



# Berkeley Police Department Officer Commendations

For Review by the Police Accountability Board (PAB)

June 21, 2023, Regular Meeting



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**Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum**

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January 29, 2022

**To:** Interim Chief Jen Louis  
Via Captain Joseph Okies  
Via Lieutenant Christopher Bonaventure

**From:** Sergeant Christopher Waite, S-8

**Re:** Commendation for Officer Shivas #88 and Officer Johnson #69

On 1/29/22 at 2043 hours, Officer Shivas was dispatched to an Aid-to-BFD call at for a female who had overdosed on suspected fentanyl. He arrived moments later with Officer Johnson as his cover. They located the female in the back yard unresponsive, not breathing, and without a pulse. They immediately recognized the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose and Officer Shivas administered Narcan to the subject. At 2046 hours, Officer Shivas broadcast an update as Officer Johnson began chest compressions. At 2048 hours, Officer Johnson broadcast that the subject's pulse had returned and that BFD would be transporting the subject to the hospital.

I went to Alta Bates and met with the crew of BFD Medic 5 on the ambulance ramp. They reported that the subject was now awake, alert and being treated by the staff inside. Furthermore, they said that the quick and decisive actions taken by Officer Shivas and Officer Johnson undoubtedly saved the woman's life.

I then went inside and spoke to the woman. She had no recollection of what had happened, but admitted to using drugs with her friends. When I advised her that she had overdosed, died, and then been brought back by Officer Shivas and Johnson, she became very emotional and wanted me to thank them for her.

Officer Shivas and Officer Johnsons quick response, appropriate interventions, and treatment were exemplary and worthy of commendation.

Internal

**From:** Wilson, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 06, 2022  
**To:** Durbin, Michael R. <[MDurbin@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MDurbin@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** shooting arrest

Captain,

I wanted to quickly pass on my appreciation to Team One for a case they handled Monday. In short, they took action and made an arrest on a shooting that was reported to have occurred several days prior in

The victim called BPD on Monday to report that the prior shooting suspect was in front of her residence on Street. Officers detained the suspect after she left the scene. They subsequently took a statement from the victim regarding the shooting and arrested the suspect for that crime.

Instead of passing the case on to Team One recognized that this was an escalating problem that had now come into our city and subsequently took full ownership of it. This undoubtedly disrupted further violence and also sends a strong message that BPD will take full enforcement action on this type of criminal behavior.

Thank you!  
Jen



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To: Chief Jennifer Louis via Chain of Command      Date: 03/15/22

From: Sergeant Veronica Rodrigues, S-24      *VR/SRM*

Subject: Commendation for Officer Alex McDougall #77

On February 12, 2022, I received the attached thank you card from \_\_\_\_\_, who is the leader for the Berkeley/ Albany Girl Scouts Troop \_\_\_\_\_. During the month of September 2021, Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ reached out to BPD to ask if an officer was available to discuss injury prevention and first aid kits with her Girl Scouts troop. Officer McDougall eagerly accepted the invitation and volunteered a portion of his weekend to discuss the importance of a properly equipped first aid kit and explained the important items that are needed for a first aid kit. I would like to commend Officer McDougall for his willingness to represent our department and engage with our younger community members.







BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



March 21, 2022

To: Acting Chief J. Louis  
Via Lieutenant Dave Lindenau #L-10

*Handwritten: JLR C-4*

From: Sergeant M. Parsons #5-35

Re: Commendation for Ofc. Geoffrey Mitchell #150

Please see email below I received from our own Ofc. Salas regarding Ofc. Mitchell's valuable work he does on a daily basis dealing with the complexities of Berkeley High School.

*Hey buddy, for a while now I've wanted to let someone know how much I appreciate Mitchell and his work at BHS. I figure an email is as good a way as any.*

*Mitchell has proven himself invaluable at BHS. He keeps a positive and professional approach while getting bombarded with assaults, sex crimes and the like on a daily basis. He has to work in an environment where he is not welcome and his investigations are often complicated by school officials not following proper investigative procedures. I'm unaware of another position offered by the police department that has these added issues. Without Mitchell handling BHS, my patrol work load would greatly increase. His presence at the school makes my work day calmer.*

*Mitchell is also able to regularly ID persons who are responsible for crimes happening on my beat. I have frequently sent him pictures of students who were suspected of committing a crime and he is quick to respond with names of persons in the picture. Mitchell is an asset for the unit and an asset for me in patrol.*

*I didn't want to send a long email but I did want to acknowledge his hard work and express my appreciation.*

Officer Salas #141  
Berkeley Police Department

From: Louis, Jennifer A.

Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2022 7:28 PM

To: Perry, Jessica <[JPerry@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JPerry@cityofberkeley.info)>

Cc: Okies, Joe <[JOkies@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JOkies@cityofberkeley.info)>; McGee, Matthew <[MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info)>;

Rodrigues, Veronica <[VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info)>

Subject: Thank you

Ofc Perry,

I wanted to acknowledge your work both as an Area Coordinator and representative of our department. You were sorely missed during your parental leave (we heard about how we were falling short of your level of service in at least two neighborhood meetings!) and you have stepped back into work at full speed. I appreciate how much care you give to all of those you serve, from the ones with unreasonable or unrealistic asks to those who legitimately need us. I also am extremely grateful for the speed and accuracy of your responses. When I know you're assigned to an issue I feel confident it will be handled and handled well.

Thank you.

With respect,

Jen



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To: Chief Jen Louis #C-1 via the Chain of Command      Date: May 2, 2022

From: Sergeant Jennifer Coats #5-6 

Subject: Commendation for Incident

On Friday, April 30, 2022, at approx. 1949 hours, Berkeley PD started receiving multiple 9-1-1 calls regarding a traffic collision. Callers reported a vehicle into a light pole at \_\_\_\_\_ Avenue and \_\_\_\_\_ Street in Oakland. Additionally, the callers reported a subject was trapped inside the vehicle and engulfed in flames. Although our communication staff was inundated with a high volume of calls, our dispatchers could answer numerous calls and made certain information gathered was forwarded to the Oakland Police and Fire.

Due to the incident's proximity to our jurisdiction, I authorized units to respond to assist. Berkeley PD officers were the first responders on the scene from either jurisdiction. Officers encountered a chaotic scene. Multiple civilians were helping the occupant from burning using garden hoses, bottles of water, and fire extinguishers.

Our officers started assisting the civilians in keeping the fire knocked down until Oakland Fire arrived on the scene and extradited the driver. The officers used the hoses and fire extinguishers from their vehicles. Additional officers responded to the scene, immediately took up traffic control positions, and canvassed for witnesses. Berkeley officers maintained their positions until relieved by Oakland Police.

Although the incident was not in our jurisdiction, the dispatchers and officers who assisted with this incident upheld our department's values and mission by safeguarding the community and treating others with dignity and respect. I want to commend the below dispatchers and officers for their efforts in assisting our neighboring community.

PSD Lyons	PSD Lilly	PSD Querubin
PSD Rosenlicht	OFC Thorne	OFC Albrandt
OFC Johnson	OFC Armistead	OFC Plombo
OFC Legall	OFC Magnoli	OFC Peters
OFC Chan	SGT Waite	SGT Kacalek

Good afternoon Sgt. Cardoza and Sgt. Marble,

I just wanted to let you both know about some good work from your people. Inspector Phil Green reached out to me last week to let me know Officer Ramsey and Officer Popke, "have been super responsive and communicative with me...so refreshing. I really appreciate their cooperation."

Officer Ramsey and Officer Popke are assisting with an Oakland murder case that is headed to trial. The shooter in this case was previously arrested by Ramsey and Popke for possession of a firearm.

Inspector Green spent years as a homicide detective and is well respected throughout Alameda County. A compliment from him is no small thing. Clearly, Officers Popke and Ramsey are stopping the right people if they are able to assist on a case of this magnitude. Providing this kind of assistance to other LE agencies is key and not everyone provides it. Please thank them both for the good work they are doing and for representing us so well to the DA's Office.

Sergeant Jesse Grant

Sex Crimes and Domestic Violence Unit

Berkeley Police Department

**From:** Michalczyk, Greg <[GMichalczyk@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:GMichalczyk@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 1, 2022 1:44:55 PM  
**To:** Edwards, Donovan <[DEdwards@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DEdwards@cityofberkeley.info)>; Egbert, Neil <[NEgbert@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:NEgbert@cityofberkeley.info)>; Bonaventure, Christopher <[CBonaventure@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:CBonaventure@cityofberkeley.info)>; Kacalek, Darren M. <[DKacalek@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DKacalek@cityofberkeley.info)>; Bejarano, Andres <[abejarano@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:abejarano@cityofberkeley.info)>; Jacala, Edwin <[ejacala@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ejacala@cityofberkeley.info)>; Valle, Matthew <[MValle@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MValle@cityofberkeley.info)>; McGee, Matthew <[MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info)>; Perry, Jessica <[JPerry@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JPerry@cityofberkeley.info)>; Lindenau, David <[DLindenau@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DLindenau@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** 422 case

Internal

Hi all,

I just wanted to highlight the great work by Officer Edwards #135 on 6/29/22. Officer Edwards was working one of his mandatory OT shifts when he received a call for service from city staff in which a person entered the Southeast Berkeley Library on Benvenue. The person threatened to commit a shooting at the library. A library is a place that all people (staff, parents, and children) should feel safe at. Officer Valle assisted with a witness statement. Officer Edwards was able to obtain photographs of the person and the person was identified in about an hour. Officer Jacala assisted with the photo line ups with the city staff.

It was also determined that the suspect stole from CVS and assaulted a person in People's Park earlier in the day. Sgt Kacalek also assisted with photo lineups for the theft case. The suspect later came to the BPD Station on his own accord and was arrested (a special thanks to Sgt Kacalek for detaining and booking the suspect – he still has to figure out how to do the RIPA). I spoke to his parole officer and she advised me that she was already working on a 3056 warrant for his arrest. The person was arrested for PC 422, PC 484, PC 1203.2, and the warrant.

Officer Edwards followed up with the victim and the victim said, "I want to thank you again for finding this person and letting me know he'd been arrested. I am working from home today- please reach out by cell or email if anything comes up and just so you know, you really helped me yesterday by being so nice and I appreciate it. Thank you to you and your team"

I appreciate Officer Edwards' and everyone else involved dedication to helping the community of Berkeley through proactive investigating in a short time frame that possibly prevented a shooting at a library.





**Date: July 12, 2022**

On 07/08/2022 at 0642 hours, BPD Officers received a report of a suspicious person inside of [REDACTED] Ave. The victim woke up to the suspect masturbating at the foot of her bed. The suspect went into another female's room in the house, but did not say or do anything to her as she was already awake. The suspect fled on foot from the residence.

Shortly after, at 0649 hours, BPD Officers received another call of a suspicious person at [REDACTED] Berkeley. The suspect entered the house by climbing a fire escape ladder that led to the highest window in the building. The suspect confronted Victim #1 (who was naked) in her bedroom and made several lewd comments to her. The suspect entered the open window as Victim #1 fled from her bedroom out of fear. The suspect then entered the bedroom of Victim #2 and made various lewd comments to her. Victim #2 yelled at the suspect to leave and she hid underneath her blankets.

[REDACTED] was detained by Officers as he was coming down from the fire escape of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was identified by all victims involved. Additionally, Officers obtained a Mirandized statement from [REDACTED] admitted he was in each apartment complex and stated he wanted to have sex.

Ofc. Peters and Ofc. Harston obtained detailed statements from the Victims and did a great job documenting these cases. Ofc. De Bruin, Ofc. Gasper, and Ofc. Bold all assisted in various roles by helping coordinate in field show-ups, property control, and booking of [REDACTED].

Det. S. Martinez responded to the various scenes and coordinated the processing of each scene by CSO Vargas. Det. Martinez also located surveillance video which captured [REDACTED] as he went onto the property on [REDACTED]. Det. Martinez obtained a search warrant to obtain a buccal swab from Carmichael as he is linked to [REDACTED]; DD-Sex Crimes is awaiting DNA analysis.

On 07/11/2022, the Alameda County DA's Office charged [REDACTED] with two counts of PC 459, 2 counts of felony PC 314 and multiple felony enhancements with special allegations. [REDACTED] is held without bail.

These cases are a perfect example of excellent patrol response and start to finish follow through by all involved personnel. The collaborative effort of these Officers helped take [REDACTED] off the streets of Berkeley; his criminal behavior is clearly escalating and his incarceration makes Berkeley a safer place. These Officers' work also helps get the Victims the justice they rightfully deserve. These Officers should be commended for their outstanding work and follow through on these cases.

Regards,

Andres Bejarano  
Sergeant – Bike Force



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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 12:04 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:59 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** >  
**Subject:**

Internal

Please process this e-mail as an internal commendation for [redacted] for the additional work and time he put in to cover Police Aide duties this summer, including training our new Police Aides.

The departure of our two former Police Aides this past Spring left us with no Police Aides. Based on my recollection, this is the first time we have been in this situation in my career. As you are well aware, the Police Aides handle a large list of daily tasks that help keep the Berkeley Police Department functioning smoothly. Furthermore, it would have been a slow and inefficient process to have existing P&T staff attempt to train our new Police Aide hires because each senior Police Aide has traditionally trained the incoming Police Aide(s).

[redacted] willingness to work extended hours before his regular shift in the jail - to keep the work flowing and train our new Police Aides - is above and beyond his current assignment expectations and demonstrates his commitment to the organization. It is also worth pointing out here that Jose is a pleasure to work with and his presence was appreciated by all of us in P&T.

Thank you,

P&T,

Today Berkeley resident [redacted] called dispatch to ask for information about a past automobile collision she was involved in. PSD Tracy Shaul answered the call. After completing her call with Tracy, [redacted] wanted to speak to her supervisor.

I spoke with [redacted]. She sounded elderly. [redacted] spoke of living in a "world that moves too fast for [her]." She said, "I don't get a lot of patience." [redacted] praised Tracy for being patient with her. [redacted] commented that Tracy seemed highly trained and was professional and kind. [redacted] concluded by saying she had a good experience and always had a good experience with Berkeley Police.

Could we process this as a commendation for Tracy.

Thanks.



Peter Hong | Police Lieutenant  
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Police-Fire Communications Center



## BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



To: Chief Louis via Chain of Command  
From: Sergeant C. Bold #5-9  
Date: September 8, 2022  
RE: Commendation for Officer Jonathan Ramsey #83

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On 08-30-22 at approximately 2211 hours, Ofc. Ramsey located a gray Nissan with no California license plates in the area of San Pablo Avenue/Stanford Avenue, which is a violation of CVC 5200(A). Ofc. Ramsey also noticed the driver was using his cellphone while driving which is violation of CVC 23123(a). Ofc. Ramsey conducted a traffic stop and contacted the driver who did not have any identification on his person. The driver verbally identified himself which later revealed that he was not truthful about his name. Ofc. Ramsey developed reasonable suspicion to have the driver step out of the vehicle. The driver exited the vehicle and Ofc. Ramsey conducted a pat search for weapons. While doing so, Ofc. Ramsey asked the driver "Is there anything illegal in the car?". The driver spontaneously stated "Yes, drugs".

Ofc. Ramsey conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle for narcotics based on the driver's statement and search prior to tow. Ofc. Ramsey located over 1 LB. (592.89g) of suspected fentanyl, 101.01g of suspected methamphetamine, \$3,837 in assorted denomination of US currency, a digital scale, and plastic sandwich bags. Some of the baggies of fentanyl were packaged at approximately in one ounce (28g) increments per baggie. Based on his training and experience, Ofc. Ramsey knew that this amount of narcotics was consistent with sales.

Ofc. Ramsey attempted to gain consent to search the suspect's cell phones however the driver refused. Ofc. Ramsey prepared a search warrant in the CRIMS law enforcement database. The Honorable Judge Herbert signed the warrant to look through all three of his cellphones for evidence of narcotic sales. During the search of the phones, Ofc. Ramsey obtained 80 photographs of the suspect selling narcotics and talking about narcotics. The suspect also had multiple numbers from all over the state and had receipts of him sending money to Mexico.

