inside Wells Fargo Bank, Officers Stern and Michalczyk drew their firearms and entered through the front doors.

As Officers Stern and Michalczyk entered the bank, they saw [redacted] leaning against a table with his right hand concealed behind his back. They immediately gave [redacted] commands to show his hands, however, he did not immediately comply. After several commands, [redacted] exposed his right hand which was holding a significant amount of U.S. currency. [redacted] then began to walk away from the Officers and towards a glass door that connected the bank to another business. Both Officers Michalczyk and Stern ran towards [redacted], grabbed him before he could escape, and placed him in handcuffs.

A search of [redacted] revealed he was in possession of a large knife and the U.S. Currency that he stole from the bank.

A records check revealed that [redacted] was on parole for prior bank robberies.

Officers Michalczyk and Stern deserve to be commended for their proactive policing and their courageous effort to detain a dangerous parolee who had just robbed a bank, and ran into another bank to elude capture. If it was not for their quick response, [redacted] would have gotten away with bank robbery that day. If it was not for their courage, [redacted] would have had the time to victimize more Berkeley Citizens within the second bank.

On Apr 25, 2021, at 11:13, Durbin, Michael R. <MDurbin@cityofberkeley.info> wrote:

Personnel and Training

Please add Lieutenant Mel Turner to this commendation. Lieutenant Turner made personal contact with \_\_\_\_\_ on Friday to provide follow up in the investigation and to simply check in on her. This kind of personal follow through ensures our residents, especially those who just experienced an unnerving and frightening incident, that the Berkeley Police Department remains ready to respond to any call for service.

Thank you,

Captain Durbin C-2

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**Subject: Re: Commendation for**

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On Apr 25, 2021, at 07:47, Turner, Melanie <MTurner@cityofberkeley.info> wrote:

Rosie,

Please process the words below as a commendation for Ofc's Michalczyk and Olmos Alvaro. This relates to a call for service at \_\_\_\_\_ under Case # \_\_\_\_\_. A naked man was banging on this family's door with a long metal pipe:

"The officers who came handled the intruder with care and caution: they were excellent. The one officer who interacted with us was calm, clear and respectful with us as well. I apologize for not getting their names. I was pretty rattled. My praise for them remains unqualified.

I don't think of myself as an "hysterical" kind of person, though this was a pretty serious incident. I'm retired now but I was a reporter for many years, known for my work in investigative stories (not writing features or entertaining stories). I've handled myself in all sorts of situations and am not easily scared.

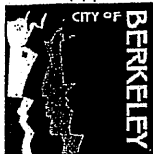
That's just all by way of background.

I know the entire topic of policing is front and center these days. It's probably helpful to get as clear and complete feedback as possible. That's really why I wrote to city officials in the first place. In the scheme of the very serious incidents the police have to handle, this is a very small incident. But the problems this community is trying to handle are so complex: I wanted to zero in and give city officials a very personal look at a small incident so they could understand it in more than just a statistical way.

As I said we appreciate your help so much! Please do let your Captain and Chief know your officers did an excellent job that night. Kudos to you all for their training and service to us - and to our community."

Best,

Lt. Mel Turner  
Operations Division  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 MLK Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704  
[mturner@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:mturner@cityofberkeley.info)



**Berkeley Police Department**  
**Memorandum**



To: Chief Louis Date 4/26/2021  
Via Lt. Turner  
From: Sgt. Landrum  
Subject: Commendation for Ofc. Gasper

On 4-25-21 I received a phone call from [redacted] regarding a suspicious circumstance call documented on Incident [redacted]. [redacted] wanted to share with me just how much she appreciated the officer's efforts in his conversation with her. In fact, she stated that the officer went "above and beyond the call of duty" about her concerns about a mailbox in her apartment that had an open door but did not appear to have been tampered. [redacted] could not remember the officer's name but she wanted me to make sure how much she admired his diligent efforts in helping her and taking the time to listen to her.

I looked into the matter and found that it was Ofc. Aaron Gasper who handled the case. While a simple case like this may take a short time to investigate, Aaron took the time to listen to [redacted] for nearly 20 minutes. Besides allowing her to share her concerns and feelings about her crime issues, Aaron and [redacted] had a pleasant conversation about track-and-field. She had told me how police officers sometimes don't get the positive recognition they deserve, and she told it to Aaron when he spoke with her saying she was truly thankful for him taking the time that he did with her.

I would like to commend Ofc. Aaron Gasper for his actions, a real example of community engagement that made a positive difference in someone's life and reflects positively upon the members of the Berkeley Police Department.

**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, May 7, 2021 11:18 AM

**To:** Mitchell, Geoffrey

**Cc:** McGee, Matthew; Villarroel, Hernan "Alex"; Phillip Shelley; Elizabeth Cornwell

**Subject:** Re: WELFARE CHECK

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Officer Mitchell,

Thank you so much for helping us! I should have gone to you much sooner.

The student and his mother came to school today with immunizations completed and she filled out the registration information. If they live in SF we will try to get them on an interdistrict permit so we have more accountability if he attends BHS. I really appreciate your help.

On Thu, May 6, 2021 at 4:36 PM Mitchell, Geoffrey <[GMitchell@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:GMitchell@cityofberkeley.info)> wrote:

Hi Ms.

I was able to contact . One of her friends gave me her current phone number . She advised that she will be coming in-person to the school tomorrow. She should be calling one of your staff members to schedule an appointment.

Is her son set to graduate this year? He expressed interest in playing on the Berkeley High Football team. I told them I would be willing to bring him on.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ofc. G. Mitchell #150



**From:**

**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 2:37 PM

**To:**

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< \_\_\_\_\_ >

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Slip holder meeting - thank you

Hi City Team,

This is an overdue thank you for participating in our Slipholder Meeting last week. We appreciate you representing our team.

Sincerely,

City of Berkeley; Parks Recreation & Waterfront | Waterfront Division

City Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ | Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ | Waterfront Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Marina: \_\_\_\_\_

Waterfront: \_\_\_\_\_

Berkeley Marina Area Specific Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

BMASP Community Questionnaire: \_\_\_\_\_

Pier/Ferry Project: \_\_\_\_\_



5/11/2021

Berkeley Police Chief Louis  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94702-1109

**RE: Officer Tyler Moore, Badge #56**

Dear Chief Louis:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my family, to commend and express our gratitude to Officer Tyler Moore for his professionalism, compassion and integrity.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, I contacted the Berkeley Police Department, to assist with a welfare check on our cousin, . . . Thankfully, we had a house key, however Officer Moore was kind enough to perform the search as I did not want our elderly relative to discover "something amiss".

Officer Moore was not only kind enough to wait and assist my Uncle through the discovery and removal process, assisting with securing the premises, etc., but he stayed in almost virtual contact with me (via cell) in Los Angeles so I would be constantly aware of the goings on.

Welfare checks might be an ordinary function of a police officer, yet Officer Moore exuded kindness, compassion and a sincere caring with my relatives. In our opinion, his actions were far above and beyond the requirements of this function.

So, please recognize Officer Moore for his exemplary actions. He is a remarkable representative of your Department and Law Enforcement in general. It is refreshing to see, that in these times where police departments nationwide are garnering such negative press, that one Officer stands for bringing kindness and compassion to the job.

Please thank him again, and we respectfully request that this letter be added to his personnel file for future reference.

Respectfully,

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Louis, Jennifer A." <[JLouis@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JLouis@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Date:** May 13, 2021 at 07:52:59 PDT

**To:** "Jung, Roselyn C." <[RJung@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:RJung@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** FW:

Please process as an external commendation. I have already communicated back with

> On May 12, 2021, at 3:59 PM,

Hello,

We would like to thank officers Schikori and Muratovic for assisting us with a problem we had. The case number is

I just wanted to say thank you, they were helpful and worked with us

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:45 PM  
**To:** Louis, Jennifer A. <JLouis@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Fwd: We need more of this!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:**  
**Subject:** We need more of this!  
**Date:** May 18, 2021 at 7:10:00 PM PDT  
**To:** Councilmember

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I was walking past Baker & Common about an hour ago and saw a cop, with E. Ross on his badge, in earnest conversation with a Black woman who was saying something like, I know you have to do your job, but the way you do it impacts us, or something to that effect. I was so touched that that conversation was happening. I wish it could happen all over the city, all of the time. Bravo to policeman Ross and to the unidentified Black woman.

**From:**

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021 10:43 PM

**To:** BPD Webmail <bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info>

**Subject:** Thank you from!

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Hi there,

I wanted to write a note to thank the motorcycle officers who were on a few days ago pulling over cars and trucks!

My family and I live at [redacted] and we have noticed a lot more cars speeding and completely ignoring the stop sign on our street. It is especially scary to us as our young kids are often walking home from school or the park.

Please continue to patrol this area when you can and thank you for your work keeping our streets more safe.