Ultimately, the suspect was arrested for HS 11351(A), HS 11378(A), HS 11352(A), HS 11379(A), and PC 148.9(A) under BPD case

This particular case is one of the largest narcotic seizures in recent Berkeley history. Ofc. Ramsey is one of the most proactive officers in the department. He consistently makes great stops and arrests, getting dangerous criminals, narcotics and weapons off the streets, making this a safer city for the residents as well as other officers. With only being an officer for three years, Ofc. Ramsey leads by example and is a role model to newer and existing officers. Ofc. Ramsey is nonstop in his work ethic and is extremely eager to better himself on a daily basis. Ofc. Ramsey should be recognized for this particular case as well as all the hard work he puts in every day.









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To: Chief Louis via Chain of Command M.T. #L-6 *pc-2 Jacobs*  
From: Sergeant S. Castle #5-21  
Date: February 5/31/22  
RE: Commendation for Officer Kizarra Jacobs #145

On Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at approximately 1849 hours Officer Jacobs was on routine patrol in the area of Shattuck Ave and Kittredge St on her beat as 3A4. It should be noted that this was Officer Jacobs first week as a solo officer, having just cleared the Field Training Program.

Officer Jacobs was parked on the 2100 block of Shattuck Ave when she was flagged down about man that was having a medical emergency. The man was inside the Verizon Store at 2209 Shattuck Ave. The man was inside the store, updating his wife's phone, when he collapsed suddenly. The employees began to render aid to the man but realized that Officer Jacobs was outside the store and sought her assistance.

Officer Jacobs immediately began to take action. She clearly broadcasted what she had, a man that was in cardiac arrest. Officer Jacobs advised that he had a faint pulse and was not responsive. Officer Jacobs began to give chest compressions to the man.

BFD arrived on scene and took over emergency medical care including the use of the Lucas Machine. Throughout the emergency medical care, the man was unresponsive. The scene was dire and it appeared that he may not recover from the incident.

The man was transported to Alta Bates Hospital where he continued to receive medical attention. Hours later I received information from another officer that was at the hospital that the man was responsive and talking. At about the same time, I received notification from dispatch that the man's wife had called in attempting to report him as a missing person.

Wanting to get the most accurate information I went to ABH to contact the man personally and confirm his status. All be it, slightly disorientated, the man was in fact responsive and had many questions as to what happened. He was united with his family at the hospital, which had no idea what happened.

A short time after the incident I was contacted by the man's wife. She made it quite clear that the actions taken by Officer Jacobs had saved her husband's life. She expressed how fortunate she was to have BPD and live in Berkeley. She spoke about how life has mostly returned to normal for her and family and just how lucky they were.

It is without a doubt that if it were not for the swift actions of Officer Jacobs the man would not have pulled through, Officer Jacobs help save his life.






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March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To: Chief Louis  
Via Acting Captain Tate L-8 

From: Acting Lieutenant Bonaventure S-10

Re: **Commendation for Child Abuse Investigation**

On 12/19/2022, Detective Villarroel was made aware of on-going issues regarding [redacted] and her deteriorating mental health. Multiple neighbors and family members contacted BPD and expressed concern for her mental stability and the safety of her 5-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son. They stated that [redacted] would stay up for days at a time screaming and yelling incoherent statements. These actions caused the children to scream, cry, and not sleep for long periods of time.

Family members expressed concern for the safety of the children because [redacted]'s mental health was declining at an alarming rate. They stated that she suffered from PTSD, but her current behavior was a dramatic shift from her normal baseline.

Detective Villarroel spoke with the father of [redacted] children. The father had visitation rights but beginning in November she would no longer let him visit the children. The father stated the children were always wearing dirty clothes and they slept in soiled beds. [redacted] would give the father all of the soiled bedding and clothing because she refused to wash the items herself. The children were also not enrolled in school.

Detective Villarroel worked with Child Protective Services (CPS) to get an investigation initiated. CPS attempted to conduct welfare checks, but [redacted] refused to let them see the children. CPS was not going to investigate further, so Detective Villarroel took it upon himself to move forward with helping the children.

On 12/20/2022, Detective Villarroel obtained an arrest warrant for [redacted] for violations of child abuse. Detective Villarroel also obtained a search warrant for the residence in order to take custody of the two at-risk children.

Detective Morales deployed one 40mm less lethal round at [redacted] however, it did not stop her from holding onto the knife and resisting.

Detective Villarroel pulled [redacted] to the ground while holding and controlling her hand that had the knife. Acting Lt. Bonaventure, Det. Tinney, Det. Grover, Det. Morales, and Ofc. Nabozny all worked together to arrest [redacted] while she violently resisted. Det. Grover was eventually able to pull the knife from [redacted] hand and she was subsequently handcuffed.

It was later determined that the knife had impacted Detective Villarroel's body camera (broke the camera) and then impacted his external vest. The knife did not penetrate the vest in large part because Detective Villarroel was able to lessen the impact by grabbing onto [redacted]'s arm as she thrust the knife at his chest.

Officers executed the search warrant and took custody of the children. As Officers walked through the apartment, they saw that it was in disarray with dirty clothing and garbage all over the floor. There was moldy food in the kitchen and large knives on the counters that were easily accessible by the children.

Detectives Dozier and Martinez immediately drove the children to the Alameda County Children's Assessment center. On the way to the assessment center, they made a stop and bought food for the kids. The children are now living in a stable home with their biological father.

[redacted] was subsequently charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for attempted murder of a police officer and child abuse.

I would like to especially commend Detective Villarroel for this investigation. He investigated this case thoroughly and worked with CPS in an attempt to get [redacted]'s children out of her custody. When it became apparent that CPS was not going to investigate any further, Detective Villarroel worked diligently to get [redacted]'s children out of harm's way.

Detective Villarroel had the children's best interest in mind during every facet of this investigation. He attempted to work with CPS, he attempted to talk with [redacted] and check on the children's wellbeing, and he conducted covert surveillance in an attempt to detain [redacted] away from the residence and her children.

During the execution of the search warrant, Detective Villarroel continued to have the children in mind and didn't want to do anything that would create any mental stress. He repeatedly attempted to talk with [redacted] in an attempt to de-escalate the situation and to gain her compliance. Only after every attempt was made at de-escalation and compliance, did officers resort to having to force the door open.

All of the Officers who were on scene during the search warrant displayed exceptional professionalism. They were all able to detain and arrest a person who had

On 12/20/22 and 12/21/22, Detective Villarroel conducted covert surveillance at [redacted]'s residence in attempt to detain her when she exited. Carreras-Velez never exited the apartment, so Detective Villarroel decided to conduct a "knock and talk" at the residence.

On 12/21/22, approximately 1210 hours (Prior to the knock and talk), Detective Villarroel spoke with a neighbor who had just called BPD dispatch. The neighbor reported that [redacted] was constantly yelling and her children were yelling that they didn't have food in the apartment.

After talking with the neighbor, Acting Sgt. Dozier and Det. Villarroel attempted to conduct a welfare check on [redacted] and her children at the residence. [redacted] refused to open the door and continued to yell at the Officers to get off of her porch. During this time, [redacted] five-year-old daughter approached the front door window, lifted the blinds, and told Detective Villarroel that she was hungry and needed food.

Based on the neighbor's statement, Detective Villarroel's observations, the pleading for food from [redacted] daughter, and the fact that nobody had come out of the apartment for several days, Detective Villarroel decided to execute the search and arrest warrant.

On 12/21/2022, approximately 1317 hours, Berkeley Police Officers (Acting Lt. Bonaventure, Acting Sgt. Dozier, Det. Villarroel, Det. Martinez, Det. Tinney, Det. Morales, Det. Grover, Ofc. Nabozny) executed the search/arrest warrant at [redacted]

Detective Villarroel conducted the knock and announce notice but [redacted] refused to open the front door. He attempted to unlock the front door with keys provided by the apartment manager, but the keys did not work on the locks. [redacted] continuously yelled at Officers to get off of her porch. After several minutes of trying to talk with [redacted] she briefly opened the door (behind the locked security screen), told Officers to get off her porch, and then slammed the door shut.


Detectives Villarroel and Grover pried the screen door open. Once the screen door was removed, Detective Villarroel continued to talk with [redacted] through the window of the front door, but she continued to refuse to open the door.

Officer Nabozny and Acting Lt. Bonaventure also attempted to talk with [redacted] through the window, but she refused to listen and continued to yell at everyone to get off of her porch. While Officers were trying to gain compliance, [redacted] was standing at the front door window with her cell phone in one hand and nothing in the other hand. [redacted] was told to move back from the door but she refused.

Detective Grover then used the breaching tool to force open the front door. Once the door was open, Detective Villarroel stepped in the threshold to see inside. Immediately, [redacted] ran toward Detective Villarroel with a large chef's knife raised over her head. She thrust the knife at Detective Villarroel's chest and yelled, "I'm going to fucking cut the shit out of you!" The tip of the knife hit Officer Villarroel's body camera and his external vest.

attempted to stab a fellow officer and who continued to violently resist with minimal force. This is an exceptional case that exemplifies the Berkeley Police Department's Mission and Values.

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## Berkeley Police Department Memorandum



**To:** Interim Chief Louis  
Via Capt. Montgomery,  
Via Capt. D. Reece,  
Via Lt. D. Lindenau,  
Via Lt. Rittenhouse,  
Via Sgt. Bonaventure,  
Via Sgt. J. Smith,  
Via Sgt. Bejarano

**Date:** 02/13/2023

**From:** Sgt. Donovan Edwards #S32

**Subject:** Officer/CSO Commendation in regards to BPD Report

On 01/30/2022 at approximately 1344 hours, Patrol Officers responded to an auto-burglary in the Berkeley, CA. Upon their arrival, Ofc. Emelson located the victim lying on the ground, just outside of his vehicle. The victim's vehicle had a broken window and there was blood on the scene, denoting an apparent physical confrontation. Ofc. Emelson tended to the victim until sufficient officers arrived on scene. The victim was later transported to a local area hospital with moderate injuries. During the preliminary investigation, officers on scene learned that a strong-armed robbery occurred, not a vehicle burglary. Given this, Ofc. Gasper contacted a witness, further confirming the report of a strong-arm robbery. Ofc. Ludovico and Sgt. Kacalek had the victim's vehicle towed for evidentiary purposes. CSO Supervisor Cardoza later spent a copious amount of time processing the victim's vehicle for evidence.

Later, Det. Egbert assigned himself as the lead investigator on this robbery investigation. He was able to obtain surveillance video of the robbery, denoting the suspects and suspect's vehicle. He learned the suspect vehicle was rented by [redacted] was kind enough to provide the rental company with his true and correct demographic information, to include his cell phone number. With [redacted]'s phone number, Det. Egbert authored and obtained a "Call Detail Records" search warrant for [redacted]'s phone number. Said records placed [redacted] at the scene of this robbery. While reviewing [redacted]'s cell phone records, Det. Egbert saw [redacted] traveled to a casino in Sonoma County after the Berkeley robbery.



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Det. Egbert contacted the security personnel at the aforementioned casino, obtaining surveillance photos of [redacted] and his co-conspirator, [redacted]. Det. Egbert disseminated a Trak Flyer with [redacted]'s photo, where local Bay Area Investigators confirmed [redacted]'s identity and provided information on his [redacted]'s involvement in criminal activity in other parts of California, to include Los Angeles.

With two of the suspects identified, Det. Egbert authored and obtained "GPS Ping" warrants for [redacted]'s and [redacted]'s cell phone number. After doing so, Det. Egbert started to receive location "Ping" e-mail notifications for [redacted]'s and [redacted]'s cell phone numbers in continuous 15-minute intervals. Det. Egbert monitored the "Ping" e-mails on duty and while off duty.

While monitoring [redacted]'s and [redacted]'s GPS pings, Det. Egbert was contacted by detectives/officers with LAPD Wilshire Auto Crimes Division. Wilshire Division of LAPD were hit with a rash of auto-burglaries, involving a vehicle rented by [redacted]'s family member. Personnel with LAPD contacted Det. Egbert in regards to [redacted]'s and [redacted]'s involvement in their auto-burglary series. Det. Egbert later provided them with real time and previous GPS location pings for both suspects.

As a result of the GPS Ping information, provided by Det. Egbert, LAPD personnel were able to identify the hotel being used by [redacted] and [redacted]. LAPD personnel arrested a group of suspects to include [redacted] and [redacted] at the hotel. A search of their hotel room yielded numerous stolen items from various Los Angeles auto-burglaries and several firearms (to include a handgun, machine gun, and shotgun):



Police recovered laptops, iPads and other property from a hotel room occupied by the alleged auto-burglary suspects. (Photos courtesy of the LAPD)





## Berkeley Police Department Memorandum



The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed twenty-four (24) felony counts on [redacted] and [redacted]. These charges included burglary, possession of stolen property, and felon in possession of firearms.

Later, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office charged [redacted] and [redacted] in connection with the Berkeley robbery, along with several felony enhancements. Through Det. Egbert's investigation, he learned [redacted] was a part of a group of suspects who burglarized the home of and murdered (via gun) an 80-year-old woman in Hayward, CA (Hayward PD Report [redacted]). While [redacted] was initially charged and later convicted of *murder*, he was later "*re-sentenced to the target offense*" of burglary. This would lead to [redacted] being paroled in 2020.

Moreover, the victim in the Berkeley robbery was identified as a Sudanese immigrant. At the time of the robbery, he worked as a cross-country deliveryman (based out of Pennsylvania) and only stopped in Berkeley to get his *i-Phone* fixed. Det. Egbert kept in constant communication with the victim, providing him with timely updates on the investigative process, as well as connecting the victim with assistance/resources for Alameda County Crime Victims.

In closing, the above listed information shows the continued exemplary level of service provided to the City of Berkeley by the above listed officers/CSO's. Additionally, it details the attention detail, communication, and investigative tenacity provided by Det. Egbert.

I respectfully request that this memorandum be processed as a commendation for Ofc. Emelson, Ofc. Ludovico, Ofc. Gasper, Sgt. Kacalek, CSO Supervisor A. Cardoza, and Det. Egbert.



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**Berkeley Police Department  
Memorandum**

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To            Capt Durbin via Lt. Montgomery      Date      01/04/2022

From           Sgt. Kleppe

Subject       **Commendation for Ofc. De Bruin #2 and Ofc. White #50**

On 12/23/21 Ofc. De Bruin responded to \_\_\_\_\_ for a 415 call regarding a family concerned about their half-brother returning to the family residence (at \_\_\_\_\_) after they had changed the locks. Ofc. De Bruin wrote a supplemental to the original threats case authored by Ofc. Valle \_\_\_\_\_. Ofc. De Bruin first spoke with the reporting party, and then responded to the scene with Ofc. White. The half-brother did not show up on scene and officers cleared after speaking with the family.

On 1/3/22 I received a call from \_\_\_\_\_ and she wished to express her thanks and to compliment both Ofc. De Bruin and Ofc. White on their exemplary response and professionalism from this incident. \_\_\_\_\_ said that Ofc. De Bruin had also followed up with her in regards to the incident several days later, and she felt very appreciative of that, as he showed a genuine interest in ensuring that the situation was in hand. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that as she spoke with both officers she was grateful for their patience in listening to the facts of the incident, asking pertinent and important questions, their professionalism, and their willingness to provide their family with assistance. \_\_\_\_\_ also wanted to ensure that the officers were commended for their actions and that it be formally recorded in their personnel files as "excellent service" in the law enforcement community is seen as expected and not recognized as it should be.

I am requesting that this phone call be documented as a formal commendation for both Ofc. De Bruin and Ofc. White on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ family at \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

Sergeant Kevin Kleppe

**From:** John Geissberger <[JGeissberger@albanyca.org](mailto:JGeissberger@albanyca.org)>  
**Date:** January 31, 2022 at 10:19:26 AM PST  
**To:** "Louis, Jennifer A." <[JLouis@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JLouis@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Thanks

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Jen,

I hope all is going well with you. I wanted to send a quick thanks for the help your staff gave us yesterday. We had a catalytic converter suspect who fled from our officers into a residential neighborhood and it sounds like BPD Sgt. Landrum and a good number of your people responded to hold a perimeter for us. My staff did not get everyone's name, but the help is greatly appreciated. Please pass on my thanks to your people and stay safe and healthy.

John

*John Geissberger*  
*Chief of Police*  
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**From:** Lui, Tracie, DA <[Tracie.Lui@acgov.org](mailto:Tracie.Lui@acgov.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 1:38 PM  
**To:** Perkins, Jamie <[JPerkins@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JPerkins@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Thank you!

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Dear Sgt. Perkins,

I just wanted to thank you and Officers Bold, J. Bustamante, J. Lewis, and Salas for their assistance today.

Our target was not there, but the elderly resident was present, as were several neighbors who were vocal in noting our presence at the residence. We appreciate the officers' professionalism and safe execution of our request, especially given the short notice. We look forward to working with BPD again!

Sincerely,

Inspector Tracie Lui #329  
Alameda County District Attorney's Office  
Real Estate Fraud  
7677 Oakport St. #750  
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Fax: (510)383-8615  
Email: [Tracie.Lui@acgov.org](mailto:Tracie.Lui@acgov.org)



**From:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 12:57:45 PM

**To:** Hartley, Brian <[BHartley@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:BHartley@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Cc:** Taplin, Terry <[ttaplin@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ttaplin@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Bike Patrol

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Hi Officer Hartley,

I'm a 20+ year West Berkeley resident and I believe we've exchanged emails before about concerns around our neighborhood — I live on \_\_\_\_\_ — the gun violence in particular. (Nice work on the recent arrest by the way.)

I just wanted to reach out to say how happy and grateful I was to see a BPD bike officer at San Pablo and University this morning at 7:30 while returning from dropping my daughter at the High School.

I'd encouraged Councilmember Taplin, who I've cc'ed, to help make that possible, believing that even an occasional problem-solving bike or foot patrol would do our area a lot of good and provide an opportunity for an officer to understand the neighborhood in a way an officer running from call to call in a car just can't. I'm confident many of my neighbors and the local businesses on and around San Pablo will agree.

Don't know if that was an anomaly or if a bike patrol might be a more regular thing now but please accept my appreciation and pass it along to the officer or head of that unit and the Chief if you would.

Many thanks for your service!

Best,

January 13, 2022

Dear Chief Officer Lewis:

Regarding: Officer Jessie Macapagal

I am so very grateful to this officer who was so recently involved in a "missing person" event, because he approached the matter and promptly fulfilled with confidence, intelligence, focus, integrity, and true caring. I was amazed as to how quickly he solved the problems: a truly bright officer. Thank you.

I hope and pray that the Berkeley Police Department can be fortunate to have more of such a fine officers as Mr. Jessie Macapagal.

Sincerely,



Hello,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a Berkeley resident. I unfortunately have had to deal with a son who has been abusive toward me and to his girlfriend of many years. I have had to cut ties with him because of his abuse and am in constant worry about the well-being of his girlfriend.

Last March, my son's girlfriend's sister contacted me to tell me \_\_\_\_\_ (son) called her and said \_\_\_\_\_ (girlfriend) was missing and asked for help to find her. This scared me because I assumed the worse due to the history of domestic abuse. I called non-emergency hoping someone could do a welfare check on

This is where the amazing Officer Smith stepped in. He called me back to discuss the issue and let me know there had been several calls to \_\_\_\_\_ residence and filled me in the best he could with what he knew and was able to share. He also went to the house and checked in on \_\_\_\_\_ and let me know she was alive and well so I could relay the information to her family. I really appreciated his help. He was also very sympathetic to how difficult this has been for me as a mother who has had to cut ties with her adult child due to their unrelenting verbal abuse over the years (he's 34).

Fast forward to today, almost exactly a year later. I got another email from \_\_\_\_\_ sister asking for help. This time \_\_\_\_\_ had contacted her and her dad to tell them that he kicked \_\_\_\_\_ out and that she was sleeping on the streets and that they would need to come and help her. But whenever they called and left messages asking for him to have her call, she would never call back. After a day or two of this they got in touch with me to see if I had been in touch with them at all recently because they were worried about \_\_\_\_\_ let them know that I haven't been in touch but would try to reach out for advice on how to approach the situation or to request another welfare check. I immediately thought of Ofc. Smith and how kind and helpful he was and gave him a call. His outgoing message said he was off until Monday so I left a message explaining what was happening and asked if he could call back on Monday if he had a chance.

Well, even though he was on his day off, he called me right back! He said he knew I was probably upset and wanted to reach out and give me some advice and see what the situation was. We had a great conversation and I got a bit emotional talking about how difficult this has been. He was very empathetic and understanding and gave me some really great advice on keeping my boundaries solid and being direct with \_\_\_\_\_ family on how they can be more proactive in looking into her well-being. He really took the time to talk with me about how to approach the situation and to be sure to care for my own well-being in the process. It was really helpful and I came away from the conversation more calm and happy to know someone like Officer Smith was out there. Someone who really cares and was willing to take time out of precious personal time to talk to me. He is truly a gem and I wanted to share my experience to make sure he gets the recognition he deserves for being such a great officer who genuinely cares about his community members.

The situation with my son is a painful one, especially because untreated mental health issues are at play, but I came away feeling a bit more hopeful and a lot more resolved to maintain healthy boundaries. He gave me a sense of peace I didn't have before speaking to him. And for this, I am very grateful.

Thank you, Officer Smith!

Best regards,

I would like to thank the officers who supported the response to the \_\_\_\_\_ case on Friday night/Saturday morning.

I learned this weekend that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were married for 29 years. The BPD team honored the \_\_\_\_\_ best days by managing the burden of their very worst night.

I'd especially like to thank Officer Shivas who supported \_\_\_\_\_ during the investigation and while waiting for the coroner. He took on the horrible job of going to the neighbors (my husband and me) and notifying us of \_\_\_\_\_ death, so we could be with \_\_\_\_\_ and she wouldn't be alone while waiting for family to travel to Berkeley. He gently gave helpful advice in a bewildering time, from the simple suggestion of having a cup of tea, to the consequential counsel that \_\_\_\_\_ look to her many years of memories rather than going to see her husband's remains in the yard as she'd considered doing. Overall, he modeled how to be present with someone in a devastating time, acknowledging and wading with her in the pain while helping her not sink deeper. His example helped me immensely over the next 24 hours of being with \_\_\_\_\_

I apologize that I didn't get their names to mention them specifically, but I'd like to commend the full responding team. Everyone was calm, professional, and kind. They interviewed \_\_\_\_\_ with respect and care, helping her understand this unfathomable situation and getting the information they needed without upsetting her more.

It was also very much appreciated that the cleaning crew arrived so quickly, still in the dark at 6 am Saturday, to remove any remaining signs of the tragedy, so \_\_\_\_\_ wouldn't be faced with this in the morning.

I hope you will share this message with the full team. On top of the difficult events of any given night, there must be many challenges of working these hours, like missing family dinners and kids' bedtimes. I would want them and their families to know that they made a real difference for another family this weekend.

Thank you,

Hi,

I am writing to recognize the wonderful job Officer Christopher Major did in addressing an instance of fraud that happened to me today. My wife and I were tricked into applying for a home rental in the Berkeley Hills that was not a legitimate listing. It was pretty terrible and disheartening, obviously.

Even though Officer Major noted that there was very little that could be done via the police force, he spent 30 minutes with me on the phone going through everything and gathering as much information as possible. He went above and beyond in explaining to me how these scammers work, and advised me on next steps. All in a courteous, compassionate manner.

I was blown away by the level of concern and kindness he showed.

Before he got off the phone, Officer Major offered to try to reach the actual owner of the home just to be certain that this was indeed a scam, and to alert him that someone was using his identity. I asked Officer Major if he could possibly call me back and let me know if he found anything out. But I just assumed he'd never get back to me. Ten minutes later he called with a full and detailed update. (He spoke with the current tenants and left a message for the owner.) On that second call to me, he even offered to tell the actual owner of the home that we were looking to rent about my family and the scam that happened to us, in the hopes that maybe the true owner might want to rent it to us. In short, he felt bad about what had happened and was genuinely attempting to not only get to the bottom of everything, but also, additionally, to propose a creative solution that could help my family out. Thereafter, when the owner got back to Officer Major, he called me again to confirm that it was indeed a scam and that the true owner had now been informed.

What a wonderful person!

I've never had a more positive interaction with an officer in my life.

After a terrible day where I'd been defrauded and made to feel awful, Officer Major actually restored my faith in humanity with how he treated me. I am so grateful and appreciative. Give this man a raise and promote him! He is a great example of what an officer can and should be within the context of a community.

I'd be happy to say more if desired. Feel free to reach out to me at any point.

North Berkeley resident

*I am heartbroken by the news of Anthony Joshua Fisher's murder. I am grateful for the hard work of the Berkeley Police Department's homicide detectives to investigate this heinous crime and arrest the suspect. They have fulfilled the highest duty of our officers of the peace with integrity and professionalism, and West Berkeley thanks them for their service.*

*This is Berkeley's first homicide in over a year, and it occurred in West Berkeley, where the recent surge in gunfire has been most prominent. Crime is real, no matter how hard some might wish to deny that fact, and it must be addressed now, using the resources and tools at our disposal. The seniors, parents and families in my District will not be mollified by platitudes and performative gestures. We need concrete actions to address violence and crimes happening today, and to hold accountable those who would harm our community. Shooting after shooting, I have met with residents in impacted neighborhoods to develop concrete solutions. I have introduced proposals such as a problem-oriented Flex Team for data-driven community policing, a Ceasefire program, an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPRs) policy with strong civil liberty and privacy protections, and public security cameras for improved electronic evidence gathering to aid investigations.*

*We have already heard every lecture about the root causes of crime – the very same social determinants that I grew up experiencing in my District. This may be a bitter pill for some, but crime itself is a material harm that disproportionately impacts lower-income households, seniors, and all of our diverse West Berkeley community.*

*Mr. Fisher's murderer was caught in part with the help of nearby surveillance camera footage. The frequent use of electronic evidence to solve crimes is not lost on me. Over the last year, I have taken steps to increase our access to critical and basic tools of investigation. We do not have the luxury of debating ideology. We must remain committed to our mandate of providing critical services, including guarding the physical safety of our residents. My eye will remain fixed on that end. I did not enter public service to shy away from the ugly realities my neighbors and loved ones do not have the privilege to ignore. We are a diverse community, but we will never tolerate violence.*





## Office of the District Attorney Alameda County

Nancy E. O'Malley  
District Attorney  
alcoda.org

3/23/2022

To: Lt. Kevin Reece

Re: Officer Skyler Ramey

I am a charging deputy assigned to the Wiley Manuel Courthouse Branch of the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. Part of my duties for the last three years included charging all cases generated by the City of Berkeley Police Department.

I am retiring on 4/1/2022 and as such will no longer be in this role.

I want to take this opportunity to commend the outstanding work as a liaison done by Officer Ramey. She has been extremely helpful throughout our three years working together. Ofc. Ramey has always gone the extra mile for me. Getting reports mentioned in the main report, taking statements from witnesses at my request, explaining the ins and outs of BPD procedures for me, etc. Much of our work has been time sensitive and had to be done quickly. Ofc. Ramey has always been able to work within the deadlines and with great attention to detail. She has been creative in coming up with solutions to sometimes thorny problems.

In addition to this, Ofc. Ramey has been an effective advocate for her fellow officers and their work, often explaining to me that more things were being accomplished than I was aware of.

In conclusion, the Berkeley Police Department is fortunate to have someone with these skill sets and who is willing to work as hard as Officer Ramey has. The Police Department and citizens of Berkeley have benefited.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Pinney  
Deputy District Attorney  
Alameda County District Attorney's Office  
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Internal

Voice message left via commendation February 28, 2022

“Hi,

I'm calling to commend some officers who helped me last night. The report is [redacted] and officer Bally badge No. 73, showed up after some guy had side swiped my car. The other officer, I didn't get to interact with drove off and caught the guy. But anyway, she was very kind and helpful and she said that because I thought I could move my car across the street and have it towed in the morning: I'm parked on [redacted], but so they tow it and I couldn't move it so I called back and she had an officer. Shivas badge No. 88, came and left a card on my car saying “please don't tow.” So anyway, my car is getting towed later today and you guys were all wonderful. The 911 lady was wonderful, and the lady I talked to said she'd pass on the message about putting a note on my car last night and was very nice to me. You guys were everything I needed you at the moment. I appreciate your service and professionalism. Have a good day.”

From:

## Alameda County Sheriff's Office

Lakeside Plaza, 1401 Lakeside Drive, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA 94612-4305



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### Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff

Director of Emergency Services  
Coroner - Marshal

March 7, 2022

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

Dear Chief Louis:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your support of Alameda County Sheriff's Office Deputy Aubrey Phillips. She died from an unexpected and tragic medical emergency on February 12, 2022. Berkeley Police Department Lieutenant J. Tate, Sergeant A. Frankel, and Officers N. Kastmiller and E. Ruff assisted my Agency members with the escort and Honor Guard services.

Words cannot express how much this untimely loss has affected my organization. However, your members' assistance demonstrated how the law enforcement community would never forget Deputy Phillips' invaluable contributions to our profession. I am honored by the Berkeley Police Department tribute to Aubrey! Please extend my sincere appreciation to Lieutenant Tate, Sergeant Frankel, Officer Kastmiller, and Officer Ruff.

As an Agency, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office will honor Deputy Sheriff Aubrey Phillips through upholding our Core Values of Honor, Trust, Integrity and Commitment, and continue to stay strong and perform our duties to the best of our abilities.

Again, thank you for your support. I am proud of the strong working relationship between our agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory J. Ahern".

Gregory J. Ahern  
Sheriff-Coroner

Internal

**From:** Louis, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:54 AM  
**To:** Jung, Roselyn C. <[RJung@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:RJung@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:** Okies, Joe <[JOkies@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JOkies@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** FW: Deposition

During an unrelated meeting yesterday, Deputy City Attorney, Brendan Darrow, took the time to share that Ofc Peters' assistance at the deposition was professional and a great assistance to a high dollar litigation that the City is currently fighting. I wanted to share my appreciate and thanks

Jen

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:59 AM  
**To:** Louis, Jennifer A. <[JLouis@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JLouis@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** FW: Deposition

Good morning.  
Please see below regarding Officer Peters' excellent job at deposition yesterday. Thanks,

Law Offices of

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2022 3:27 PM  
**To:** Peters, Kevin <[kpeters@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:kpeters@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:** Okies, Joe <[JOkies@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JOkies@cityofberkeley.info)>; Turner, Melanie <[MTurner@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MTurner@cityofberkeley.info)>; Murphy, Emily J. <[EJMurphy@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:EJMurphy@cityofberkeley.info)>; Landrum, Frank X. <[FLandrum@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:FLandrum@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** RE: Deposition

All,  
Just wanted to say that Officer Peters had his deposition taken today and did a wonderful job. Thank you to everyone for their assistance in making him available. Thanks

Law Offices



**From:**

**Date:** March 14, 2022 at 10:46:10 AM PDT

Dear Chief Louis,

A big thanks to you and Officers Rafferty and Armistead for making this possible and stopping by at our bicycle rodeo at the \_\_\_\_\_ Church yesterday. The kids had a great time, very much enjoyed all the gifts you brought, and loved checking out the Police car.

Thank you very much!

Best wishes,



**From:** Rodrigues, Veronica

Can you please process the email below from BHS teacher \_\_\_\_\_ as a commendation for Brian Hartley, Ana Bolla and Dejah Brown for their participation in the Public Safety panel for the Law and Social Justice class.

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**From:**

**Date:** March 8, 2022 at 1:39:14 PM PST

**To:** "Hartley, Brian" <[BHartley@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:BHartley@cityofberkeley.info)>, "Bolla, Anna" <[ABolla@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ABolla@cityofberkeley.info)>, "Brown, Dejah" <[DeBrown@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DeBrown@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Cc:** "McGee, Matthew" <[MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info)>, "Rodrigues, Veronica" <[VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** THANKS

Brian, Ana, and Dejah,

Thanks so much for taking time out of your day to talk to the students! Really appreciate the honesty and transparency.

Take care,

Berkeley High School

Hi Robert,

It was great meeting you today, thanks again for the assistance on scene!

Additionally, the homeowner today expressed her great appreciation to you, Frank, and Mike. As I was packing up my equipment she wanted me to relay to you all how thankful she was for your help in the matter and she wanted me to thank you all once more. She also wanted it to be known that Mike's professionalism really stood out and she was grateful for his presence today.