Sincerely,



# BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



May 25, 2021

To: Acting Chief J. Louis  
Via Lieutenant Dan Montgomery

From: Sergeant M. Parsons #S-35

Re: Commendation for Ofc. Hugo Ordaz #101

Please see email below by a south Berkeley Resident, regarding the great work by Ofc. Ordaz:

*I am a 70-year-old senior female, who has had a left knee replacement a right hip replacement spinal surgery and pending a right shoulder replacement due to arthritis. My wallet was lost on the 20th or the 21st of May. I thought it went missing in El Cerrito so I called the El Cerrito police continued to contact all the agencies that represented the cards in my wallet, to be safe.*

*Earlier today I received a call from officer Ordaz saying that the wallet was left in the Dollar Tree parking lot. The finder took it to the manager of the Dollar Tree who kept it in their offices until today 5/25/21.*

*I extended my appreciation profusely to officer Ordaz, as I did for officer Singh of El Cerrito.*

*I was so elated to be receiving my wallet even though everything has been reported and is being replaced. Having the surgeries that I have had due to arthritis limits my mobility and at times I just cannot do simple things. It was just so wonderful to know that Officer Ordaz decided to bring my wallet to me.*

*People associate a lot of different things with winning like the feelings I imagine one gets when they win the lottery. This feeling I know is commensurate with winning the lottery. I also noticed that today is the anniversary of George Floyd's death. I am so glad that my wallet came today and that this is a sign to me that the community and the police and vice-versa can all work together that the Universe does really "conspire to inspire when we all just do the right thing for each other and the planet.*

THANK YOU ALL

**From:**

**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 12:02 PM

**To:** McDougall, Alexander <AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info>; Shaul, Tracy S. <TShaul@cityofberkeley.info>

**Subject:** Thank you! for our library staff training today

Hi Officer McDougall and Tracy:

You both did an incredible job with this presentation.

As I mentioned at the end of your training, it is clear you both have had many interactions with library staff over the years and your presentation really spoke to that knowledge and catered to library-specific examples.

Thank you so much for taking time to put so much thought into this training and for taking time from your busy workdays!

If I hear more feedback from staff here, I will definitely pass it along.

Thank you for all you're doing and thank you for your support.



*She / Her / Hers*

Phone:

Email:

Web:

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** ..

**Date:** May 31, 2021 at 13:38:46 PDT

**To:** "Bejarano, Andres" <[abejarano@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:abejarano@cityofberkeley.info)>

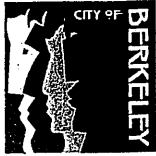
**Subject:**

REGARDING .. please pass thing along to the officers who responded to the 415F:

.. owner of the property, wanted to send "blessings" to the police and say "thank you" for doing such a great job last night. She appreciates that the police put their lives on the line and recognizes that they don't get enough thanks. The officers who responded out last night were able to calm the situation down without anyone getting hurt. She was unable to email this herself , so I offered to do it for her.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10





# BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



To: Chief J. Louis via Chain of Command                      Date: August 5, 2021

From: Sergeant Veronica Rodrigues, S-24

Subject: Commendation for 2021 National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) participated in the annual, city wide National Night Out event. This year's event was organized and led by CSB Area Coordinator, Officer Alex McDougall. His efforts to organize an event of this size under short notice and less than ideal political and social conditions were extraordinary. Officer McDougall is a valuable member of this organization who reliably coordinates and produces exceptional work, and his management of this year's event was no different.

Additionally, I would like to commend and extend my appreciation to all of the involved personnel (provided below) who participated in this event. Each of these employees helped BPD develop and foster community partnerships and aid in our critical efforts to build community capital.

Officer Alex McDougall	Officer Andrew Johnson	CSOS Mia Medlin
Officer George Schikore	Officer Lionell Dozier	OS Shellie Hill
Officer Brian Hartley	Officer Nick Turney	OS Santia Wilson
Officer Byron White	Officer Greg Michalczyk	OS Roxana Ayala
Officer Chris Major	Officer Tom Stern	PEOS Singleton
Officer Jason Baker	Officer James Seaton	PEO Pinkney
Officer Ethel Wilson	Officer Marissa Pickett	Aide Jose Barajas
Officer Alex Chan	Officer Dan Breau	Aide Ben Kelly
Officer Madison Albrandt	Officer Alex Villarroel	Lieutenant Joe Okies
Lieutenant Jen Tate	Sergeant Rosie Jung	Captain Mike Durbin
Chief Jen Louis		



**Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum**



To: Captain M. Durbin *MD C-2* Date: June 28, 2021  
From: Lieutenant V. Rodrigues *VR #12*  
Subject: Commendation for case

On 6/19/21, Officer Bally responded to a report of a stolen vehicle that occurred just prior near Grove Street Park. Officer Bally met with the victim who reported their iPhone was left inside the trunk of their stolen vehicle and was actively pinging on the "Find my iPhone" application. Officer Bally tracked the stolen vehicle and phone to Pleasanton. She contacted Pleasanton PD and learned the suspect(s) were just involved in a retail theft at Stoneridge Mall. Pleasanton PD provided Officer Bally pictures of the suspects. Officer Bally tracked the suspects to an area of east Oakland and noted they were likely unaware of the phone in the trunk.

Officer Bally notified Sergeant Bejarano, who quickly assembled a team of officers to locate and arrest the suspects. Within an hour, officers located the stolen vehicle parked in Oakland and arrested the two (2) suspects inside of a nearby store without incident.

Sergeant Edwards and Officer Bally interviewed the suspects, wherein the suspects made numerous incriminating admissions. The suspects were later arrested and charged by the Alameda County DA for several felonies.

Prior to the arrest of these individuals, the Grove Street Park area had experienced a rash of vehicle thefts and property crimes. I would like to recognize the following officers for their exceptional investigative work and tenacious pursuit of the suspects in this case. Their extraordinary efforts to safeguard our community and prevent further crime should be commended.

Sergeant Andres Bejarano  
Sergeant Donovan Edwards  
Officer Justine Bally  
Officer Ben Phelps  
Officer Andrew Johnson  
Officer Brandon McBride  
Officer Jon Loeliger



**Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum**



To: Captain M. Durbin *MD C-2* Date: June 28, 2021  
From: Lieutenant V. Rodrigues *VR FL2*  
Subject: **Commendation for Sergeant Castle and Officer Melowitz**

Over the month of June 2021, Sergeant Castle intuitively noted that BPD had received a series of calls from a vaguely identifiable reporting party who consistently reported people armed with guns in the eastern area of the City. In each of these calls, the reporting party would provide specific details about the possible suspect(s), vehicles and locations, which reasonably resulted in a heightened level of police response.

After a series of these reports proved not so, Sergeant Castle noticed a pattern and believed these reports originated from the same reporting party. He proactively pursued this case and conducted a series of record checks. He quickly identified \_\_\_\_\_ a likely suspect. Further investigation revealed that \_\_\_\_\_ had a lengthy criminal history with a prior arrest in San Francisco for reporting false emergencies (PC 148.3). Officer Melowitz later offered to assist Sergeant Castle and obtain cellular search warrants for \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the exhaustive efforts of Sergeant Castle and Officer Melowitz, a warrant to arrest \_\_\_\_\_ is forthcoming.

I would like to commend Sergeant Castle and Officer Melowitz for their proactive work and diligent investigative efforts. Their work to identify and provide probable cause to arrest this suspect will save immeasurable time and prevent valuable police resources from responding to these fictitious reports.



**Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum**



To: Captain M. Durbin *MD C-2* Date: June 28, 2021  
From: Lieutenant V. Rodrigues *VR FR*  
Subject: Commendation for Sergeant Bejarano, Officer Shivas, Officer Johnson, Officer Muratovic

On 05/30/21, Officer Shivas was dispatched to an individual who threw a Molotov cocktail at a passing Union Pacific train. Union Pacific PD later reported damage to the train as a result of the explosive device. Officer Shivas located the suspect, later identified as \_\_\_\_\_, in the tree line of Aquatic Park. \_\_\_\_\_ brandished a 1.5-foot-long machete at Officer Shivas before he fled on foot. After an extensive search, Officer Shivas was unable to locate \_\_\_\_\_

On 06/05/21, Officer Shivas was on patrol and observed \_\_\_\_\_ walking in his area. He requested additional officers to try and effect an arrest of \_\_\_\_\_ Sergeant Bejarano and Officer Johnson arrived to assist. These officers located \_\_\_\_\_ and again he fled on foot. \_\_\_\_\_ refused numerous verbal orders to stop and comply. Officers were able to quickly grab \_\_\_\_\_ and safely take him into custody. A search of \_\_\_\_\_ revealed 2 Molotov cocktails, 1.5-foot-long machete and a 4-inch steak knife. EOD Technician- Officer Muratovic later inspected the Molotov cocktails and confirmed they were incendiary devices.

On 06/16/21, and on his scheduled day off, Officer Shivas met with a Special Agent from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Police and obtained surveillance footage which captured \_\_\_\_\_ throwing an explosive device at a moving train.

\_\_\_\_\_ has a prior arrest for murder and has had numerous violent encounters with BPD. \_\_\_\_\_ aggressive and unpredictable behavior also led the City Attorney's Office to obtain a workplace restraining order on behalf of the Berkeley Waterfront employees whom he mercilessly terrorized and threatened.

The Alameda County DA charged \_\_\_\_\_ with numerous felonies. If convicted, and based on his prior strike convictions, \_\_\_\_\_ faces up to 15 plus years in prison.

I would like to commend these officers for their exceptional work on this case, their extraordinary investigative efforts and their relentless pursuit to capture a dangerous felon who was a repeated threat to our community. The arrest of this individual likely saved and protected the lives of our community, City staff and police officers.



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## Berkeley Police Department Memorandum

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DATE: 6/20/2021  
TO: Chief Louis via Chain of Command  
FROM: Lt. K. Reece (KP)  
SUBJECT: Commendation for Officers Johnson #69 and Shivas #88

On 5/29/2021 at 2255 hours RP (who lives in ) contacted BPD because her friend ( ) had texted her with a with a message indicating that she was going to kill herself by getting hit by a train. Officer Johnson was then dispatched to this call. He contacted to obtain more information and then completed several records checks to see where I might be. After those leads proved negative Ofc. Johnson had cell phone pinged and then authored a search warrant to justify the phone ping. Based on information provided by the phone ping's Officer Johnson found and completed a welfare check on her with the assistance of Officer Shivas. was determined to be safe and no longer considering suicide. Officer Johnson then called and informed her of his finding.

recently contacted BPD again to express her gratefulness to Officers Johnson and Shivas for finding her friend and confirming that she was safe. went on to say that contacted her the following morning and that is now seeking help for herself. She went on to express her thanks for Officer Johnson and all the other officers in the department for the work that they do every day.