Best regards,

Ryan Miyamoto

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Officer Ryan Miyamoto #30  
University of California Berkeley Police Department  
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Berkeley, CA 94720-1199  
Ph: 510-642-6760



From:

Subject: Ofc. Tate is a Rockstar

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Police commendations department,

I think Ofc. Tate is in charge of the new traffic division at marina. I met her the other day when I was riding my bike with my dog. My dog was not leashed, and Ofc. Tate had discretion not to issue leash law citation. Ofc. also appeared interested when I suggested Berkeley use its fleet of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, along with American flags as a community outreach event: Fourth of July maybe? Kids love Harleys.

Whoever hired Ofc. Tate probably also deserves commendation.

Does Ofc. Tate have a official COB mailbox for citizen email? I have some suggestions for practical traffic control that will be necessary when new marina access is fully operational.

- city of Berkeley resident



To: Chief Louis

Fr:

Re: Commendation: Officer Abdullah

In the end of March, on or around March 29th, I contacted BPD to do a welfare check on a woman who appeared to be under the influence of meth or alternatively severely bi-polar and not under the influence. She was extremely emotionally disturbed recounting stories of sexual abuse and alleged child abuse in the neighborhood in which she lived in East Oakland.

I originally spoke to her in Albany and APD assessed her under 51.50 but she did not present at that time as meeting criteria. She expressed an interest in going to and I mistakenly believed that BPD- more adequately staffed than Berkeley could transport her there.

By the time I reached the Albany/Berkeley city limit, she was indicating that she felt suicidal. I contacted BPD again and Officer Abdullah arrived with

From the onset, his demeanor was patient, attentive and kind. Despite the rambling and often upsetting content of the woman's speech and its longevity (it was approximately 30 minutes before EMS arrived) he engaged - as much as possible the content of her communication, offered reassurances, and was generally kind and supportive. What most struck me was that his demeanor was completely respectful and not condescending or devaluing.

I really was impressed by his commitment to treat everyone equally, his patience and commitment.

Sincerely,

**From:** Kesarwani, Rashi <[RKesarwani@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:RKesarwani@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 12:14 PM

**To:** Williams-Ridley, Dee <[DWilliams-Ridley@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DWilliams-Ridley@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Cc:** Droste, Lori <[LDroste@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:LDroste@cityofberkeley.info)>; Wengraf, Susan <[SWengraf@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:SWengraf@cityofberkeley.info)>; Taplin, Terry <[ttaplin@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ttaplin@cityofberkeley.info)>; Louis, Jennifer A. <[JLouis@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JLouis@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Commendation thank-you from councilmembers

Hi Dee,

Please find below our thank-you's to the officers:

"Thank you to all our hardworking officers in the Berkeley Police Department. Your insight and frank feedback was incredibly helpful. Please know that your voice was heard and we will try to make Berkeley a more welcoming place for you. You fulfill your duties with honor and it is my goal to keep you satisfied with your work in the City of Berkeley so you can continue to work productively and fairly with our community." --Councilmember Lori Droste

"Thank you for sharing your honest feedback with me on the important and challenging work that you do as a Berkeley police officer. Our community is indebted to you, and I intend to use the understanding I gained to continue to advocate for a public safety approach that provides you with the resources and tools that you need to perform your job to the best of your ability. I look forward to further dialogue with you in the future." --Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

"I would like to extend my greatest thanks to the officers for joining our focus group. I am grateful for your honesty and candor. I appreciate getting to hear from members of the force in the various divisions. I will closely hold what I've learned as we move forward and will fight to steer the city in a constructive direction." --Councilmember Terry Taplin

"I greatly appreciate the opportunity to hear your thoughts about how to improve your work environment and how to improve your ability to provide the highest level of service to our community. I look forward to more discussions in the future. Thank you for your honesty and trust." --Councilmember Susan Wengraf

**From:**

**Date:** April 4, 2022 at 10:51:35 PM PDT

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

**Subject:** Gratitude for your quick, kind response to help my family

Hi Chief Louis,

This morning at around 9am my wife was taking my sons to school on our cargo bike and they got hit by car at the corner of Virginia and Sacramento. Police and firefighters both arrived almost immediately, and they were wonderful, calmly doing their jobs with equal parts kindness and professionalism. is pretty shaken up and needs to see a doctor but she made a point of telling me how impressed she was by how your team handled the situation and made a very frightening situation much better than it might have otherwise been.

I didn't arrive till things were wrapping up and I didn't catch anyone's names other than Sgt. Speelman, but I figure you'll know who to express our gratitude to based on the time and location of the incident.

Thank you very much. I'm sure your jobs feel thankless a lot of the time but hopefully not this time.



Chief of Police  
Jeff Jennings

Emeryville Police Department  
2449 Powell Street  
Emeryville, CA 94608



May 9, 2022

Captain Jen Louis, Interim Chief of Police  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

Captain Louis,

**Re: Letter of Appreciation for assistance**

On Sunday, May 8, 2022, the Emeryville Police Department received several 911 calls, reporting a person brandishing a shotgun in the lobby of the \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel in our jurisdiction. An outside assist was requested and Berkeley Police Department along with several other agencies responded to assist my officers on scene. Your officers prompt and professional response was a critical factor in helping us conclude this potentially violent incident with no injuries to citizens, staff, or the suspect.

My sincere appreciation for Berkeleys' assistance in this incident. A cooperative spirit is the backbone to public safety in our region and I value our shared commitment to provide the best service to our citizens.

Respectfully,

Jeff Jennings  
Chief of Police



**From:** "Works-Wright, Jamie" <[JWorks-Wright@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JWorks-Wright@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Date:** May 4, 2022

**To:** "Okies, Joe" <[JOkies@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JOkies@cityofberkeley.info)>, "Turner, Melanie" <[MTurner@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MTurner@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Thank you to Captain Okies & Lt. Turner

*\*\*\*The message below is on behalf of the MH Commission\*\*\**

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Dear Captain Okies and Lieutenant Turner,

We want to thank you for participating in our Mental Health Commission presentation last Thursday evening, especially to be part of a broad discussion with diverse people and groups.

We appreciated the presentation and details provided by Lieutenant Turner about the monthly 5150s and the challenges identifying the information about them.

We further appreciate BPD's willingness to facilitate access to crisis stabilization services, such as those services at BACS Amber House, for individuals who do not meet the 5150 criteria.

Thank you also for describing the crisis intervention training and the status of CIT officers at the BPD and for answering many questions.

Overall, we are grateful for how the crisis system can be accessed to provide individuals with services whenever possible. Again, thank you so much for taking part in our evening.

Best wishes,

Chair, Mental Health Commission  
Berkeley, CA

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*Thank you for your time.*

*Consumer Liaison & Mental Health Commission Secretary  
City of Berkeley*

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022

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

**Subject:** On another subject

Hi Jen,

On another subject, I wanted to recognize the wonderful Officer Li, who came out today when we had a client who might have needed hospitalization. He was a model of compassionate, gentle, understanding, for a person who was deeply troubled.

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**Note from Chief Louis:**

*The sender, \_\_\_\_\_ is the new Executive Director of the Berkeley Wellness Center which is a community-based organization that works through \_\_\_\_\_ House as an entry point for people with mental health needs or substance abuse. They are located at \_\_\_\_\_*

# Alameda County Sheriff's Office

Lakeside Plaza, 1401 Lakeside Drive, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA 94612-4305



**Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff**

Director of Emergency Services  
Coroner - Marshal

May 9, 2022

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

SUBJECT: SERGEANT RYAN ANDERSON AND SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER WAITE


Dear Chief Louis:

On Thursday, May 5, 2022, the Alameda County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association, in association with the 100 Club of Alameda County, hosted the annual "Alameda County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony." This event honors those law enforcement officers whose lives were lost during their performance of duty and protecting their respective communities. This annual event is held at the Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward, California, and is conducted in front of the memorial upon which all those honored members have their names engraved.

As part of the service, an honor guard consisting of members from various law enforcement agencies present the colors and stands guard over the memorial while the name of each fallen officer is read to those in attendance. In addition, these members assist with welcoming and seating duties. Please convey my sincere appreciation to Sergeant Ryan Anderson and Sergeant Christopher Waite for their participation in this year's ceremony. Their efforts and collaboration with other law enforcement officers certainly contributed to a very fitting and successful event.

I want to thank you for allowing your staff to assist in the annual "Alameda County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony." You can take great pride in knowing that your personnel handled themselves professionally. I greatly value and appreciate the assistance from the Berkeley Police Department and the strong working relationship between our agencies. With that said, I thank you and your staff for the continued support provided to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Very truly yours,

  
Casey Nice  
Assistant Sheriff

**From:** John Geissberger <[JGeissberger@albanyca.org](mailto:JGeissberger@albanyca.org)>

**Date:** May 27, 2022 at 6:00:29 PM PDT

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

**Subject:** Your people are amazing!!

Thanks for the all the hard work and great police work your team did to get into custody. My detective Sgt. was so appreciative of all they did to get these cases wrapped up and charged by the DA. He constantly commented on how professional and responsive they were.

Thanks again and I hope you have a great weekend.

John

**From:** /  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 11:30 AM  
**To:** Commendations <commendations@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Sergeant Lee -- Praise

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On April 7, 2022, I was admitted to Alta Bates by my primary care physician because of suicidal ideation. Very soon after that I was reported as a missing person. While I was in the waiting area, Sergeant Lee came and talked to me. He let me know that others were concerned about my status and that he would let them know where I was. I was feeling very fragile, and his demeanor and conversation were perfect, concerned without being either critical or overbearing.

My sister also let me know that she was very favorably impressed with him and with the Berkeley Police Department as a whole, because he responded so promptly, politely, and effectively to their concern.

I have always had a high regard for the Berkeley police. It is even higher after this event. Please convey my sincere gratitude to Sergeant Lee.

Sufficient unto the day are the pleasures thereof.  
I said that.



To: Chief Louis

Fr:

Re: Commendation: Officer Abdullah

In the end of March, on or around March 29th, I contacted BPD to do a welfare check on a woman who appeared to be under the influence of meth or alternatively severely bi-polar and not under the influence. She was extremely emotionally disturbed recounting stories of sexual abuse and alleged child abuse in the neighborhood in which she lived in East Oakland.

I originally spoke to her in Albany and APD assessed her under 51.50 but she did not present at that time as meeting criteria. She expressed an interest in going to Berkeley and I mistakenly believed that BPD- more adequately staffed than Berkeley could transport her there.

By the time I reached the Albany/Berkeley city limit, she was indicating that she felt suicidal. I contacted BPD again and Officer Abdullah arrived with

From the onset, his demeanor was patient, attentive and kind. Despite the rambling and often upsetting content of the woman's speech and its longevity (it was approximately 30 minutes before EMS arrived) he engaged - as much as possible the content of her communication, offered reassurances, and was generally kind and supportive. What most struck me was that his demeanor was completely respectful and not condescending or devaluing.

I really was impressed by his commitment to treat everyone equally, his patience and commitment.

Sincerely,

# ALBANY CALIFORNIA

CITY OF ALBANY



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JOHN GEISSBERGER  
CHIEF OF POLICE

5/31/2022

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

Sgt. Grant,

I wanted to send this letter commending the outstanding performance of Detective Samantha Martinez in regards to Berkeley PD cases *1*, Albany PD cases *2*, and Oakland PD case *3*.

Since April 2022, the communities of Berkeley, Albany, and Oakland were terrorized by a sexual assault suspect who appeared to be escalating. I truly believe that if it was not for the work of Detective Martinez and the rest of your team, this suspect would still be on the street continuing to commit these heinous crimes.

Detective Martinez took the lead on this case and shined representing the Berkeley Police Department in the finest light. From developing the suspect to his arrest and confession, Detective Martinez was skilled and professional.

It was an honor to have been able to work side by side with Detective Martinez and your team and I attribute our success to the hard work of your division.

Respectfully,

  
Justin Kurland  
Detective Sergeant  
Albany Police Department

cc: Chief John Geissberger, Lt. David Belman, Lt. John Costenbader

**From:** Rodrigues, Veronica  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:04 PM  
**To:** Jung, Roselyn C. <[RJung@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:RJung@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** FW: aquatic park

Rosie-

Could you please process the email below from Mr. Brewer as a commendation for Officers Brian Hartley, Alex McDougall, and George Schikore.

I would like to commend these officers for their collaborative work in clearing the encampment south of South Aquatic Park. The removal of this camp provided some much needed relief to our community and business members.

Thank you,  
Roni

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2022 9:52 AM  
**To:** Radu, Peter <[pradu@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:pradu@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:** Ferris, Scott <[SFerris@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:SFerris@cityofberkeley.info)>; Williams, Wanda <[WWilliams@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:WWilliams@cityofberkeley.info)>; Pratt, Bruce <[bpratt@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bpratt@cityofberkeley.info)>; Vance-Dozier, Okeya <[OVance-Dozier@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:OVance-Dozier@cityofberkeley.info)>; Hartley, Brian <[BHartley@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:BHartley@cityofberkeley.info)>; Rodrigues, Veronica <[VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:VRodrigues@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Re: aquatic park

I would like to thank whoever took care of the growing encampment. We had an event at the facility over Memorial Day Weekend and it was great to have those parking spaces available and the trash removed.

Technical Director  
YMTC

**From:**

**Sent:** Thursday, June 02, 2022 1:18 PM

**To:** Commendations [commendations@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:commendations@cityofberkeley.info)

**Subject:** thank you

I wanted to commend all the folks in BPD, youth services and mobile crisis who worked together to swiftly address the potential threat of mass shooting at Berkeley High this week. Thank you for airing on the side of caution in arresting the troubled teen and sparing us a possible tragedy in Berkeley. The police response very well saved lives here. Our officers take a lot of heat and don't get enough thanks for the hard work they do every day.

Please share this with them in gratitude.

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I wanted to commend whichever officer it was that practiced exceptional patience dealing with a potentially mentally disturbed person at Bakers and Commons this morning, at the corner of Russell and College.





## Berkeley Police Department Memorandum



To Chief Louis #C-1 M.T. #L-0 Date 6/14/2022  
From Sgt. Marble #S-20  
Subject **Commendation for the involved Officers -**

On 6/12/22, I received the attached letter from

On 6/10/22 at 0535 hours, an intruder entered her house and ended up naked in her bathroom. called the Berkeley police and was so impressed with the BPD Officers response that she penned the attached letter. I am forwarding this up the chain of command for commendations for all Officers.

June 10, 2022

RE: A Big Grateful Thanks to  
Berkeley Police

I'm so thankful to the police who came to my house early Thursday morning on June 9. A young man had broken into my house and I've never ever been so scared for my life!

Sitting on my neighbors front steps, I heard them yell, "Berkeley Police" before entering my house. Even though they have been trained for this, it must be so stressful.

So, thank you and to Officer Jessyca Nabozny who was so kind to me.

Sincerely,

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Ofc. T. HUYNH 23

Ofc. RAMSEY 83

Ofc. OLMO ALVARO 125

Ofc. MAGNOLI 97

Ofc. NABOZNY 118

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 9:39:36 AM  
**To:** Jones, Megan <[mcjones@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:mcjones@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:** Wilson, Brian D. <[BWilson@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:BWilson@cityofberkeley.info)>; Turner, Melanie <[MTurner@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MTurner@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Thank you!!

Internal

Hi Megan,

Dropping a note to say you are the hero of our household! My kids were with their preschool teachers yesterday afternoon when you rescued the kitten from the car engine.

Brian and Mel, the backstory is that a kitten hid in the engine of our preschool teacher's car, then took an unplanned ride on the freeway all the way to the school. When the teachers heard meowing but couldn't coax the kitten out of the engine they called the PD non-emergency line, and Megan delivered!

is 5. He was really excited to tell the story of how the 3 police officers rescued the kitten. I told him to draw you a picture to express his gratitude. I'll put the original in your box. 😊

Thank you for all you do!

Sarah

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Emergency Services Coordinator  
City of Berkeley Office of Emergency Services  
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**From:** i  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 26, 2022 10:41 PM  
**To:** BPD Webmail <[bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Please pass along a thank you to Officer Rittenhouse

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Hi there,

I am overwhelmed with gratitude (as is my son) regarding the effort Officer Rittenhouse put into retrieving my son's stolen iPhone! My son's phone was stolen in Emeryville and alongside an Emeryville officer, we were able to track and almost locate the phone. After over an hour of searching the parking lot of the location, it appeared the phone was shut off by the individual who stole the phone. Then, when my son checked the location of the phone at 6 p.m. tonight., it was tracked to a specific house on Ashby Ave. When I called the Emeryville police, they said I had to call Berkeley. Officer Rittenhouse was able to locate and confiscate the phone and we were able to drive to Berkeley from our home in San Rafael and retrieve my son's iPhone. Please thank Officer Rittenhouse for us and we are grateful that even though this was a small crime, the police took it seriously enough to visit the location of the phone at the house and get our phone back! What a day.

Thanks again,

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: Tue, Jun 7, 2022 at 1:42 PM  
Subject: Thank You  
To:

I wanted to reach out and thank you for coordinating Sunday's patrol for all of us. It made the participants feel welcomed and safe. Each site expressed appreciation and commented on the professionalism of the officers. As always we are very grateful for BPD's service to us and the greater community.

I look forward to working together in the future.





OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

June 30, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Michael Chang, Chairperson, Police Accountability Board  
Re: Commendation for Reserve Officers of Berkeley Police Department

At its May 11 and May 25, 2022 meetings, the Police Accountability Board reviewed a group of letters and emails from members of the public and from other departmental employees thanking and praising members of our Police Department for a wide variety of excellent police work.

This commendation was prompted by a letter in appreciation of several of our Reserve Officers who serve on the BPD's Fleet Team, coordinating maintenance, repair, and cleaning of patrol vehicles. Upon inquiring with the BPD, the Board learned that many Reserve Officers have a lengthy history of service to our Police Department, and that two of them have worked in the Reserve Officer Program for more than 50 years!

We understand that Reserve Officers complement the work of regular sworn officers in many ways. In addition to the Fleet Team, Reserve Officers work patrol shifts, staff special events, work in the Warrant Bureau and the Property Room, conduct background investigations, and more. Collectively, these officers work days, nights, and weekends. At a time when recruitment and retention of regular sworn officers is a challenge, the hours that Reserve Officers devote to police work is no doubt of great value to the BPD's operations.

The Police Accountability Board wishes to recognize the dedication, commitment, and longevity of our Reserve Officers: Kevin Fong, Marianne Jamison, Martin Magee, Michael Levitch, Mitchell Richman, Danny Lam, John Jones, Roosevelt Brown, Steven Lathrop, David Coons, Heather Haney, Victor Martinez, Martin Heist, and Larry Parker. Ultimately, their service to the BPD is a service to the community, and for that the Board is grateful.

cc: Jennifer Louis, Interim Police Chief  
Police Accountability Board Members

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**JOHN GEISSBERGER**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

[www.AlbanyCA.org/police](http://www.AlbanyCA.org/police)

June 9, 2022

Chief Jennifer Louis  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, Ca. 94704

Chief Louis,

I want to thank Lt. Jen Tate for her willingness to be a panelist on our sergeant promotional process. As expected Jen represented your department well and helped to ensure our candidate would be fairly evaluated and vetted for this key position within our organization. I know this took away from Jen's normal duties and I appreciate you allowing her to help us today.

I hope you are doing well.

Sincerely,

  
John Geissberger  
Chief of Police

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**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, July 1, 2022 1:44:55 PM

**To:** Edwards, Donovan <[DEdwards@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DEdwards@cityofberkeley.info)>; Egbert, Neil <[NEgbert@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:NEgbert@cityofberkeley.info)>; Bonaventure, Christopher <[CBonaventure@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:CBonaventure@cityofberkeley.info)>; Kacalek, Darren M. <[DKacalek@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DKacalek@cityofberkeley.info)>; Bejarano, Andres <[abejarano@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:abejarano@cityofberkeley.info)>; Jacala, Edwin <[ejacala@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ejacala@cityofberkeley.info)>; Valle, Matthew <[MValle@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MValle@cityofberkeley.info)>; McGee, Matthew <[MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info)>; Perry, Jessica <[JPerry@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JPerry@cityofberkeley.info)>; Lindenau, David <[DLindenau@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DLindenau@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** 422 case

Internal

Hi all,

and

I just wanted to highlight the great work by Officer Edwards #135 on 6/29/22. Officer Edwards was working one of his mandatory OT shifts when he received a call for service from city staff in which a person entered the Southeast Berkeley Library on Benvenue. The person threatened to commit a shooting at the library. A library is a place that all people (staff, parents, and children) should feel safe at. Officer Valle assisted with a witness statement. Officer Edwards was able to obtain photographs of the person and the person was identified in about an hour. Officer Jacala assisted with the photo line ups with the city staff.

It was also determined that the suspect stole from CVS and assaulted a person in People's Park earlier in the day. Sgt Kacalek also assisted with photo lineups for the theft case. The suspect later came to the BPD Station on his own accord and was arrested (a special thanks to Sgt Kacalek for detaining and booking the suspect – he still has to figure out how to do the RIPA). I spoke to his parole officer and she advised me that she was already working on a 3056 warrant for his arrest. The person was arrested for PC 422, PC 484, PC 1203.2, and the warrant.

Officer Edwards followed up with the victim and the victim said, "I want to thank you again for finding this person and letting me know he'd been arrested. I am working from home today- please reach out by cell or email if anything comes up and just so you know, you really helped me yesterday by being so nice and I appreciate it. Thank you to you and your team"

I appreciate Officer Edwards' and everyone else involved dedication to helping the community of Berkeley through proactive investigating in a short time frame that possibly prevented a shooting at a library.



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

June 30, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Michael Chang, Chairperson, Police Accountability Board  
Re: Commendation for Officers Dillon Armistead, Wesley Grover, Tyler Moore, Madison Albrandt, Noor Abdoulmawla, Veron Legall, Zackery Nash, and Semir Muratovic; and Community Service Officer Dorin Lee

At its May 11, 2022 meeting, the Police Accountability Board reviewed a group of letters and emails from members of the public and from other departmental employees thanking and praising members of our Police Department for a wide variety of excellent police work. The Board members identified several incidents in which BPD employees acted in such an exceptional manner that additional recognition was merited.

Two incidents occurring almost simultaneously in the early morning hours of March 6, 2021, stood out to the Board. In the first one, officers responded to a report of an assault and found a victim with a knife in his back. Officers rendered aid and, in the ensuing search for the assailant, an officer saw an assault in progress, with a second stab wound victim. While officers provided medical aid to the second victim, including application of two tourniquets, other officers worked to subdue the suspect. That was highly challenging because the suspect was erratic and initially refused officers' command to drop the knife being wielded, but eventually the suspect relented. Soon after that, the suspect in the first assault was located in Oakland; that suspect admitted to the stabbing and was arrested.

It was later determined that the two assaults, which took place in the same area at around the same time, were unrelated. Officers continued to gather evidence in both cases, coordinating with the U.C. and Oakland Police Departments, interviewing the suspects, and obtaining search warrants. Four days later, both suspects were charged; one for felony assault and the other for attempted murder, each with felony enhancements.

The Police Accountability Board voted to commend Officers Armistead, Grover, Moore, Albrandt, Abdoulmawla, Legall, Nash, and Muratovic; and CSO D. Lee for their teamwork and professionalism in these cases, which went above and beyond their typical duties. Both scenes were chaotic and dynamic, and required rendering medical aid to the victims, perhaps saving the life of the second victim. The officers showed great restraint when detaining the violent and armed suspect in the second case. And, their investigative work resulted in charges being brought against both suspects. Overall, officers displayed excellence in many facets of police work in these cases.

cc: Jennifer Louis, Interim Police Chief  
Police Accountability Board Members

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At 5 am on 6/19, some criminals came by my home and cut the catalytic converter from my car. I was in Germany at the time. Apparently a neighbor called it in and Officer Navarro responded very soon after it happened. She had precise information about when it happened too.

She rang the smart bell on our door and I got a notification, so I answered, from thousands of miles away. She handled this bizarre situation of talking to a doorbell about a property crime better than anyone I know would have. Imagine spelling out your email address to a doorbell! It's cool that we can do that but not all of us humans are there yet.

That alone deserves respect - a lot of people would have tapped out. She didn't.

Armed with her timeline I was able to pull video from our cameras - still from Germany! - and get them to her.

I wish I could say that there was a triumphant arrest and perp walk and that the cat on my 17 year old car was magically renewed. But what I can say is that Officer Navarro did everything possible to make a stressful situation feel contained. The technology helped, but only because she was willing to use tools that are still pretty new to a lot of us.

Oh: and because I was able to coordinate with Officer Navarro, I scheduled a repair for the day after my return and preordered the parts, which have a long lead time. So that's a very tangible benefit to me!

Please keep cultivating resourceful officers like Officer Navarro. She's a credit to the force.



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Sent from my iPhone

Attention Police Chief:

Mr. or Ms. police chief, My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I need for you to know that Officer Tran is an exceptional officer 🙏 who went in my opinion beyond the call of duty to assist me downtown Berkeley maybe 3 or 4 months ago around 10 am. My car would not start and wouldn't you know it I did not have my cell phone to call for assistance. I was in town visiting with my son and family and was downtown having coffee and something to eat . When I went to leave my car would not start and I was essentially stranded without a cell phone. Officer Tran was driving by so I flagged him down and explained my situation. He called my son to let him know that I needed help and waited in the area until my son arrived .

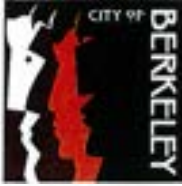
Officer Tran was understanding, patient and sincere in trying to help me although I know he could have been too busy with other priorities! Please consider him as a special officer who deserves some kind of accommodation or recognition for his sincere commitment to helping the public in any way necessary. I would have contacted you initially but had misplaced Officer Tran's business card.

Thanks again to Officer Tran and the Berkeley Police department for having an officer like Mr. Tran.

If you have any questions regarding this contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ at any time!

With all sincerity





OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

June 30, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Michael Chang, Chairperson, Police Accountability Board  
Re: Commendation for Sergeant Samantha Speelman, Officer Jaylon DeBruin, and Officer Geoffrey Mitchell

At its May 11, 2022 meeting, the Police Accountability Board reviewed a group of letters and emails from members of the public and from other departmental employees thanking and praising members of our Police Department for a wide variety of excellent work. The Board members identified several incidents in which BPD employees acted in such an exceptional manner that additional recognition was merited.

One such incident occurred on March 6, 2021, when officers were called to the Sather Gate Garage because a man in crisis was threatening to jump off the roof. Officers DeBruin and Mitchell, the initial responders, engaged the subject to keep him calm, and did so with kindness and compassion. They were joined by Sergeant Samantha Speelman, a trained Crisis Intervention Team officer and former Special Response Team negotiator, who took over communicating with the man.

As described by her superior, Sergeant Speelman gained the man's trust by listening to his concerns, showing empathy, and assuring him he had a say in the outcome of the situation. Eventually, the man came off the ledge, walked to Sergeant Speelman, and broke down sobbing. The three officers continued to talk to the man, reassuring him that he was a good person and had made the right decision. Even when the immediate threat of danger had subsided, the officers patiently continued engaging with him, encouraging the man to talk through his emotions.

The Police Accountability Board voted to commend Sergeant Speelman, Officer DeBruin and Officer Mitchell for several reasons: the officers displayed superior handling of a difficult situation, engaged in actions above and beyond typical duties, and showed extraordinary compassion, empathy and kindness. Their outstanding professionalism resulted in the best possible outcome – a life saved.

cc: Jennifer Louis, Interim Police Chief  
Police Accountability Board Members

**From:** f  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 6:30:40 PM  
**To:** Louis, Jennifer A. <[JLouis@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JLouis@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:** Williams-Ridley, Dee <[DWilliams-Ridley@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DWilliams-Ridley@cityofberkeley.info)>; Buddenhagen, Paul <[PBuddenhagen@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:PBuddenhagen@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** BPD participation in PRW Summer Programs

Internal

Jen

I am emailing you to pass on a huge "Thank You" from the Parks Recreation and Waterfront Department (see email below). Your officers have attended a variety of Teen events this summer including the 3-Day Teen Family Camp at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp. These teen programs are where we serve our largest portion of POC and your attendance has made a difference in the quality and effectiveness of our programs.

Thank you

**From:** f  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 9:48 AM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Thank you For Sending Officers Attending Our Field Trips

Internal

Please relay my heartwarming message to the City of Berkeley's. Interim Police Chief Jen Louis on behalf of the Recreation Division. Young Adult Project (YAP), and Teen Program. I want to acknowledge the officers listed below for their exceptional, extraordinary, and outstanding, *services* they provided in building relationships in the community with our youth and families:

TEENS FAMILY CAMP JUNE 24-26, 2022

- o Ofc Geoffrey Mitchell
- o Ofc Alex Villarroel
- o Ofc Samantha Martinez
- o Ofc Marissa Pickett

A'S GAME: JUNE 8, 2022

- o Sgt Mike Parsons
- o Ofc Geoffrey Mitchell
- o Ofc Lionel Dozier
- o Ofc Nick Turney
- o Ofc Alex Villarroel
- o Ofc Samantha Martinez

SIX FLAGS: JUNE 11

- o Ofc Geoffrey Mitchell
- o Ofc Alex Villarroel
- o Ofc Nick Turney
- o Ofc Samantha Martinez

These officers have left an indelible impression on our youth with their phenomenal attention and interaction with them will not be forgotten. We have more trips coming up and hope they will join us again.

A's Game: July 27

Great America: July 29

Fresh Adventures Camping- Tuolumne August 11-14

Fresh Adventures Camping- Echo Lake Camping August 26 - 28

*Thank you.*

Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!

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

From:

Sent: Saturday, July 9, 2022 11:24 AM

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

Subject: Officer Cris Waite's help

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Dear Officer Louis,

I would like to compliment Officer Chris for his help and kindness on Tuesday, July 5.

I was at the Wells Fargo ATM on Telegraph and Russell in Berkeley. When I tried to get out \$300, the machine gave me \$2,000. That caused a theft alarm, which Officer Chris answered. He helped me get the situation straightened out at the College Ave. bank and reported the defective ATM machine.

His concern and caring were much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPad



**From:** White, Byron E.

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 9:40 AM

**To:** Jung, Roselyn C. <[RJung@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:RJung@cityofberkeley.info)>; Wilson, Brian D. <[BWilson@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:BWilson@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Cc:** Jacobs, Kizzara <[KJacobs@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:KJacobs@cityofberkeley.info)>

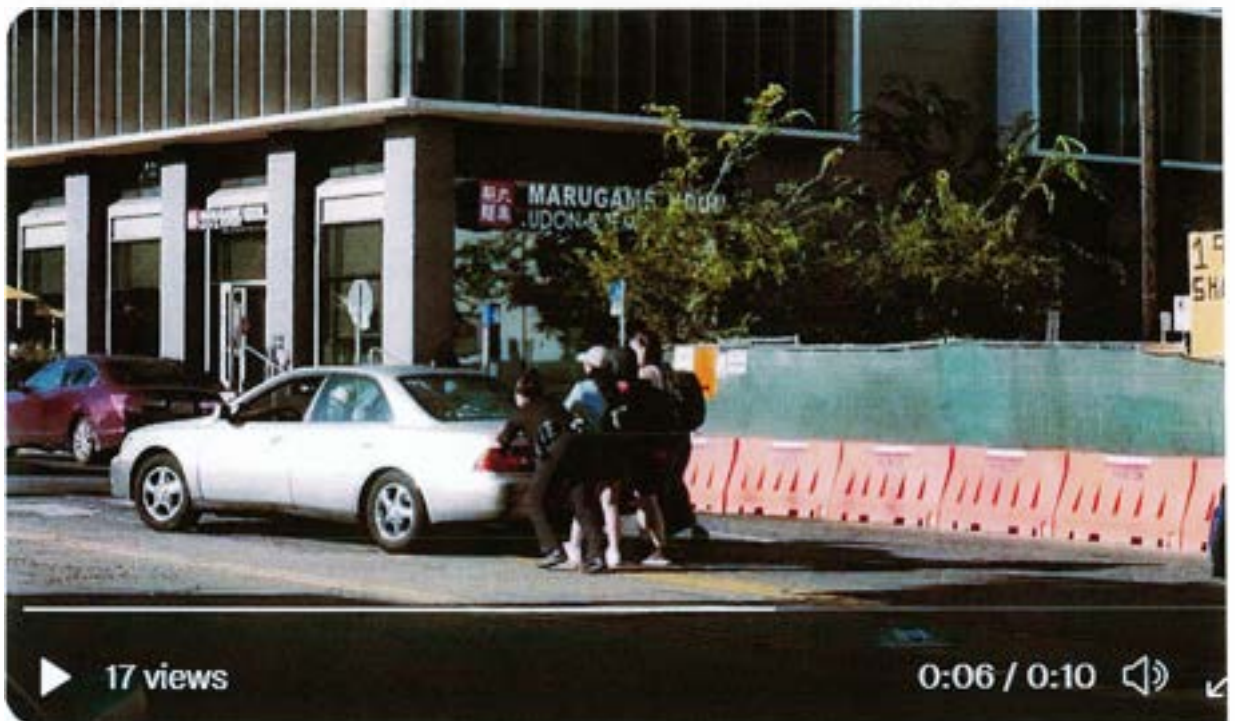
**Subject:** Good work/Commendation

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<https://twitter.com/sfskp/status/1539441475745767424?s=21&t=Hdd4JIJ4qPgvTgb62ojRAA>

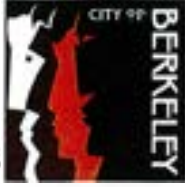
These are real public servants. Thank you to the cop that pushed this car uphill to help the stranded folks.