Every call that we receive matters to someone and I also want to thank these officers for their thorough investigative work that led to the happy resolution of this event.

RP:

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Words can never express  
how much gratitude we  
have that you both honored  
my dad the way you did. We  
will never forget the emotions  
we felt as you presented  
the flag to our mom. Thank  
you so much for your service.

Thank you for your selflessness  
Thank you for risking your life  
to make Berkeley a safer  
city. We are so blessed  
that you were a part  
of honoring my father.  
Love.

You guys are the  
best! Can't wait to  
asked for a letter  
honor. Thank you  
so much.

Sgt Frankel,  
The service couldn't  
have been more  
beautiful. Thank you  
for honoring Jim  
so beautifully!

Sgt Frankel and Officer Jesse -

Boy! You did such a wonderful job  
honoring my Jim. I must tell you that  
your eyes told the sorrow I feel. You  
reached to the bottom of my soul.

Thank you both. Thank you for your  
Service.

Always

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Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum



To Chief Louis via the Chain of Command Date July 6, 2021

From Sgt. Ryan Andersen #S-16

Subject Commendation for Sergeant A. Frankel and Officer J. Macapagal

On March 6, 2021, Retired Officer [redacted] passed away following a long battle with cancer. His Daughter-in Law, [redacted], reached out to the retiree league and to, now retired, Chief Greenwood, to notify them of the death. I attempted to contact [redacted] in an effort to establish base communication regarding the Honor Guard and what services we could offer her and her family in this time. It took some time to establish communication as I was only working with her email address. When she and I finally made contact we spoke many times to help detail what services would be appropriate and what the Honor Guard could offer. I also worked with her regarding the limitations that COVID added to this process. After many delays, a memorial service and internment was scheduled for June 8, 2021. Sergeant Andrew Frankel and Officer Jessee Macapagal attended the service to represent the Berkeley Police Department Honor Guard.

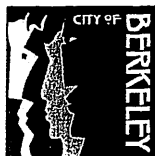
On June 10, I received a text message from [redacted] thanking us for our service and specifically calling out the work of Sgt. Frankel and Ofc. Macapagal. She texted as follows, " ...Sgt. Frankel and Officer Macapagal were flawless. Sgt Frankel ran point and was superb from helping my mother out of the limo to completing the ceremony. We couldn't have asked for anything better...". She included a video of their presentation of the flag at the internment service. In my view of the video their actions were outstanding. Their conduct represented the somberness of the moment combined with the respect due to the family of an Officer who loved this job.

In the weeks that followed, Sgt. Frankel received a thankyou note (attached) from various members of the [redacted] family, in which they expressed their gratitude to Sgt. Frankel and Ofc Macapagal. I want to echo this sentiment and pass on as a formal commendation for their actions.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Ryan Andersen #S-16





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# Berkeley Police Department Memorandum

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To: Chief J. Louis via Chain of Command                      Date: August 25, 2021

From: Sergeant Veronica Rodrigues, S-24 *VR #524*

Subject: Commendation for Exceptional Service

On July 12, 2021, I received the attached email from \_\_\_\_\_ who is a property manager for various commercial buildings within our city. The email expressed the “exemplary conduct” performed by our officers. I later spoke with \_\_\_\_\_ who informed me the officers who provided the exemplary service were Officers Rush Jackson, George Schikore and Brian Hartley. She informed me that each of these officers assisted her in long-standing, problematic issues that plagued several of her properties in west Berkeley. These officers not only resolved the issues, but they also took the time to provide additional information on preventative measures that could be implemented to mitigate and/ or prevent further issues. In the same email \_\_\_\_\_ also wanted to provide a monetary donation to BPD for these officers’ exceptional efforts.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, I received the attached, follow up letter from \_\_\_\_\_ this letter again highlighted her appreciation for Officers Rush Jackson, George Schikore, Brian Hartley in addition to the entire Traffic Division, who were instrumental in alleviating illegal parked vehicles near their properties. Accompanied with this letter was a check made out to BPD for \$900.

\_\_\_\_\_ generosity was returned when these officers opted to use the donation to purchase school supplies for underprivileged students who were scholarship recipients in our City’s afterschool programs.

I would like to commend the following officers for their exceptionally selfless service and their contributions to safeguard our community and its citizens:

Officer Rush Jackson, Officer George Schikore, Officer Brian Hartley and the entire Traffic Division.

## Rodrigues, Veronica

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**From:** Rodrigues, Veronica  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 5:28 AM  
**To:** Rodrigues, Veronica  
**Subject:** RE: Donation to Berkeley Police Department

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:34 AM  
**To:** Rodrigues, Veronica <[VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** RE: Donation to Berkeley Police Department

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Thank you,

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2021 12:11 PM  
**To:** [VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info)  
**Subject:** Donation to Berkeley Police Department

Sergeant Rodriguez,

I am contacting you as a representative of a Commercial Property within the city limits of Berkeley. I would like to commend the Berkeley Police Department for all their efforts with policing the site while we have been undergoing a large development project. An example of such exemplary conduct, today a transient whom had been squatting in one of our buildings was arrested.

We appreciate all of the Teams efforts!

To honor your service we would like to make a donation to the department and would like to confirm the legal name it should be made out to. Please advise.

Thank you,

August 10, 2021

Sergeant Veronica Rodrigues  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 Martin Luther King Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

RE: Donation – Berkeley Police Department

Sergeant Rodrigues:

Enclosed please find a donation to the Berkeley Police Department.

As mentioned previously we are greatly appreciative of all the efforts the local Beat Officers have taken to oversee our site. A special recognition to Officer Jackson, Hartley and Schikore. They have been instrumental in assisting with securing our site. I also neglected to mention the Traffic Division whom have also been very dilligent in overseeing the illegal parking around our site.

We look forward to continue working with our local Police Department.

Sincerely,



**Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum**



To: Chief Jennifer Louis via Chain of Command *MD 6-2*      Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021

From: Sergeant Veronica Rodrigues, S-24 *VR 11-21*

Subject: **Commendation for Officer Alex McDougall #77**

I would like to commend Officer Alex McDougall for his problem-solving efforts and work in the parking lot for the 99 Cents Only store (northeast corner of University Avenue and San Pablo Avenue). Within the last few months that area had been the subject of frequent complaints for drinking in public, harassment of passerby's, and drug activity.

On September 23, 2021, and in response to the numerous complaints, Officer McDougall conducted a security check of the 99 Cent Store parking lot. He noticed several people and vehicles parked behind \_\_\_\_\_ who were engaged in suspected drug activity. He contacted an individual, \_\_\_\_\_ seated in the driver's seat of one of the vehicles. Officer McDougall immediately noticed an open container of alcohol inside of the vehicle and noticed \_\_\_\_\_ made a furtive movement to conceal cocaine base from his view. Officer McDougall observed additional items that were consistent with drug sales. Officer McDougall obtained consent to search \_\_\_\_\_ vehicle and during a probable cause/ consent search of the vehicle he located a concealed compartment that contained cocaine base packaged for sales. Officer McDougall arrested \_\_\_\_\_ and later obtained a search warrant for his residence after he admitted he unlawfully possessed a firearm.

I would like to commend Officer McDougall's exemplary display of problem-oriented policing and his proactive, diligent efforts to provide tangible relief to the community members and merchants impacted by these qualify of life issues.



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**Berkeley Police Department**  
**Memorandum**

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To Chief Jennifer Louis via Chain of Command *MD 6-2* Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021  
From Sergeant Veronica Rodrigues, S-24 *VM#5-24*  
Subject Commendation for Public Safety Videos

I would like to commend the following officers for their exceptional work in the production and distribution of videos that have provided brief, informative safety messages to our community; Officer Byron White, Officer Alex McDougall, Officer Brian Hartley, Officer George Schikore and Officer Jessica Perry.

In August 2021, the Community Services Bureau (CSB) and PIO group discussed ways in which BPD could provide succinct educational messages, expand our community reach and promote transparency. The group landed on the production of 1-2-minute-long public safety videos that would provide our community with informational tips or safety messages.

Within a few months, CSB and the PIO group distributed videos by Officer Schikore, Officer Hartley and Officer McDougall. Officer Schikore offered bicycle safety tips, Officer Hartley provided crime preventative steps for catalytic converter thefts and Officer McDougall delivered reminders on personal safety on the eve of Halloween and the holiday season. All of the videos were produced and edited by PIO Officer White with additional help and distribution by social media specialist Officer Perry.

I would like to applaud and commend all of these officers for their teamwork, exemplary contributions and enthusiastic work on this ongoing project.







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To Chief Jennifer Louis, Via the Chain of Command      Date 11/25/2021

From Sergeant Jamie Perkins #S-7

Subject **Commendation for Officers S. Lathrop, M. Levitch, L. Parker, K. Peters**

The Berkeley Police Department (BPD) has long had the fortune of having a Reserve Officer Program. In the early days, this program was extremely robust with well over sixty (60) reserve officers. Over the years, BPD Reserve Officers have contributed to the success of this agency in various ways: *working patrol shifts day and night, working special events, the Warrant Bureau, Property Room, Prisoner pick up, Background Investigations* and so much more. As the years progressed, the BPD Reserve Officer Program became smaller and smaller but the impact they have had and the contributions they have made have been significant.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge the significant contributions of Officer Steve Lathrop, Officer Michael Levitch and Officer Larry Parker. All three combined have well over one hundred (100) years of service to this City and Agency. All three have worked many of the previously stated positions and most recently with *The Fleet Team*. For the last four (4) to five (5) years, Steve has taken the lead on all things Fleet. He saw a need to assist when he noticed damaged patrol vehicles weren't getting properly and timely repaired.

Steve stepped in to address those issues initially working the day-to-day operations like transporting vehicles to and from the Corporation Yard and ensuring preventative maintenance was routinely occurring. This improved the capability of the Fleet and minimized the time vehicles would be out of service. Over time, Steve took on more of a "*back of the house*" role working directly with Vehicle Maintenance and Public Works to acquire new patrol vehicles, including auxiliary vehicles such as the Jail Van, ID Tech van, and internal equipment. Steve recruited Officer Michael Levitch to work with him.

Mike stepped in right away and started working the day-to-day operations. Mike reviews the Damage/Defective condition reports and transports vehicles back and forth to and from the Corporation Yard. Not only does he transport vehicles for local repairs, Mike transports damaged vehicles for quotes after collision damage, obtains new radios for new hires, submit SNow tickets for computer repairs, and any other daily assignments.

Officer Larry Parker has also worked all the various assignments mentioned and until recently worked mostly on the weekends handling various calls for service like auto burglaries and petty thefts. Some of his other responsibilities also includes entering *No Trespassing Letters* into LERMS for later discovery. Larry recently volunteered to help with the Fleet. Larry has jumped in with two feet and assists Mike with the day-to-day operations. Larry has taken over the car wash program and ensures at least twenty



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(20) vehicles are washed/sanitized per week. Larry helped to acquire car washing equipment like chamois, a shop vac, window cleaner, a brush, bucket and more.

To try to explain all the activities and contributions made by Steve, Mike and Larry to the Fleet Team and BPD in a short memorandum is to fall short of the value they have added and continue to add to BPD and the Fleet. Since being involved with Fleet Management, I am immensely grateful for the work they do day in and day out to see the Fleet succeed and mobile offices ready for daily deployment. They are passionate and have pride in what they do in delivering a *concierge* style service to each of us.

Their work is commendable and is often done in the shadows of damage defective condition forms, emails demanding to know why things aren't working, and suggestions of how to do their jobs better. Each time Steve, Mike and Larry responds with a "Can Do" strong work ethic and its proof is in the number of vehicles we have available daily. Working with Steve, Mike and Larry has been a privilege and one I do not take for granted. The acknowledgement for the work they do is long overdue and worthy of recognition and praise.

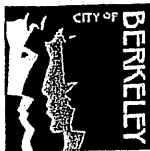
It's also worthy of mentioning the contributions Officer Kevin Peters has added to the Fleet. Without provocation or request, Kevin stepped in and partnered with Steve to be the 'go-to' person on the weekends to handle Fleet related business. Kevin transports vehicles, offers advice on simple repairs, notifies the team when a vehicle has been damaged, and any other requests from the Fleet Team requiring attention. His addition to the team also is worthy of commendation and praise.

It is with esteem gratitude I say "Thank You" to Steve, Mike, Larry and Kevin. Their contributions to this agency and The Fleet Team has made the task of being the *Fleet Manager* manageable.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JP #5-7".

Sergeant Jamie Perkins #S-7




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**Berkeley Police Department**  
**Memorandum**

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To: Interim Chief Louis via the Chain of Command      Date: December 15, 2021

From: Lieutenant Jen Tate 

Subject: Commendation for Parking Enforcement Officer Shaunetta Pinson

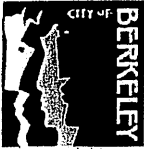
On December 10, 2021, I received the attached memorandum from PES Terry recommending I forward it as a commendation for PEO Pinson. The memo provides details of how PEO Pinson witnessed a man sexually batter a woman in the downtown Shattuck Avenue area.

I heard PEO Pinson's broadcast over BPD Channel 1. Her quick action, and access to the police radio made for a very timely police response to her report. PEO Pinson calmly described her observations, to include the location of the victim and her description as well as the suspect and where he was last seen. PEO Pinson trusted her instinct, acted swiftly and used her training to broadcast the relevant information to responding police officers. Her quick actions led to the suspect being detained. Due to the victim leaving the scene, PEO Pinson signed a Citizen's Arrest in order to hold the suspect accountable for his actions.

Great police work led to officers identifying the victim. It was later determined that she was developmentally disabled and under conservatorship. With the assistance of her mother, the victim was able to provide a statement that she did not know the suspect, nor did she consent to him touching her.

Had there been any delay in PEO Pinson being able to notify officers of her observations, there is a high probability that this crime could have gone unreported.

I concur with PES Terry's memo, and would like to add that I believe PEO Pinson's actions displayed the courage, determination and professionalism worthy of commendation.



## Berkeley Police Department Memorandum



To: Chief Louis via the  
Chain of Command

*[Signature]*  
Date: December 10, 2021

From: Parking Enforcement Supervisor Renita Terry

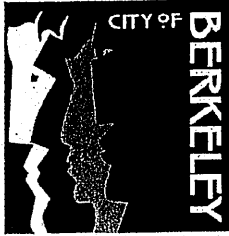
Subject: Commendation for PEO Shaunetta Pinson

On 12/9/2021, Parking Enforcement Officer Shaunetta Pinson contacted Berkeley Police dispatch via her police radio to report a crime in progress. She witnessed a man groping a woman inappropriately over her clothing on the northeast corner of Shattuck and Allston Way. PEO Pinson did not believe the interaction was consensual.

PEO Pinson gave a detailed description and direction of flight of the suspect. It appeared the victim was shaken, as she didn't want to speak with anyone, and boarded an AC Transit bus. PEO Pinson remained on scene and was able to point out the suspect as he was exiting Target Store. This resulted in Berkeley Police Officers detaining him and later arresting him for PC 243.4 – Sexual Battery after PEO Pinson signed a Citizen's Arrest form.

Parking Enforcement Officers receive training on how to use the BPD police radio. PEO Pinson used the training she received, which enabled her to provide immediate information to police officers in the area. As a result of her training and quick action, PEO Pinson did an outstanding job of directing police resources where they were needed. I can't stress enough that had PEO Pinson not had direct contact to BPD through the police radio, a very serious crime may have gone unreported, and the suspect may have never been identified.

I would like to commend Parking Enforcement Pinson for her outstanding work.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date: December 14, 2021

On 11/29/2021 Ofc. Seaton answered up for what was reported as a "cold 242" report in the area of [redacted]. Ofc. Seaton contacted the Victim (18-year-old UC Berkeley student) in this case and quickly recognized this was more than a simple assault. Ofc. Seaton was persistent in obtaining surveillance video from the Telegraph Business District and Kip's Bar.

Ofc. Seaton obtained surveillance footage which captured the violent and unprovoked assault as well as the suspect leaving the area. Ofc. Seaton consulted with his colleagues and Ofc. Driscoll conducted a record check of recent arrests in that area. Ofc. Driscoll quickly learned [redacted] had been arrested in that area recently and that he had a violent criminal history. Ofc. Driscoll and Ofc. Seaton both recognized [redacted] as the suspect. Furthermore, Ofc. Seaton consulted with Ofc. Shivas who knew [redacted] from his time as a CSO in the jail.

After identifying the suspect as [redacted], Ofc. Seaton coordinated obtaining a "Ramey" arrest warrant. Ofc. Seaton also worked to locate a current phone number for [redacted] and coordinated with Sgt. Kacalek to obtain a phone "ping" warrant.

On 12/04/21, a black Infiniti ([redacted]) was stolen on the 2000 block of Berkeley Way. BPD Officers saw the vehicle shortly after the theft and attempted to stop it. The driver ([redacted]) failed to yield to BPD officers and fled.

On 12/05/21, Ofc. Shivas saw [redacted] driving the stolen Infiniti near the intersection of Acton Street and Bancroft Way. Ofc. Shivas attempted to conduct a traffic stop but [redacted] fled and failed to yield. Ofc. Shivas documented this case as a PC 2800.2 case against [redacted].

On 12/08/21, Ofc. Driscoll located [redacted] walking on the 2400 block of Bancroft Way. [redacted] tried to run but he was quickly detained by Ofc. Driscoll. Ofc. Driscoll located the key to the stolen Infiniti in [redacted] pants pocket. Ofc. Michalczyk located and recovered the stolen Infiniti on the 2500 block of Telegraph Ave.

Ofc. Seaton and Ofc. Driscoll interviewed [redacted] in one of DD interview rooms where [redacted] confessed to the felony assault and also made several admissions implicating him in the other crimes.

On 12/09/2021 [redacted] was charged with PC 245(a)(1), PC 2800.2, VC 10851(a), PC 496(d)(a) with several felony enhancements. Ofc. Seaton remained in constant contact with the Victim and her family throughout this investigation.

These Officers should be commended for their outstanding work and follow through on these cases. These cases are a perfect example of taking what started as a "cold 242" and investigating it to the fullest. The collaborative effort of these Officers helped get the Victim the justice she rightfully deserves.