#Berkeley #shattuckave #goodcops  
@JesseArreguin @UCBerkeley #ucberkeley



7:53 PM · Jun 21, 2022 · Twitter for Android





OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

June 30, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Michael Chang, Chairperson, Police Accountability Board  
Re: Commendation for Officers Devin Hogan, Shira Warren, Rush Jackson, and Matthew Valle

At its May 11, 2022 meeting, the Police Accountability Board reviewed a group of letters and emails from members of the public and from other departmental employees thanking and praising members of our Police Department for a wide variety of excellent police work. The Board members identified several incidents in which BPD employees acted in such an exceptional manner that additional recognition was merited.

An incident that occurred on October 18, 2021, is one example of this outstanding work. On that date, Officer Warren responded to a report of two men in a vehicle with one appearing "dead." She determined that the man was unconscious but breathing. Officers Hogan, Jackson, and Valle soon arrived, and determined the unconscious man might be suffering from an opioid overdose. Officer Hogan administered Narcan, but the man stopped breathing after about 30 seconds. The three officers then pulled the man out of the car and Officer Hogan administered a second dose of Narcan. He then began chest compressions, and continued doing so as the man was foaming at the mouth and turning blue; during this time, BFD arrived and began their assessment. BFD took over treatment, and the man started breathing on his own as he was being wheeled into the ambulance.

The man fully recovered and wrote to the officers, "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 valiant service. God bless Officer Warren and the Berkeley Police."

The Police Accountability Board voted to commend Officers Hogan, Warren, Jackson, and Valle for their superior handling of a difficult situation – a rapidly unfolding and life-threatening event that tested the officers' skills in working under pressure. The officers met this challenge well.

cc: Jennifer Louis, Interim Police Chief  
Police Accountability Board Members

**From:** '  
**Subject:** Crime in Berkeley  
**Date:** July 11, 2022 at 11:08:24 AM PDT  
**To:** [council@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:council@cityofberkeley.info)

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Hello,

I wanted to let you know that I have seen a significant decrease in crime in my area of Berkeley.

Last year, our block probably averaged an incident every other day (many of the issues went unreported).

There is defiantly still crime, but it seems there has been a sharp decrease in crime since mid Spring. I believe the sharp decrease in crime has a lot to do with the police, who have been doing a great job. In particular, I have noticed the Bike patrol doing a stellar job. They assisted recently with someone who had broken into our building, stole a package and vandalized the plants outside. (I misplaced the card of the officer who helped, otherwise I would give his name). Although, it seems all of the Berkeley police have been doing their part in reducing crime. Officers are fast to respond and helpful once they arrive. True professionals.

I wanted to make you aware because the decrease may not show up in official crime stats because much of the crime on the block went unreported. Most likely because it was so frequent.

I also want to encourage the city to request that the Bart police always staff inside the Bart station in downtown Berkeley to continue to deter the professional theft rings that use public transport (they never pay for a ticket) and do "rounds" in Berkeley.

Kind regards

Date: July 24, 2022

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

Dear Chief Lewis:

On July 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 at or around 1:30 pm,  
officer Hugo Ordaz, badge # 101,  
responded to my urgent call for help  
from the street.

My aunt

She was trapped on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of her  
house on the floor and unable to move.  
Due to officer Hugo Ordaz's quick  
response to the situation, and  
operational coordination, he literally  
saved her life. I really wanted to thank  
him, and let you know that I appreciate  
what he did for her, and for our family.

He is awesome!

Sincerely,

Address | City, St Zip Code

**From:**

**Sent:** Saturday, July 23, 2022 9:58 AM

**To:** Commendations <[commendations@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:commendations@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Cc:**

**Subject:** KUDOS to Police re. Disturbance 4 am July 23 2

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Commendations for Berkeley Police Dept. this morning, between 4 and 5 am, responding very quickly to our tenant's report of a crazy woman intruding at the north rear downstairs door.

My wife . . . and I slept through it all. The tenant departed shortly after the incident so please let us know of any BPD needs for followup. . .

We have ring video of the intruder. It's great that BPD removed the intruder and we appreciate the help.





Peter Hong | Police Lieutenant  
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Police-Fire Communications Center  
(510) 981-5943

**From:** Arnold, Colin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:11 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Commendation of great work

Chiefs Sprague and Lewis,

Please see the attached letter for the following individuals:

Fire:  
PD/Comms: Chris Waite, Taylor Sproul

Excellent work making sure we followed through on a core tenet of our duty.

Cheers,

**Colin Arnold** \_\_\_\_\_  
Captain  
Berkeley Fire Department  
Division of Emergency Medical Services  
O: (510) 981-5580  
C: (510) 459-7736

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 11:58 PM  
**To:** Commendations <[commendations@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:commendations@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Badge #56 5/29/22

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Dear T. Moore et al.,

This is the note I just sent to the social worker who contacted me several days or so after the event.

[Alameda County Social Services Agency, ]

Dear Yolanda,

You contacted me ~end of May about the event where I went to neighbor to tell them not to let their dog – nextdoor to me – across the yards – not to let it sit out and bark on and off all day. Neighbors freaked!! as they've done 2 or 3 other times I've gone to ask them the past ~2 years. This time instead of leaving, thinking they'd take more care according to my request, I stayed on their front porch. Neighbor came out, stepped closer and closer to onto me – we could have 'kissed' she was right on top of me – and then she put her two hands on my shoulders and shoved and pushed me down – onto my rear, still on the porch. I made a police complaint. Police came and asked me about it and I told them. Some day-s later you contacted me.

Thank you for your assistance. It's been tolerably quieter – dog barks briefly, almost not at all. Thank you very much. I have NO complaint, now.

[www.peaceandfreedom.org](http://www.peaceandfreedom.org)

Thank you Officer T. Moore.

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**From:**

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2022 9:31 AM

**To:** Commendations <[commendations@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:commendations@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Commendation

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Hello- Officer Lewis (Badge #12) assisted me with a stolen purse this past weekend. He was very helpful, courteous and professional. I wanted to make sure he knew his work was appreciated in helping me and I thank him for his service!

Thank you  
so much for  
your dedication  
and bravery. you  
~~you~~ so help our  
society stay  
in tact and are  
greatly appreciated



 american greetings



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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 11, 2022 10:29 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** Three Officers Above and Beyond  
**Attachments:** IMG\_5981.JPG; IMG\_5983.JPG

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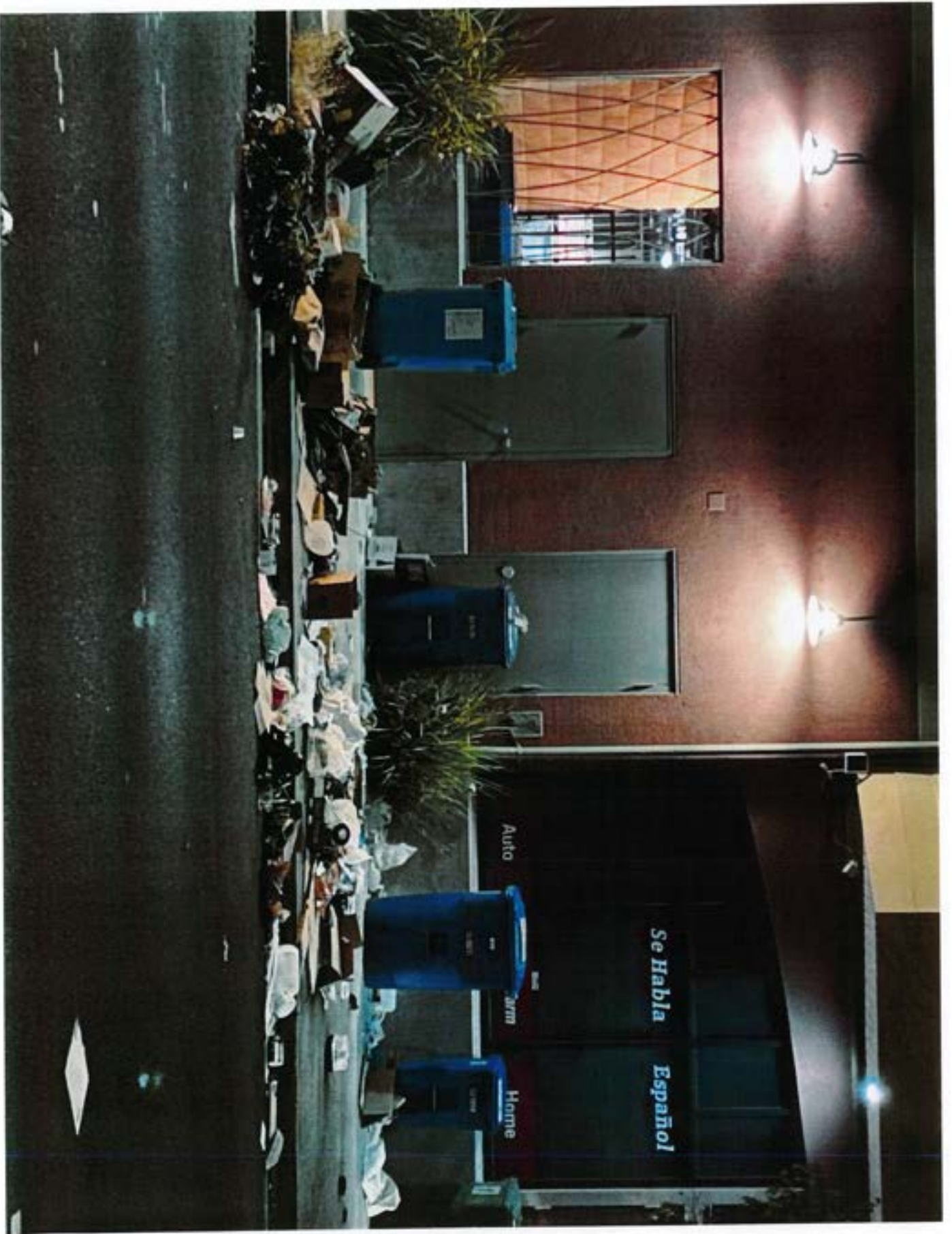
Dear BPD,

Tuesday night, someone in my neighborhood emptied multiple recycling, trash and compost bins from the senior housing apartment building across the street. It looked and smelled disgusting (attached are a couple photos). I even filed an illegal dumping note with the city for the city to clean it the next day. Very quickly, however, police were on the scene and three or four officers put on gloves, grabbed a shovel and cleaned up the entire mess. It doesn't seem like something that would be in their job description, and I doubt it is. It also doesn't seem like something many police departments might stop to do. But it is very appreciated that these officers took the time to make Sacramento Street better.

Thank you,

Husband/Father/Homeowner









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**From:** Jung, Roselyn C.  
**Sent:** Friday, September 02, 2022 3:07 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Thanks for BPD Officers Harston and Piombo  
**Attachments:** Recognition Letter for Harston and Piombo.pdf

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**Sergeant Rosie Jung S-33**  
Personnel and Training  
Berkeley Police Department  
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**From:** Perry, Jessica  
**Sent:** Friday, September 2, 2022 2:38 PM  
**To:** Landrum, Frank X. <FLandrum@cityofberkeley.info>; Jung, Roselyn C. <RJung@cityofberkeley.info>; Murphy, Emily J. <EJMurphy@cityofberkeley.info>; Montgomery, Daniel R. <DMontgomery@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:** McGee, Matthew <MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Thanks for BPD Officers Harston and Piombo

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*Officer Jessica Perry #16*  
*Area 2 Coordinator/ PIO*  
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From: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 10:57 AM  
To: Perry, Jessica <[JPerry@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JPerry@cityofberkeley.info)>  
Cc: I  
Subject: Letter of Thanks for BPD Officers Harston and Piombo

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Good afternoon,

Attached is a letter of recognition for BPD Officers David Harston and Aaron Piombo, who were first to respond to a violent patient on 8/25/22.

The patient was in an extremely uncooperative and violent state of mind and was tearing up his room. When Officers Harston and Piombo arrived, the patient set his bed and a piece of medical equipment on fire. Officer Harston entered the room and gained control of the patient, allowing security to put out the fire before it could spread. Both Piombo and Harston ensured that the patient was unable to cause any additional damage or harm anyone on the unit. Thanks in no small parts to their efforts, no physical injuries were sustained during this incident.

Hospital leadership would also like to pass on their thanks to all the other BPD Officers who responded to this incident, and to the Berkeley Fire Department.

Regards,

Manager

Protective Services

Sutter Health | Alta Bates Summit Medical Center



To whom it may concern,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm the Security Manager for Alta Bates Hospital at 2450 Ashby Avenue. I am writing to express our gratitude and to recognize the work of Berkeley Police Officers David Harston and Aaron Piombo in responding to a situation at the hospital on Thursday, 8/25/2022.

Just before 1:00 PM on 8/25/22, one of our patients became violent, throwing items at and making threats towards our staff. Officers Harston and Piombo responded to our 911 call and while we were briefing them on the patient's background, the patient set a fire inside of his room. Both officers immediately proceeded into the room and gained control of the patient, allowing our staff to put out the fire before it could do further damage. They established control over a chaotic situation and along with the other BPD and Berkeley Fire Department employees who arrived later, helped to ensure the safety and security of our patients and staff. Due in part to their quick response, no one was injured, including the patient who started the fire.

On behalf of everyone at Sutter Alta Bates Hospital, I'd like to thank Officers Harston and Piombo for their courage and professionalism, along with all the other City of Berkeley employees who assisted them.

Regards,

Department of Protective Services Manager, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:20 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** FW: Police presence request at memorial service in Berkeley 8/12/22

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**From:** BPD Webmail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 8:56 AM  
**To:** Murphy, Emily J. <EMurphy@cityofberkeley.info>; Landrum, Frank X. <FLandrum@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:** Jung, Roselyn C. <RJung@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** FW: Police presence request at memorial service in Berkeley 8/12/22

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Kudos to Ludovico 😊

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From:

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 9:00 AM

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

Subject: Re: Police presence request at memorial service in Berkeley 8/12/22

Good morning,

Thank you for the follow up. The service went as planned and the homegoing was exactly what the family and friends needed for closure. Thank you for the Berkeley Police Departments service to the community and responsiveness to our needs. Many thanks to Officer Ludovico for having a presence in the area and great communication leading up to the event.

With gratitude,

On Mon, Aug 15, 2022 at 8:29 AM BPD Webmail <[bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info)> wrote:

Just checking in that the service went ok. It looks like patrol stopped by and was keeping an eye on it. Hopefully your family was able to conduct the service and mourn their loved one with a minimum of other distractions.

Sincerely,

Officer A. McDougall #77

Area 1 Coordinator

Community Services Bureau, Berkeley Police Department

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

From:

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 5:44 PM

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

Subject: Re: Police presence request at memorial service in Berkeley 8/12/22

I just received an update from the security company and they will have one armed and one unarmed.