Regards,

Andres Bejarano  
Sergeant, Bike Force



## BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



predator is taken into custody and charged. PEO Pinson did an outstanding job of remaining on scene and providing key and pertinent details to the case, and signing a Citizen's Arrest Form for ,

This case truly encompasses a collaborative effort between the Team 2 patrol officers, DD Sex Crimes, and PEOs. This case is an excellent example of the listed BPD employees going above and beyond to ensure that a victim, who was truly unable to defend herself got the full assistance of the Berkeley Police Department. I am requesting that this memo be processed as a commendation for all of the BPD employees listed above as they helped to facilitate the arrest of a sexual assault suspect, and collaborated to ensure that it was a thorough and complete investigation. As a result of this collaborative investigation, was charged with PC 243.4 and as of the time of writing this commendation is still in custody.

Sincerely,

Sergeant Kevin Kleppe #S-4



## BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



To Captain Durbin via Lt. Montgomery Date 12/15/2021

From Sgt. Kevin Kleppe #S-4

Subject Commendation for Ofc. Morales, Ofc. Waggonner, Ofc. White, Ofc. Muratovic, Det. Martinez, Sgt. Grant, PEO Shannetta Pinson

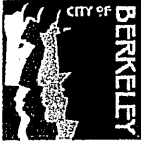
### BPD Case

On 12/9/21 PEO Pinson #810 radioed to the Berkeley PD Communications Center that she witnessed a suspect (later identified as [redacted]) groping a female on the northeast corner of Shattuck Ave / Allston Way. PEO Pinson stayed on scene and provided real time information as Ofcs Morales, White, and Waggonner responded to the scene. [redacted] was detained by officers and Ofc. Morales attempted to speak with the victim, who was reluctant to speak with him. Ofc. Morales tried to convince the victim to tell him what happened, but was unable to and she left on the bus. Ofcs Waggonner and White stood by with [redacted] for a significant period of time while Ofc. Morales spoke with Sgt. Grant and Det. Martinez, who provided additional guidance on how to proceed and ensure that the investigation is as complete as possible. Ofc. Morales also conducted a records check of [redacted] which showed he is a PC 290 sex registrant and had been arrested in 2019 for sexual battery on 3 victims.

Ofc. Morales obtained surveillance video from Target, which showed [redacted] groping the victim repeatedly, while looking around to ensure that his attack would go unnoticed. Ofcs. Waggonner and White booked [redacted] into the BPD Jail while Ofc. Morales took a witness statement from PEO Pinson (who also signed a Citizen's Arrest form for [redacted] and another witness who observed the crime in progress, called BPD, and stood by to provide critically important information.

Ofc. Morales spoke to Ofc. Muratovic about the victim and that he had seen her in the downtown area before. Ofc. Muratovic recognized that he had previously had contact with the VI's mother, and searched his prior CFS's for her information. Armed with that new information Ofc. Morales went to the VI's residence and was able to speak with her and her mother about the incident. Utilizing assistance from the VI's mother, Ofc. Morales was able to obtain a statement from the VI *"She did not know him and he touched her breast area over her clothing without her consent. VI was not hurt; however, she could not tell the suspect to stop. VI first believed the suspect did not speak to her, but she then claimed he was talking but she did not hear him. VI pushed the suspect's hand away several times and eventually he left."*

Ofc. Morales did an outstanding job of taking a call that was convoluted, and without a victim who was truly able to communicate effectively with him on scene and obtain an outcome where a sexual



**Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum**



To: Chief Jennifer Louis via Chain of <sup>W912</sup> Command      Date: January 4, 2022

From: Sergeant Veronica Rodrigues, S-24 <sup>V.R.</sup>

Subject: Commendation for 2021 Holiday Toy Drive

For the 2021 holiday season, the Community Services Bureau (CSB) organized its second annual Holiday Toy Drive. CSB identified Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) and the Berkeley Yellowjackets Youth Football and Cheer programs as the beneficiaries of the donated toys. These programs were selected based on the various levels of shelter and support services they provide to unhoused or underprivileged families in our community.

Throughout the entire month of December, CSB partnered with their BPD colleagues across all divisions and stood in the Fourth Street shopping district and in front of the Public Safety Building to conduct and solicit curbside donations of toys from our community.

I would like to commend and extend my appreciation to all of the following BPD personnel who graciously volunteered their time and/ or generously donated toys and made this Holiday Toy Drive special, successful and possible:

Captain Kevin Schofield  
Sergeant Joe Ledoux  
Sergeant Rashawn Cummings  
Officer Brian Hartley  
Officer Geoff Mitchell  
Officer Dillon Armistead  
Police Aide Ben Kelly

Lieutenant Matt McGee  
Sergeant Jesse Grant  
Officer Lionell Dozier  
Officer George Schikore  
Officer Alex Villarreal  
Officer Nick Turney  
Police Aide Jose Barajas

Sergeant Peter Lee  
Sergeant Rosie Jung  
Officer Alex McDougall  
Officer Byron White  
Officer Matt Yee  
Officer Sam Martinez



**From:** David Bettencourt <[DBettencourt@albanyca.org](mailto:DBettencourt@albanyca.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 12:43 PM  
**To:** Hong, Peter J. <[PHong@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:PHong@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Thank You

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Good afternoon, Lt. Hong.

As the communication supervisor, I was made aware of your department helping us a great deal on 6/15/21. We had an officer working dispatch that day when we had a system failure causing the loss of our 9-1-1 lines. Berkeley Dispatch was contacted and asked to act as our 9-1-1 backup and assume our calls.

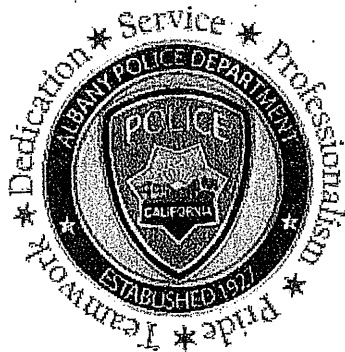
Our office, informed me that two members of your staff, Princess and the on-duty manager ( he did not catch her name) knew exactly what to do and were very helpful.

He and I would both appreciate it if you took the time to pass on our thanks to the both of them and your other employees for their help that day with handling our 9-1-1 calls until AT&T repaired the problem.

Thank you:

Dave

*Dave Bettencourt*  
*Sergeant*  
Albany Police Department  
1000 San Pablo Ave.  
Albany, CA. 94706  
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Direct: (510) 528-5786  
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Officer Kastmiller,

Thank you for your professionalism today during a traffic stop. I was nervous but your suggestions were well received.

Best Regards,

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Dear Berkeley Police Officers,

I've been a long time resident of Berkeley (2005 - 2021) and have interacted with Berkeley PD multiple times. I've always appreciated Berkeley PD for being understanding and kind towards citizens, as well as understanding how to prioritize what truly needs law enforcement intervention. But this appreciation has become underlined and deepened after I've left the city.

I recently moved to another city in the east bay (tri-valley) and had an upsetting interaction with law enforcement today that I couldn't help but compare with my interactions with Berkeley PD. In Berkeley, there have been times that I've been pulled over, my actions could have been interpreted as breaking the letter of the law, and I could have been punitively dealt with. In today's incident, I felt unlistened to, was made to feel like a criminal, and felt a rising feeling fear about my wellbeing and safety. In contrast, Berkeley officers have always been patient, listened to my explanations, taken all of the details and context into consideration, and appropriately and effectively triaged the situation to efficiently utilize (precious) government resources. Throughout those various Berkeley interactions, I have never felt upset, or scared, or that something bad would happen. I've always felt like Berkeley PD hasn't concerned themselves with the "small stuff" -- the minor things that authoritarian law enforcement individuals can use as an opportunity for dominance and creating conflict, but are ultimately not a big deal. Instead of feeling scared of law enforcement in Berkeley, I always felt like - hey, these are good people who are really helping to protect and serve my community. It's only after moving that I realize I was really lucky and blessed with law enforcement in Berkeley. I guess I took your high quality work for granted until I experienced another reality - one that unfortunately mirrored the negative stereotypes so prevalent about police.

Thank you so much to all of your officers who have demonstrated kindness, understanding, empathy, and care for the Berkeley community and all of the diverse and eccentric people who make it such a wonderful city. I miss you Berkeley.

Sincerely,

**From:** '

**Date:** June 26, 2021 at 8:57:25 PM PDT

**To:** "Rittenhouse, Robert B." <[RRittenhouse@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:RRittenhouse@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Cc:** "Schofield, Kevin M." <[KSchofield@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:KSchofield@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Thanks

Hi Rob,

It was great to meet you today. Thanks so much for being there and for your work to make things go so smoothly, from engaging so warmly with everyone to keeping safe as we did the plaque unveiling. It was such a special event, and your efforts helped the focus stay on the event and those inspiring tennis club members.

Look forward to the next time,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ the phone number I am calling from is \_\_\_\_\_ landline. Basically, I wanted to report a positive feedback that I had with a Police Officer. Very positive. The case number is \_\_\_\_\_ The officers name was Legall who pulled me over. I saw the flashing lights on my mirror turned around the corner on to Blake and Parker. I was pulled over on the sunny side of the street around noon. I have a long history of skin cancer but did not use that term with him. When I got out of the car I said that I am very sensitive and asked if there was any way we could cross the street to do the transaction. I thought he was giving me a ticket for something and wanted to be in the shade. He said Yes. So, he really was helpful, calm and professional all through the same and letting me stand in the shade made a big difference to my health. It turned out that my driver license was showing me as a missing person or have been reported which he cleared out when he called it in. All I want to say is that he was very efficient in how he handled this and remained very calm. I had not been pulled over in 15 years or more. His calmness at the beginning and letting me cross the street was extremely helpful. I don't know if it was above and beyond the call of duty. It seemed like it was as good as the duty could conceivably be handled and as flexible. I very much want to commend Officer Legall in regard to interaction with the public and will be saying good things about him to other people. Thanks a lot. Bye.

May 24, 2021

Chief of Police Jennifer Louis  
Berkeley Police Dept.  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr Way,  
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Chief Louis,

During this time when police departments across the country are under scrutiny and criticism, I wanted to express my gratitude to the Berkeley Police Department for its professionalism, courtesy and competence.

A dozen local activists held a free speech event on the Berkeley Pedestrian overpass on Sunday. Sgt. Landrum and his team insured our rights to free assembly and free speech were met, as well as insuring our safety. They were professional, unobtrusive and considerate.

So often people only take the time to write in with complaints- I wanted to let you know that I appreciate the work of Sgt. Landrum, his team and the Berkeley Police Department.

Sincerely,

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DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

R O N I:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING  
THE TIME TO MEET WITH  
JUSTICE ARCHITECTURE STUDY GROUP.  
I APPRECIATE YOUR INSIGHTS AND  
CANDOR AND DEEPENING OUR  
UNDERSTANDING OF POLICING. IF WE  
CAN RETURN THE COURTESY PLEASE  
DON'T HESITATE TO ASK.  
BEST,

Hi,

I just wanted to send a quick note commending officer Smith for his work this morning. I was riding my bike early and felt that I was being followed by someone. I called the non emergency line when I got back home - about 30 minutes later. Officer Smith called me back following up, listened to what happened and my description of the vehicle (which was vague!). On very little, he was able to locate the vehicle and confirm that they were actually not following me - they had been looking for parking and made two u-turns (which to me felt like they were following me). It is a relief to know that they were not following me and that I can ride my bike without feeling threatened. In this time, when municipalities are stretched so thin, it is a huge relief to know that Berkeley police officers can be reached, that they actually follow up on citizens concerns and are able to do a good, swift job! Thank you Officer Smith!



6/15/21

Dear chief Lewis,

A little over a week ago my much loved 94 year old husband died peacefully in his sleep while taking an afternoon nap. One of your officers, Daniel Morales, was in charge, and I wanted to write to you to tell you how professional and kind and sensitive he was with me at that very difficult time. A stranger to me but he consoled me and I can't thank him enough.

Sincerely,

**From:**

**Sent:** Thursday, June 24, 2021 10:25 AM

**To:** Louis, Jennifer A. <[JLouis@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JLouis@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Cc:**

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**Subject:** Thank you so much for partnering with me for yesterday's event

Hi Chief Louis,

Thank you so much for partnering with me for yesterday's event in the park. The neighbors really enjoyed it the opportunity to speak with us. It was a really positive event, and it was great to meet and speak with members of the bike team. I didn't get a chance to speak with all of the officers including the BHS SRO and the youth engagement officer. I would welcome the opportunity to meet and speak with them when we get the chance. I look forward to more events and opportunities to collaborate. These kinds of community engagement are really meaningful.

Kind regards,

Berkeley City Council – District 2

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**From:**

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 9:07 PM

**To:** BPD Webmail <[bdpwebmail@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bdpwebmail@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Commendation - Officer #58 Abdoulmawla and team (Tues 6/29/2021)

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Dear Berkeley Police Department,

I'm writing you in regards to the incident at the \_\_\_\_\_ in Berkeley in the evening of Tuesday 6/29/2021 involving a young female who was wondering around, half naked and a danger to herself presumably named \_\_\_\_\_

My husband was the one issuing the emergency call while I calmed the wound woman.

The officer arrived so shortly after, that was incredible timing. The officer approached the young woman and me in a very calm way. We walked to the police car and the officer asked his questions, including her wellbeing noticing her bruise and her missing clothes, and \_\_\_\_\_ tried her best (she was pretty out of there).

Once \_\_\_\_\_ was in the car he collected my information and asked how we got in contact with the young woman.

In all the interaction the officer was calm, professional and interested in helping the individual and I wanted to thank him again for caring for the individual and handling the situation so professionally.

He let us know that he is our regular beat officer too since we live close by. I checked your website and I believe his name is Officer Abdoulmawla (#58). The other team members were just as wonderful even though I failed to identify them.

We can only send our appreciation to the department who takes care of what the Berkeley Side described as a health crisis and overflowing the police department. Thank you for being there and trying everything in your power to help the community.

A heartfelt thank you to the officer and the team on duty,

Castle, Scott

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 1:11 PM  
**To:** Castle, Scott  
**Subject:** Officer Muratovic

**Sensitivity:** Confidential

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Dear Sgt. Castle:

I trust you will place a commendation into the personnel file of Officer Muratovic badge #159. He responded to an identity theft case for me that he could have easily just taken a report and filed.

By comparison, I had a client, a church in San Francisco have:

1. Their bank account (over ) was emptied via identity theft,
2. Via identity theft a loan for over was taken out against the church building.

All the San Francisco police department would do was take an incident report. It took a lot of work to get that.

My loss was far less than that but the officer took it on like it was his own. He even showed up at my house to follow up. I have relatives in law enforcement even federal agents and I have been involved in criminal justice for over 30 years so I am aware what usually happens.

I am thankful the officer put out that extra effort.

Regards,

On Jul 15, 2021, at 4:59 PM, :

> wrote:

Chief Louis,

Thank you for writing back and providing this update. I really appreciate your attention and BPD's attention to this matter.

It gives me a great deal of confidence knowing that Officer Perry is on this case. She's highly respected among the neighbors here, and she's been a fantastic liaison between BPD and the neighborhood.

I will be sure to disseminate your email to our community as it will be greatly reassuring for all of us to see your response.

Gratefully,

**From:** Lee, Susan S.

**Sent:** Sunday, July 25, 2021 8:28 PM

**To:** Landrum, Frank X. <FLandrum@cityofberkeley.info>

**Subject:** Commendation for Officer Egbert, Officer Thome, and Officer Chan

To: Lt. Landrum

On 07/23/21 at 2152 hours, BPD received a call from [redacted], regarding his son, [redacted], having a mental health crisis at his son's home. [redacted] reported that his son was banging on his vehicle windows and rambling on about not living. Then [redacted] ran out of the house. [redacted] has history of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Officer Egbert, Officer Thome, and Officer Chan responded to the call and located [redacted] nearby. Officer Egbert was the handling officer for this incident and engaged with [redacted]. Officer Egbert was patient and was able to build rapport with [redacted]. Officer Thome contacted [redacted] and obtained pertinent information regarding [redacted] and his situation and relayed that information to Officer Egbert.

[redacted] was initially uncooperative, showed erratic behavior, and even showed signs of aggression towards his father.

Officer Egbert was able to verbally deescalate the situation and ultimately was able to convince [redacted] to go to the hospital and get the help that he needed. Officers on scene showed compassion and took the time that was needed to safely and peacefully resolve the situation. Officers on scene showed great teamwork and professionalism.

The next day, on 07/24/21, [redacted] came to the PSB and I spoke with him. [redacted] stated he came the police station to give recognition to the officers on scene. [redacted] stated the officers took the extra time to gain the trust of his son. The officers were professional and handled the situation well. [redacted] was thankful for the way the officers handled the situation.

Please process this as a formal letter of commendation for Officer Egbert, Officer Thome, and Officer Chan.

Thank you,  
Sgt. S. Lee

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 11:10 AM  
**To:** BPD PIO <[bpdpio@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bpdpio@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Thank You.

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Dear Berkeley PD,

I live near the incident on Prince Street with the man asleep in his car with weapons yesterday. I wanted to thank all the officers for their incredible patience and restraint dealing with the situation. As disruptive as it was to hear the loudspeaker for hours, it was a small price to pay to have the situation resolved peacefully. I wish other Police Departments would take a lesson from Berkeley on what can be accomplished with patience and respect. Please keep up the good work!

Thank you again!

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Hello,

I just want to say thank you to the officer who saw me with my phone in my car on July 9th around 9:45 AM while he was on his motorcycle on [redacted] and [redacted]. I know it's not easy to confront people about their behavior, but his willingness to call me out, will stick in my mind forever. I don't want to hurt anyone through obliviousness or stupidity. It matters.

I appreciated the reminder.



Begin forwarded message:

**From:** '

**Date:** July 30, 2021 at 9:05:53 AM PDT

**To:** "

**Cc:** "Rodrigues, Veronica" <VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info>, "McDougall, Alexander"

<AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info>, \_\_\_\_\_, "

lenhagen, Paul" <PBuddenhagen@cityofberkeley.info>

**Subject:** FW: Aquatic Park

Please thank staff for once again going above and beyond! They are awesome!

Also thanks to Roni and Alex for the traffic control and presence. As always their help is invaluable in keeping our staff safe.