Mobile:

-Stay safe, sane and sanitized-

> On Aug 8, 2022, at 3:52 PM,

wrote:

> Unarmed.

> Thank you.

> Mobile:

> -Stay safe, sane and sanitized-

>> On Aug 8, 2022, at 3:45 PM, BPD Webmail <[bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info)> wrote:

>> One last question, can you let me know from your meeting with the security company if they will send armed or unarmed guards?

>> Sincerely,

>> Officer A. McDougall #77

>> Area 1 Coordinator

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

>> From:

>> Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 12:35 AM

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

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>> Subject: Police presence request at memorial service in Berkeley

>> 8/12/22

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>> Good morning,

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>> I am helping plan my cousins memorial service and there are escalating emotions from my cousins mothers side of the family that is prompting a request for preventative community support from the Berkeley Police Department.

>> This evening my cousins mother sent a threatening text message to another family member that could cause a disruption to the memorial service. I have hired a security guard to provide a presence at the entrance to the church. I do feel a police presence will be helpful to ensure the safety of everyone inside the church.

>>

>> I am asking for the officers on duty at the time of the service to make frequent stops at the church and or an empty police car to be parked outside of the church for the duration of the service.

>>

>> The service is Friday August 12, 2022 from 11am - 12:30pm

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>> Location:

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>> Please give me a call or email anytime. My information is below.

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>> Thank you in advance,

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>> Mobile:

>> |

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>> -Stay safe, sane and sanitized-

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 28, 2022 10:23 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** D. YUROVSKY Commendation

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Officer Yurovsky highlighted exemplary expertise and thoughtfulness as he assisted with a car break in I had this morning.

He and his partner made a terrible situation easier to bear.

Please give him and his partner (sorry I never got a name) the highest commendation they could receive.

Kind regards,

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 12:26 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** Commendation for Officer Lomeli

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I recently called the Berkeley Police Department to have them do a wellness check on a friend, [REDACTED] who was incapacitated and unable to take care of herself. The wellness check was handled by Officer Alfonso Lomeli. I want to give him the highest possible praise for the way he took care of the situation. He called me to discuss [REDACTED]'s condition before he went to her home and he called me afterward to tell me his assessment. Officer Lomeli was very knowledgeable and clear in the way he discussed the situation and, especially important, he was very sensitive and clearly caring in the way he talked about [REDACTED] and her condition. I think that neither I nor [REDACTED] could have asked for more.

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**From:** Jung, Roselyn C.  
**Sent:** Friday, August 19, 2022 12:28 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** FW: Mortar Rock Park

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**From:** McGee, Matthew  
**Sent:** Friday, August 19, 2022 11:26 AM  
**To:** Jung, Roselyn C. <RJung@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:** Kleppe, Kevin W <kwkleppe@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** FW: Mortar Rock Park

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Rosie-

Please process this email string as a commendation for Byron. Byron worked on this case in the midst of other duties, and really listened to the community member while representing the department in a way that exemplifies community engagement and service.

Thank you and job well done Byron.

Matt

**From:** Louis, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Friday, August 19, 2022 11:19 AM  
**To:** Okies, Joe <JOkies@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:** White, Byron E. <BWhite@cityofberkeley.info>; McGee, Matthew <MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Re: Mortar Rock Park



Thank you

On Aug 19, 2022, at 10:35 AM, Okies, Joe <[JOkies@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JOkies@cityofberkeley.info)> wrote:

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Thanks Byron, both for handling and for closing the loop on this.

Chief – forwarding Mr. [redacted] mail to Councilmember Hahn for your information and awareness.

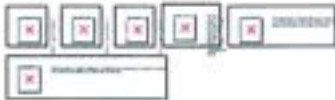
**From:** White, Byron E.  
**Sent:** Friday, August 19, 2022 10:23 AM  
**To:** McGee, Matthew <[MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:MMcGee@cityofberkeley.info)>; Okies, Joe <[JOkies@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JOkies@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mortar Rock Park

FYI

**Officer Byron White #17**  
Public Information Officer  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 MLK Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA, 94704

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:**  
**Date:** August 19, 2022 at 9:04:54 AM PDT  
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**Cc:** "White, Byron E." <[BWhite@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:BWhite@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Subject:** Mortar Rock Park

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Thank you for your concern about Mortar Rock Park.

I met with Officer White at the site yesterday. He was most helpful in offering insights and suggestions and added the law enforcement perspective in a relaxed metered way. Thanks for putting us in touch. It made a big difference and the fruits of our discussion I think will be a good first step in addressing the damage to the mortars and rocks and how best make some initial observations/suggestions for you, the council and Mayor Arreguin to address the overall situation after discussion. Thanks again. Officer White was both an insightful partner and a very talented man to handle the police insights and input.

Some observations and thoughts you might find useful in your address of the damage at the park:

1. On Wednesday, I did find the damage at a pair of the mortars and reported it to you in the email. At that time Ally from Berkeley and I did walk around the park and look at other mortars which I didn't note any damage to.
2. Yesterday when Officer White and I walked around the park, he pointed out other mortars that had been pecked on and I, too, found more mortars with telltale pecking showing as a fresh white color after breaking off the original old patina on the rock surfaces. At first, I thought I must have just missed these other mortars that were damaged on Wednesday but when I got home and thought about it, I realized I had looked at these other mortars on Wed. and believe I would have seen the damage on Wednesday if it was there. This brought me to the conclusion last night that the damage beyond the rock with two mortars damaged was likely done between 10am Wed. and the 4.30pm meeting Officer White and I had there.
3. I think given the situation, I think I would offer that immediate temporary signs at the mortars stating no one is allowed to climb on or touch or otherwise damage the mortars as this is an archeological site and damaging the mortars (climbing, pounding, pecking on them and the rocks or any act that physically interacted with the rocks/mortars would violate State and Federal laws. (?and City law?). Officer White and I did discuss possible placement of signs- on website of park, by all the existing signs, and signs on wooden stakes (temporary) by a number of the mortars.
4. I should mention that there are rock carvings called "cupules"- small rounded indentations into the rock may 1.5" in diameter and deep and taking the shape of the form that would happen if you pressed a tennis ball into clay that deep to form an indentation- whose use would be speculative (ceremonial for different purposes or it is sometimes proposed that it is possible they were "baby mortars" or a place where one could place a nut, acorn or other botanical fruit to make a holder so one could strike and crack it) by some of the mortars and in other locations on the rocks there. A number of the cupules have been pecked on and damaged as well. It is greater than I saw on Wed.
5. Officer White suggested a possible use of new signage at the entrances and possibly the installation of a low rail around the mortars to indicate one should not interact with them save for looking at them. This type of resolution has been used at other places, such as Ring Mountain.

6. Officer White stated that he would need a showing of criminal intent to take this to an enforcement level. I believe he will be sending a report he will write up after our meeting. We batted around the possibility that this damage may have been done by kids or teenagers who may just not have been thinking or were just mischievous. But that does not help the site as the damage is real and culturally and scientifically devastating no matter what anyone's intent, though it does address the limits of law enforcement in address this issue and maybe a community cooperative approach might provide the most effective approach (along with signage and informing of the laws).
7. I think the immediate and rather urgent need is to stop whomever is doing the damage there now and I believe it needs to be addressed today. And can be. I would suggest temporary signage stating this is an archeological site, that no physical contact is to made with the mortars and other rock features to help preserve this site and that violations will be prosecuted and to please help in protecting this precious cultural resource we have been entrusted with. This might also have the effect of enlisting visitor's eyes for looking out for such behavior and make the park safer. I would think making a positive appeal for everyone to join together in protecting the site might prove helpful and effective.
8. I have many photos from 2016 that I took of the mortars and cupules. I would offer that the site/park should be mapped by archeologists trained in this type of mapping (UCB have 3-d camera mapping tools that they employed at another significant site with a tremendous amount of petroglyphs, cupules, PCNs, and mortars and grooves) not far from Mortar Rock Park to document a current baseline and document that site digitally. I think that would be helpful at Mortar Rock Park. I am happy to put you in touch with them).
9. I am not sure yet if all the mortars documented in 2016 are still visible today or not and that would take time.

I will send some images of the many damaged rock features (mortars and cupules) when I download them, urge the city to have archeologists map the site (maybe through the University at no charge) for a baseline and to get many temporary signs around the park up today while you, the council, the mayor and others work out more permanent wording and signage through discussions.

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Ancient-native-American-rock-art-defaced-in-Marin-3142949.php>

If you have any other ways I can help you, please do not hesitate to reach out and I will do what I can.

Appreciatively,

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Subscribe to my events email list,



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**From:** Okies, Joe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:38 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** FW: SFC Weekend: Lolliger

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Please process this as an external commendation.

Thanks,  
Joe



Lieutenant Joe Okies  
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Personnel & Training / SRT Commander  
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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 9:01 AM  
**To:** Okies, Joe <JOkies@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** SFC Weekend: Lolliger

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Hey, Joe:

Nice to see you and the crew this past weekend.

I wanted to be sure and let you know how impressed I was with John Lolliger. Outside of the actual scoring sheet, I had a chance to watch John during the scenario and listen in on his conversations and directions to his crew and the RTF. John was calm, methodical and in control. He was deliberate and showed the traits of an effective leader under pressure.

That Saturday, I had a chance to observe several team leaders in that exact same scenario. Few were as calm and collected as Lolliger. Good for him. And, good for you in offering him the opportunity to lead.

Please share my comments with him, if you feel it appropriate. These are my sidebar comments and would not be allowed on the score sheet, as you may know. Still, I thought they would be worth mentioning.

Regards,

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**From:** Okies, Joe  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 4:43 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** Fwd: Commendation for Tracy Shaul

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hong, Peter J." <PHong@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Date:** September 14, 2022 at 15:43:13 PDT  
**To:** "Jung, Roselyn C." <RJung@cityofberkeley.info>, "Okies, Joe" <JOkies@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Commendation for Tracy Shaul

Internal

P&T,

Today Berkeley resident \_\_\_\_\_ called dispatch to ask for information about a past automobile collision she was involved in. PSD Tracy Shaul answered the call. After completing her call with Tracy, Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to speak to her supervisor.

I spoke with Ms. \_\_\_\_\_. She sounded elderly. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ spoke of living in a "world that moves too fast for [her]." She said, "I don't get a lot of patience." Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ praised Tracy for being patient with her. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ commented that Tracy seemed highly trained and was professional and kind. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ concluded by saying she had a good experience and always had a good experience with Berkeley Police.

Could we process this as a commendation for Tracy.

Thanks.



Peter Hong | Police Lieutenant  
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Police-Fire Communications Center  
(510) 981-5943

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October 3, 2022

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ Department, I would like to extend my appreciation for \_\_\_\_\_ and her work as a panelist in the sergeant assessment process. This was an extraordinary commitment to complete a four-day process (on top of her regular duties) and it would not have been possible without her involvement.

Our goal at the \_\_\_\_\_ Police Department is to develop and select the best possible candidates for leadership positions. We recognize that the supervisor is an integral part of police operations and that selecting the right supervisor is essential to the organization's success. The panelists were a vital component in the selection process for these new leaders of our agency. The panelists worked together to ensure that all the candidates had an opportunity to share and were fairly evaluated.

I heard amazing things about the panelist's efforts and levels of professionalism. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and your team. Thank you for your assistance and I look forward to working together in the future.

Please share this letter with \_\_\_\_\_ so she is aware of my appreciation.

Sincerely,



Captain Reece,

I just came from Highland Hospital where I interviewed DV stabbing victim [redacted] He was stabbed at [redacted]. His injuries were significant enough that arteries from his right leg had to be removed and placed into his left leg to repair the damage done from the stabbing. While taking his statement Mr. [redacted] went out of his way to commend Officer Abdoulmawla. [redacted] explained he ran into a near by Veterinary clinic thinking he could get assistance for his wound, which was bleeding profusely. In his description he was not given service and told to leave. [redacted] explained that Officer Abdoulmawla arrived on scene extremely quick and immediately applied a tourniquet to his leg. With tears in his eyes Mr. [redacted] said he is very appreciative of Officer Abdoulmawla's actions. He said the application of the tourniquet gave him immediate relief and hope. He said he does not want to think what the outcome could have been if Officer Abdoulmawla had not come as quickly as he did and taken the immediate action that he did.

Please pass on Mr. [redacted] appreciation and my appreciation. Please forward this note so it may be placed in Officer Abdoulmawla's personnel file.

Thank you

Sergeant Jesse Grant  
Sex Crimes and Domestic Violence Unit

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 17, 2022 11:23 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** PERFECT!

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I am sad to report that on the evening of September 11, 2022, (Sunday, GRANDPARENT'S DAY) I confirmed my age (86) by being in a rush to park my automobile with very limited space and heavy traffic, in order to meet with friends for dinner at 6 pm, and failed to write down the location of my late parking. After dinner, I was sure that I knew NEAR where the auto was, the weather was perfect for walking, so I did so for more than two hours. No luck. Past my bedtime, I gave in and called for help. Very soon thereafter, I received a 'phone call from Officer D. Armistead (Badge #4) whom I led to the general area. He found it in a very few minutes, found ME, then drove me to my auto (which I had missed by 1/2 a block while walking.) Officer Armistead treated me VERY kindly as if I were HIS own Grandpa. He made the evening a pleasure and a very nice memory. THANK YOU ALL!

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**HOME TELEPHONE:** WITH AN ANSWERING MACHINE, REPLIED TO OFTEN!  
Cell 'phone; **SECOND** choice:

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2022 12:21 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** A thank you note for BPD Officer McBride

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Greetings!

I am writing to compliment and thank Officer McBride. I've always been a great supporter of BPD, all the BPD officers, the work they do, and my interaction with Ofc. McBride yesterday (Sunday, 11/18/2022) only reinforced my support.

I had a wellness check requested on me by my emergency contact, and Ofc. McBride who knocked on my door to conduct the wellness check to make sure I was alive and OK, was very professional, friendly, and polite. Ofc. McBride stayed with me until I called my emergency contact back to confirm that I was ok, and he even spoke with them and reassured them. Thank you, Officer McBride, for showing up yesterday, knocking on my door, and ensuring that I was safe and OK. I appreciate you!

I am very grateful for the mission-driven and community-minded officers we have in BPD, esp Ofc. McBride and I remain thankful for all the work that BPD does to keep my neighborhood, community, and city safe. BPD continues to have my unflinching support.

Sincerely,

(Resident of .)

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 18, 2022 3:34 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Commendation for Officer Yu

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Dear Police Chief Louis,

My sister and I would like to thank Officer Yu, badge #28 for providing exemplary service to us. Officer Yu was kind, helpful and patient with us in a civil case concerning my sister, ex-husband. We are both tremendously grateful for his help.

Officer Yu is an invaluable asset to the community of Berkeley and for the Police Department. I would like to thank and congratulate you for having such an excellent officer on your team.

Yours faithfully,

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

From:

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:59 AM

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

Subject: For Jen Louis

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Just wanted to recognize two fabulous members of your department who did a 51-50 at the Berkeley Wellness Center this morning. They were consummate professionals.

M. Value #111

C. Coria#87.

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**From:** Louis, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2022 5:55 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thanks to your officer

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:**  
**Date:** October 4, 2022 at 4:33:18 PM PDT  
**To:** "Louis, Jennifer A." <JLouis@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Thanks to your officer  
**Reply-To:**

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Hi Chief Louis, back in April, I experienced a cardiac arrest at a Verizon store on Shattuck. It was an electrical issue and my heart went into a rapid fibrillation. It's almost always fatal, but for some reason I had the good fortune to be with a very kind man who was managing the store that day and though he wasn't trained in CPR, he was able to keep me alive until help arrived. I understand that a young officer who was very new to the force stepped in and took over until EMT arrived. I never had a chance to thank officer Jacobs but maybe you can convey to her how very important she is and will always remain to our family. I'll probably never know why this happened, but she is definitely a hero to us and I wish I could convey some of my thoughts to her in a card.

If not, I understand. Please let her know that her first days with BPD resulted in my being alive to enjoy my family and friends for hopefully many more years.

Very sincerely,

PS. Sergeant Scott Castle was also extremely kind and helpful to my wife, who had no idea what had happened to me. He met her at Alta Bates and we so appreciate that and all the things you guys do for us and the city.