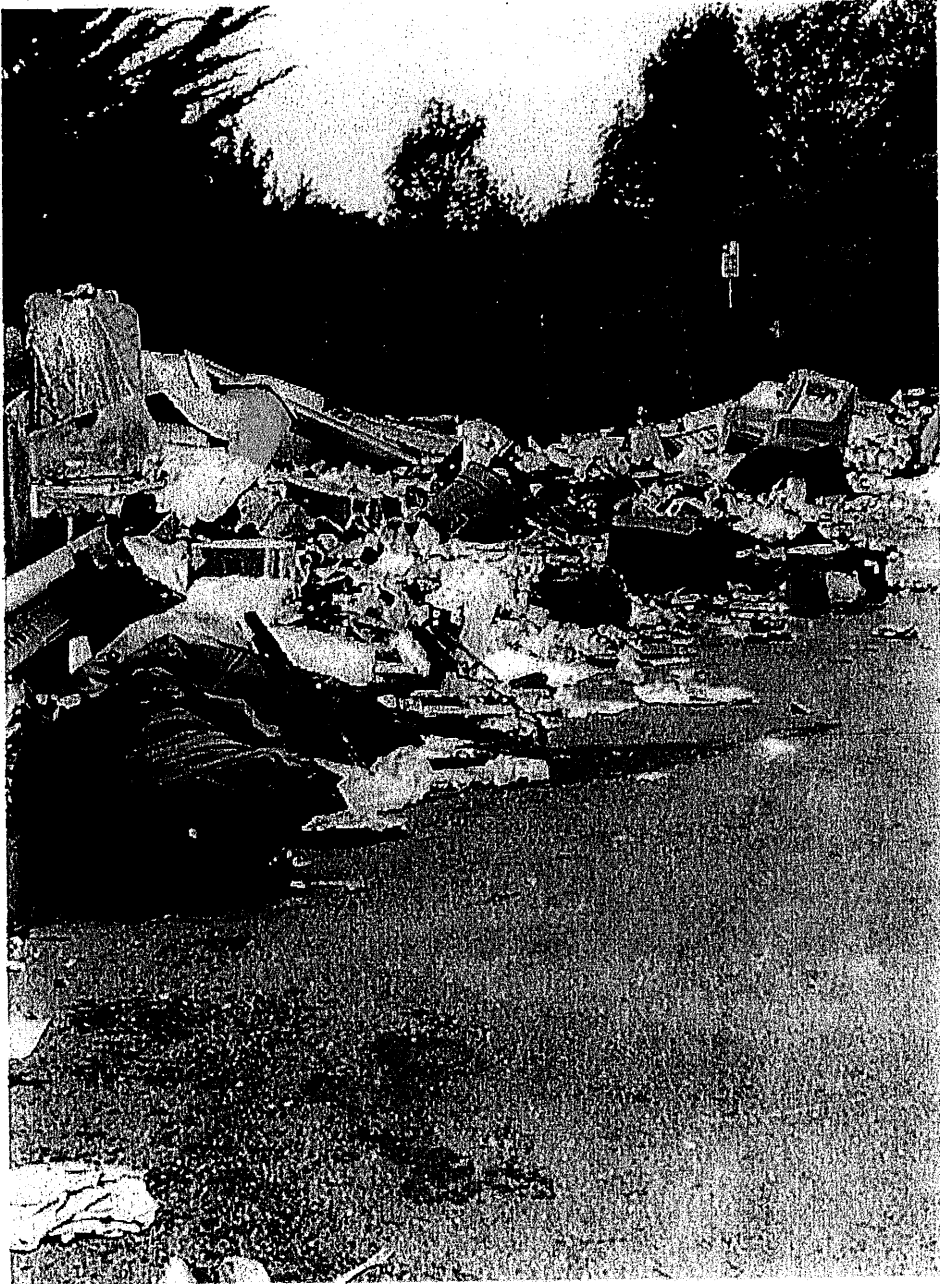
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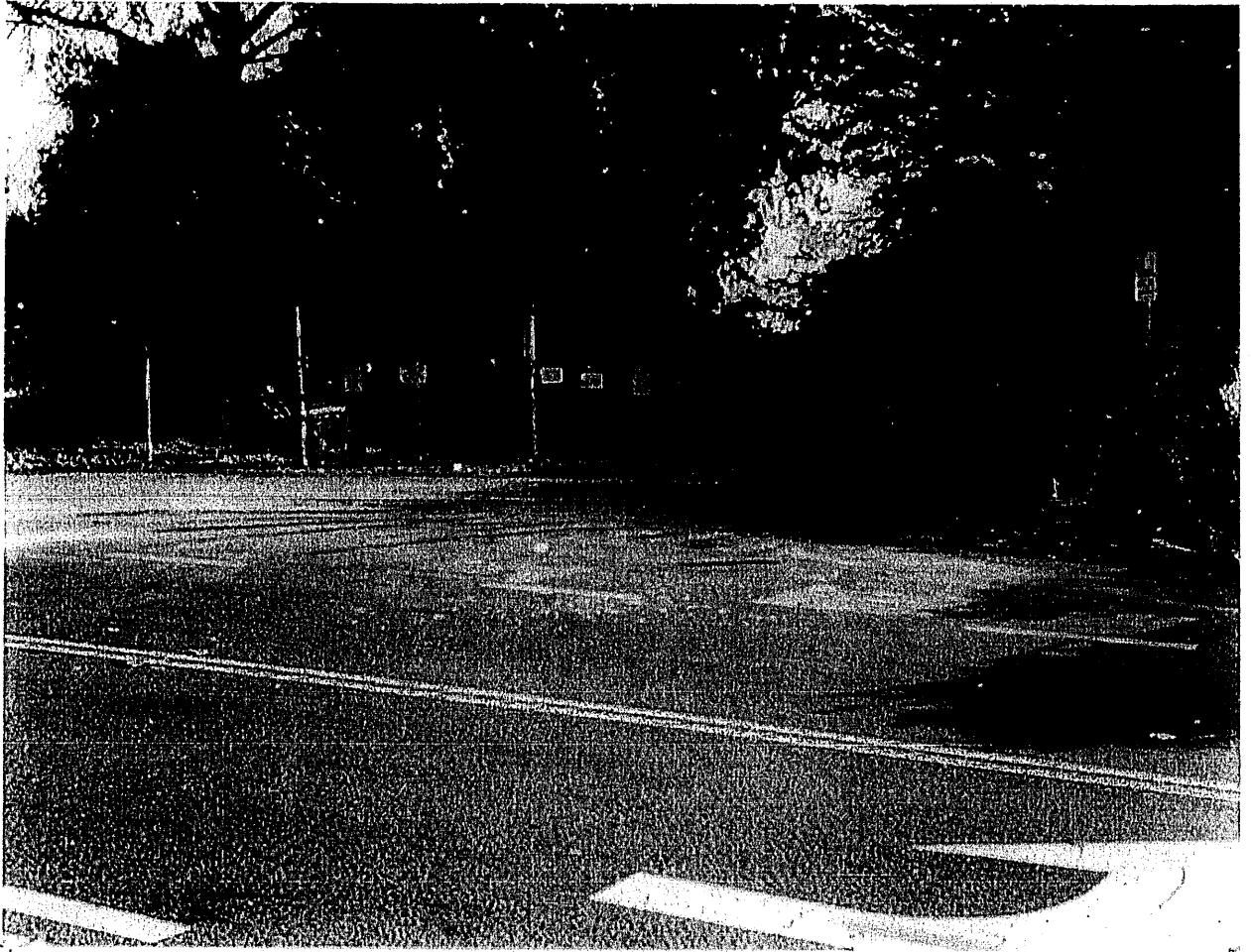
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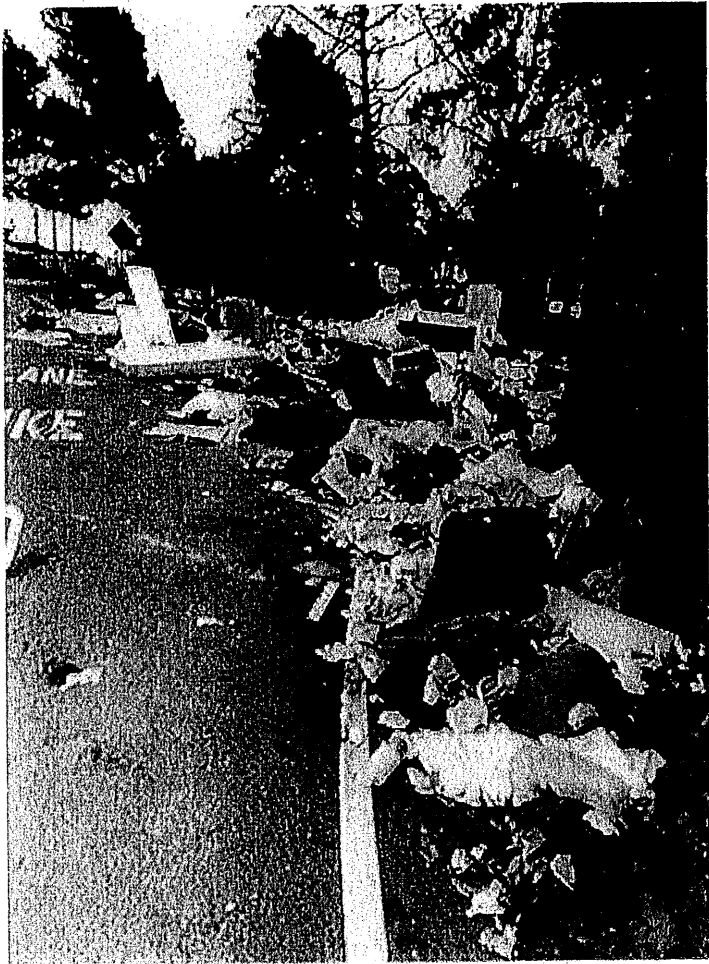
**To:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** Aquatic Park











Sent from my iPhone

July 16, 2021

Berkeley Police Lieutenant Kevin Reece  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

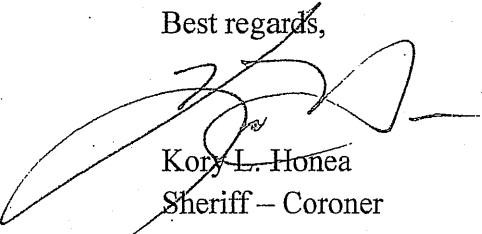
Dear Lieutenant Reece,

On behalf of the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), I want to express my deepest appreciation for the assistance your entire staff provided over the past two weeks. On July 03, BCSO began investigating a homicide that occurred in Oroville. During our investigation we learned a person of interest had a residence in Berkeley. Without hesitation your staff offered their assistance in the form of surveillance and search warrant preparation.

On July 15, the Berkeley Police Department Special Response Team assisted BCSO in serving a high-risk search warrant at a residence in Berkeley. The specially trained peace officers assigned to your Special Response Team were able to peacefully serve the search warrant and gain the cooperation of the individuals who were the subject of the search warrant.

BCSO detectives describe your entire staff as available, humble, respectful, ethical and of good character. BCSO detectives were impressed with your entire command staff to include Lieutenants McGee, Okies, and Turner. The detectives described all of your lieutenants as available, willing to help, and respectful. The detectives appreciate the on-going support they continue to receive from the Berkeley Police Department.

Best regards,



Kory L. Honea  
Sheriff - Coroner

PM:pm

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I'm writing to express my appreciation for Officer Hartley, who visited my home to offer suggestions on where to install security cameras. He had great insights and I've just finished the installation more or less as he recommended. He also encouraged me to enroll them in the registry and I have done so.

I'm grateful that BPD has officers like him on the force and I thank him for sharing his expertise with me.

Sincerely



**From:** Customer Service  
**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2021 11:27 AM  
**To:** BPD Webmail <[bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Compliment

Internal

Good morning,

Community member, wanted to give a big thank you to the Berkeley Police Officers that assisted with an incident this morning at 2001 San Pablo Ave.

Thank you,

**Yewande Wey**

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For the safety of our staff, the 311 Customer Service Call Center will be working remotely with reduced staff in the office. Please allow up to two business days for a response. Please do not submit another inquiry unless two business days have passed since your original message. We are closed on weekends and all major holidays. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



August 4, 2021

Interim Chief Jennifer Louis  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Interim Chief Louis,

On behalf of the Law Enforcement Torch Run<sup>®</sup> for Special Olympics Northern California, we want to personally thank you and the members of your agency for the extraordinary dedication that made the 2021 Final Leg a tremendous success. With the support of 205 agencies and over 2,500 runners, we are excited to announce...together, we raised over \$285,000!

We truly appreciate your agency taking time to take part in this year's event. Your participation encourages and validates law enforcement's involvement in the movement, which is a critical piece to our public awareness campaign in advocating for the acceptance and inclusion of those with intellectual disabilities.

We would like to specifically commend Jennifer Coats for their assistance in planning and coordinating your agency's involvement. Jennifer's dedication and leadership were instrumental to the success of this year's Torch Run Final Leg.

*The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics unites people and demonstrates the incredible impact that members of the law enforcement community make in our respective communities. Please know that you can take great pride in knowing the members of your agency contributed to making a positive difference in the lives of our athletes and families.*

Again, thank you for your support and for giving the athletes the continued opportunity to demonstrate their abilities, strengthen their character, develop their physical skills, fulfil their potential, and change the way the world views people with developmental disabilities.

We look forward to working with you on future events!

In the spirit of Special Olympics,

David Solo  
President & CEO  
Special Olympics Northern California

Aaron Johnson  
Deputy Chief, Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety  
State Director, Law Enforcement Torch Run for  
Special Olympics Northern California

**From:** Harryman, Brian

**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 10:58 AM

**To:** Sprague, David A. <[DSprague@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DSprague@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Cc:** Waite, Christopher D. <[CWaite@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:CWaite@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** '

Chief Sprague,

After submitting the AAR for this fire, as a side note, I wanted to give a shout out and personal thank you to BPD and Sgt. Waite for their help on this incident. BPD was of great assistance in helping with evacuations, managing the 16 people displaced (some difficult to handle), closing both directions of University to shield our apparatus without blocking Fire Dept. access, getting public works on scene and assigning officers to remain with and protect Dep. Fire Marshal Tieu while she conducted her investigation. Great attitude and team work by Sgt. Wait and all his officers who remained on scene with us for hours during this incident.

Much appreciated,

Brian

*Brian Harryman, Battalion Chief*

*Berkeley Fire Department*

*Fire Station 2 A Shift*

*(510) 981-5520 station*

*[bharryman@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:bharryman@ci.berkeley.ca.us)*

From:  
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 4:01 PM  
To: Commendations <[commendations@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:commendations@cityofberkeley.info)>  
Subject: Officer McBride and Officer Johnson - Thank You

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We wanted to recognize and say thank you for the wonderful job these two officers performed when responding to

Their careful and thoughtful response to a volatile situation was so good that, instead of things spiraling further out of control, the situation was stabilized and some important dialogue was started. In fact, Officer McBride's willingness to share his own story with our daughter helped her understand that she was not alone and was being heard. In addition, their making us aware of resources like the Mobile Crisis Unit, was important to helping us focus on effective ways to help resolve the issues we are experiencing.

These officers are clearly two Berkeley's finest and we are profoundly grateful for the service they provided to our family.

Very best regards,

**From:**

**Sent:** Saturday, August 21, 2021 5:20:06 PM

**To:** Droste, Lori <ldroste@cityofberkeley.info>; Birnbach, Kerry <KBirnbach@cityofberkeley.info>

**Subject:** BPD Badge 97

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Dear Lori and Kerry,

I just saw what I considered to be a model interaction between a Berkeley police officer and a street person who was sitting on his blanket at the corner of Webster and College. The street person was quite intense and agitated in his speech. The officer crouched down to be on his level rather than standing over him. The officer listened, and conversed with him in a respectful manner to the extent it was possible. An interaction that could've gone quite badly did not.

I approached the officer later and told him I appreciated the respectful and calm way in which he interacted with this man.

The officer, badge number 97, deserves our appreciation.

Whether it's good recruiting, or good training, or good management, I don't know. But I would appreciate it if you would let the chief know that it appears to at least one citizen that the Berkeley Police Department is doing a good job in very trying circumstances.

Thank you as always for your work,

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Detective Egbert responded to a burglary at my home today. Through his quick, collected thinking he was able to track the perpetrator, marshal assistance from other officers and ultimately apprehend the burglar. He kept us apprised of the investigation as it unfolded and quickly followed up to return the stolen property. He was smart, personable and attentive - exactly the qualities one hopes for in a public servant. We thank officer Egbert and the Berkeley police department.

Sent from my iPhone

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August 31, 2021

Ms. Jennifer Louis - Chief of Police  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, California 94704

Dear Chief Louis,

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ family, we thank you, Captain Rico Rollari, and each participant, for the emotional and moving memorable service you and \_\_\_\_\_ provided \_\_\_\_\_ the

I was honored to have been invited by \_\_\_\_\_ to attend with his family. He's asked me to convey our deepest appreciation for the time and efforts expended by each of you in honoring all fallen officers.

Although I have unfortunately attended a number of fallen officer services, this one was truly impressive. The Color Guard was outstanding and the multi-judicial participation by so many departments demonstrates that law enforcement is truly family.

Although many years have passed since \_\_\_\_\_ was torn from our lives that fateful day, the consequences and memories are never forgotten. Like the soldiers returning to Normandy decades after WWII, the deep feelings from our loss still stirs powerful emotions.

Knowing that you and others still care, and are willing to actively demonstrate their support means a great deal. Especially to those who suffered the loss of their fallen father, or brother Officer and best friend.



September 4, 2021

Jennifer Louis, Interim Chief of Police  
City of Berkeley  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Chief Louis:

I am writing this letter to commend Officer Aaron Piombo, who provided excellent service to me yesterday. I had just discovered that my car was missing, presumably stolen, from in front of my house. I called the BPD non-emergency number, as it says to do on the website, and reported it. I was told by the dispatcher that I would receive a phone call "later." However, within about 2 hours, Officer Piombo was at my house to take a report. Then, about an hour after that, he called to tell me that my car had been located a couple of miles away, on Bancroft and McGee. He then told me that he would stay with the car until I was able to get there to pick it up.

When I arrived, he was waiting with another officer (whose name I didn't get), beside my car. What a relief! And there was not even any damage, and nothing taken inside the car. My wife and I thanked Officer Piombo profusely, and he was very modest about what he had done, and grateful for my praise, since—he said—the Berkeley Police have been getting so much negative attitude from much of the public. I told him that I was particularly grateful to him for his service, and that I have always found—in over 50 years of living in Berkeley-- that the BPD is an excellent department. There are clearly police departments in other areas that have significant problems, but I am pleased and proud that this is not the case here.

Gratefully,



BERKELEY CITY COUNCILMEMBER

**TERRY TAPLIN**  
DISTRICT 2

September 17, 2021

I commend Community Services Bureau Area 3 Coordinator Officer George Schikore for his compassionate and dedicated service to the City of Berkeley and the Berkeley community. He has joined me on several occasions to address the safety concerns of residents, and has been generous with his time and expertise. He has made himself available to discuss public safety at length with interested constituents and participates in the Grove Street skating events, a valuable community-facing activity. Most recently, he has removed needles from the vicinity of Oxford Elementary School in response to concerns expressed by a parent.

I greatly appreciate the care with which Officer Schikore serves the public and I am grateful for his service and collaboration.

Sincerely,

*Terry Taplin*

Councilmember Terry Taplin