Best,

[Sent from the all new AOL app for Android](#)



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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 8:46 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** FW: HT Case

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Please see commendation below and be sure read in it's entirety to see who all receives the commendation.

Thank you 😊

Office:  
Cell:

Follow me on:



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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 8:14 AM  
**To:** Jung,  
**Subject:** FW: HT Case

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Rosie,

Please have the Police Aides process as an external commendation and make sure [redacted] is included to the list of officers provided by [redacted]

Thank you,

Mike

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 7:45 AM  
**To:** [redacted] <[info](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: HT Case

Internal

10-4.

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 7:45 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: HT Case

Internal

Please process the below as a commendation for the below listed staff.

Thank you,



**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 11:13 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: HT Case

Internal

Can you forward the below e-mail from  
to a human trafficking case they worked on:

on as a commendation for the following personnel in regards

Thanks,

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2022 3:23 PM  
**To:** <>  
**Subject:** Fwd: HT Case

If you see fit to send this through as a commendation please know it should go to

Thanks,

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:**  
**Date:** August 12, 2022 at 3:12:45 PM PDT  
**To:** "A"  
**Subject:** Re: HT Case

Thank you. Your words are very kind and appreciated.

Talk to you soon,

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2022, at 2:44 PM,

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Hi and Happy Friday.

I was given your HT case (Parks/Ashby) and I wanted to pass along what an amazing job you and your team did on this.

It was so thorough – just getting the IG warrants is huge and really appreciated, as well as following up with the hotels and phones – your team put a lot of work into this case and it shows. I wish I saw more reports with this much detail and follow up 😊

I know in LE we don't get thanked often enough but I wanted to pass along my thanks. I am sure we will be in touch on this one and I am waiting to hear what discovery the DA needs (I'm sure it won't be much as you pretty much covered all the bases.)

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2022 5:24 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thank you

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2022 7:52 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Thank you

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Dear

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ & I were the people you helped by driving us up to the gate at the game on Saturday.

Due to health issues & caring for my dad. It has been 11 years since we attended a game at UC Berkeley. A lot has changed over an 11 year span of time. Now that my husband is disabled, I thought I had planned out everything to get him to the game accordingly. However, we ran into some glitches which I could not have unglitched without your help. We're both retired & homebound most of the time. We are bombarded daily with ugly stuff happening around us. It's very scary for us all, especially on us old folks, 😞 We appreciated your kindness and care so we could safely get out again & do something we enjoy.

Can't thank you enough,

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2022 11:32 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:**

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To whom it may concern,  
My name is [redacted] and I live across the street from [redacted] and his family and I just wanted to reach out about how amazing [redacted] is and has been as a neighbor. Yesterday was like a nightmare for me and my family, my 2 year old daughter slipped and fell in the house and went unconscious. I was just getting home from school as I am in a bachelors of science Nursing program and my husband ran out with our seizing unconscious baby to me not knowing what was going on. [redacted] being the great neighbor he is ran out to offer his assistance and stayed with us until the ambulance arrived. [redacted] knew exactly what to do he helped us stay calm and was reassuring, he was attentive to us and my baby and was helping her stay awake. I was in complete shock and panic. I am an emergency dept tech for kaiser in Antioch ca and can honestly say all professionalism and training goes out of the window when it is your own child who is fighting for their lives. I am so thankful [redacted] was there to help during my state of panic. I hope you can take this into consideration because we are aware that he has been off of work for some time due to a possible incident that happened in our court. Seeing him rush to action yesterday showed a lot about his character and I could not imagine him ever doing or acting discriminatory towards others. Thank you for having officers like him we feel safer at night knowing he lives here in this court with us. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.  
Sincerely,



On Aug 12, 2022, at 2:44 PM,

wrote:

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 11:30 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:**

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**From:** Webmail  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 11:27 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Recent incident (11/5/22)

Thank you for sharing this with us. We appreciate it.

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

From:

Sent: Monday, November 07, 2022 4:20 PM

To: Webmail

Subject: Recent incident (11/5/22)

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Hi there,

I just wanted to thank your officers for helping my daughter and I this past Saturday night! My gratitude is so deep. At some point in the evening, we heard a dog screaming and found him chained to a tree, outside of Trader Joe's. It was gut wrenching. I'm not kidding. I quickly ran inside of Trader Joe's as another gentleman got the dog free and calmed him down. I was greeted by the rudest people inside who looked at me like I'm crazy, and then informed me that the dog had been out there for the past couple days. Days? What?

I began to panic. We didn't know what to do, and the gentlemen that had the dog was being screamed at by his wife because she had lost her patience with him, and frankly, us. At this point it was raining and my 20 year old daughter and I are sobbing. We're from LA and were staying overnight at an Airbnb that didn't allow dogs. We didn't know what to do. As I stood on the street, I looked up and one of your officers was in his car and looking at me, asking if I was ok. I was not. Panic was just at the edge of my body and it was about to get really bad. No one was helping and no one seemed to care. He pulled over and gently assured me that he would handle it. I looked up and another officer had pulled up and did the same thing. I'm not kidding, I'm so thankful that I wish I knew how to give back to you.

I'm home now, in LA, and have prayed over you all (no, I'm not a crazy religious person, lol, or a MAGA) but I do believe in prayer and I do believe in good juju, or whatever you call it. I literally cried all the way back to the Airbnb and cried myself to sleep, with gratitude. If I can ever do anything for you all, please reach out. I'm not kidding. If I had another day to be up there (btw, I'm in love with that area now, except for Trader Joe's, which is next on my list to email ☹️ ) I would have dropped off something. But I will do that next time I'm up there! Thanks for all you do! I know that a dog chained to a tree, or 2 crazy girls sobbing on the street corner are not the biggest of things, but you stopped to help and may have saved that dogs life! That's immeasurable in my eyes!

Thank you!!! Thank you!!! Thank you!!!



Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Louis, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 8:05 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** Fwd: Restraining order with respect to individual

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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**From:** .  
**Date:** November 5, 2022 at 8:03:08 AM PDT  
**To:** "McDougall, Alexander" <AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:** ^

**Subject: Re: Restraining order with respect to individual**

Dear Sergeant. Thank you for this important update. I'm particularly heartened that there was coordination between the two jurisdictions. Together you were able to stop Mr. [REDACTED] in his tracks before his judgment became more impaired. I hope that interventions of these types - with neighbors talking to each other and constructively reaching out to the police and the police working with us - that we can make a difference. There are services for adult offenders which are available to Alameda County parolees, and my sincere hope is that Mr. [REDACTED] will take advantage of them, both for his own sake as well as the public's .

Sergeant, thank you for your leadership and public service, yours sincerely,

On Sat, Nov 5, 2022 at 3:31 AM McDougall, Alexander <[AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info)> wrote:

Hi everyone,

I have an update to this situation. This evening I was notified that Mr. [REDACTED] was arrested by UCPD officers. Their sergeant let me know since I had sent them the initial heads up last week and asked them to be on the lookout for him. He was arrested for an outstanding arrest warrant, as well as minor drug possession and drug paraphernalia, and possessing a weapon other than a



firearm on University property. I cannot say how long he will stay in custody, but for now any risk he posed is abated.

Sincerely,

Sergeant A. McDougall #S14

Patrol Team 7, Berkeley Police Department

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**From:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 29, 2022 9:56 PM  
**To:** McDougall, Alexander <[AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Re: Restraining order with respect to individual

Thank you, Sergeant, for this helpful advice.

On Sat, Oct 29, 2022 at 7:23 PM McDougall, Alexander <[AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info)> wrote:

Dear           Neighbors,

Its certainly concerning to hear that Mr.           is back in the area, and to hear that he once again has started to accost people aggressively. I absolutely agree that intervening as quickly as possible is important. As most folks know, he has a court ordered stay away from the area around the intersection of Panoramic/Dwight, including a radius of 200 yards around that point.

To answer your question, I would recommend that anyone who sees him in the area should go ahead and call our dispatch center right away (number below). I know the phone tree can be a mite confusing, but just his 1 then 3, should go direct to a dispatcher. If you call, you should say that you see a person who has a stay away, that his name is           and then describe anything he is doing. It always best to leave at least a first name and cell phone number (or best callback number). And if he is confronting someone or any other criminal act, call 911.

If someone just hears activity in the woods, do your best to get a sense of the location, although I fully understand the challenges with that given the geography. And then describe what you hear or see, as above.

I don't have a picture I am able to share, but some of the neighbors may have images from their surveillance on the previous cases that they are able to share.

I am going to go up there shortly and take a look for him, but as we know, he can be elusive. I will also make sure this update is dispersed to BPD and to UCPD (I briefly shared it with their patrol supe a few minutes ago). I will update you all soon. But if folks see him in the meantime, please call our dispatch.

Sincerely,

Sergeant A. McDougall #S14

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**From:**

**Sent:** Saturday, October 29, 2022 12:38 PM

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

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Re: Restraining order with respect to individual

Thanks so much, Chief Louis.

In the meantime, do you have any advice for us in terms of what we can do to help your department apprehend this person who apparently has a stay away order from \_\_\_\_\_? Does it help if we call the non-emergency number if we see him? And if he's gone into the woods, do we call even if there was no immediate harm to people or property? If we do call, would it help if we give the individual's name, or is there any other signifier we could use to inform the police that he was recently seen in the neighborhood?

I think he is on parole, and our understanding was that he was offered services when he was previously apprehended, in which case he might have refused services.

We also would appreciate a photograph so that we can distribute a photo to neighbors so that we aren't mistakenly identifying some other person.

Our experience is that he escalates, starts out slow, and builds. We want to avoid that of course.

Thank you for your help.

On Sat, Oct 29, 2022 at 12:23 PM Louis, Jennifer A. <[JLouis@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JLouis@cityofberkeley.info)> wrote:

Thank you for this information. I have forwarded the email to our Patrol Captain so that our beat officers and Community Service Bureau are aware and can take appropriate action. They are also on the original email (Sgt McDougall and Ofc Perry) so they may have already made some progress.

Jen

Jen Louis

Interim Chief of Police

Berkeley Police Department

On Oct 29, 2022, at 11:34 AM,

Thank you for letting us know, I will cc the Chief as well to make sure she is aware.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 29, 2022 10:16:37 AM  
**To:** McDougall, Alexander <[AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info)>; Perry, Jessica <[JPerry@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JPerry@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Re: Restraining order with respect to individual

Hello Officer McDougall.

is back on the hill. I saw him this morning at 8:00 a.m. having first heard him yelling at a man who was getting out of his car. He gets agitated and quickly makes quite a ruckus. When I came out on the street to take my morning, I saw him, and he saw me, and he disappeared into the woods, i.e., the university property, the Ecological Study Area.

Since this is not an urgent situation, I have not called the dispatch number (emergency or non-emergency) since they only want to know about urgent situations in which there is imminent risk of harm or a recent event.

BUT, we know there is a restraining order in effect and that he shouldn't be in the vicinity. Please advise how to proceed.

Thank you.



On Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 1:20 PM McDougall, Alexander  
<[AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info)> wrote:

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ neighbors,

I have an update to this situation. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ was re-arrested by BPD last week for felony assault and vandalism after a couple of incidents of him throwing rocks and attacking cars that were driving past him. This occurred in west Berkeley near the railroad tracks. He is still in custody as of today. With the Thursday holiday and the weekend I didn't learn about the arrest until this morning, or I would have emailed you all much sooner.

On the one hand, this may hopefully indicate that he doesn't have any intense and specific draw to the \_\_\_\_\_ area, although of course he might return there in the future.

On the other hand, I think it shows that our ongoing coordination efforts were reasonable and prudent. I have been in contact with Mr. \_\_\_\_\_'s probation officer. He advised that under the current rules Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ will be released again, after another month, perhaps sooner? But both BPD and the probation department have him fully on the front burner, so to speak.

As \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned, Vice Mayor Droste is meeting with us at BPD this week to explore options and make sure all bases are covered. I will notify her office when he is released again.



I have also reached out to coordinate with our Detective Bureau folks to do whatever we can to ensure the current arrest gets the attention and effort it needs.

We will continue to update you all with relevant details about this as we go forward.

Sincerely,

Officer A. McDougall #77

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 10:41 AM  
**To:**

**Cc:** McDougall, Alexander <[AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** RE: Restraining order with respect to individual

Thank you, These are all good suggestions. The Vice Mayor and I will be meeting with officers next week to get additional information and I can let you know the outcome of that meeting.

Best,

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2021 12:28 AM  
**To:**

**Cc:**  
<[AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info)>

**Subject:** Re: Restraining order with respect to individual

Thanks, Looping in a few more neighbors to the thread for visibility. A few thoughts, in addition to the original question about process for obtaining a restraining order:

- Wondering if we can/should connect with his parole officer to share details on what's been happening. We have started a running list of his attacks on neighbors here.
- Do we have more details on the date / location of his release? We've gone back to double checking all windows and locks, as we calculate if it's within reason that he's back already in the neighborhood.

I just looked up the sex offender database and nothing there, alas.

On Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 1:54 PM

Thanks

On Wednesday, November 10, 2021,  
wrote:

Hello Mr.

I will admit this is a bit above my pay grade, so I will both defer to and check in with Officer McDougall about whether this is an option and, if so, what next steps would be.

Best,

From:

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 1:27 PM

To:

Cc: McDougall, Alexander <[AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info)>;

Subject: Restraining order with respect to individual

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-Dear

What would be the procedure for obtaining a restraining order with respect to the individual described below who has been terrorizing residents of

? I think a good case could be made, as he has threatened the lives of numerous individuals on the [redacted] trespassed on their property at night shouting threats and wielding a hockey stick and engaged in racist threats of violence. While his psychotic state would probably not inhibit him from coming back, at least violation of a restraining order would be a basis for his removal as a threat and, alas, back into an inadequate system for dealing with mental health.

Sincerely,

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From:

Date: Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 12:34 PM

Subject: Update RE Individual who was previously camped near

To:

Cc: Droste, Lori <[ldroste@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ldroste@cityofberkeley.info)>, Perry, Jessica  
<[JPerry@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JPerry@cityofberkeley.info)>, McDougall, Alexander  
<[AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info)>

Dear

I just wanted to let y'all know that the individual who was previously encamped near the neighborhood was, unfortunately, released from custody and there are no pending charges

There is currently **no specific indication** he will return to your area or even Berkeley in general, so there is no immediate cause for alarm. There is, however, always the chance he might return to the area, so we wanted y'all to be aware. Please let us know right away if you see him or any indication that he has returned.

This individual is not currently wanted for any crimes and unless he re-engages in criminal behavior, we do not believe there are any specific stay away orders in place. Please let us know if you might like to explore the possibility of stay away orders and we can coordinate with Officer McDougall to talk through possible avenues and applicability.

Since we are heading into the holiday period and there may be days the office email is not being regularly checked, please feel free to also reach out to me at my mobile by call and/or text if anything arises:

And, of course, if there is an urgent safety threat, please immediately call the BPD emergency number: 9-1-1 from a landline or 510.981.5911 from a cell phone.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Best,

*Pronouns: He/Him*

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November 4, 2022

Dear

I would like to extend a personal thank you to \_\_\_\_\_ for providing dispatch services for the City of \_\_\_\_\_ during our Department Inspection and Photo on the morning of November 3, 2022. \_\_\_\_\_ support was invaluable, and we received numerous compliments on her professionalism and ability to make the transition seamless. She exemplified exceptional service in providing dispatching services and call-taking to our community and visiting officers.

Again, thank you for sharing the resource of your valued department members for our benefit. Please let me know if we can assist you in the future.

Best regards,

Chief of Police

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 11:30 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
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**From:** Webmail  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 11:27 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Recent incident (11/5/22)

Thank you for sharing this with us. We appreciate it.



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

From:

Sent: Monday, November 07, 2022 4:20 PM

To: Webmail

Subject: Recent incident (11/5/22)

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Hi there,

I just wanted to thank your officers for helping my daughter and I this past Saturday night! My gratitude is so deep. At some point in the evening, we heard a dog screaming and found him chained to a tree, outside of Trader Joe's. It was gut wrenching. I'm not kidding. I quickly ran inside of Trader Joe's as another gentleman got the dog free and calmed him down. I was greeted by the rudest people inside who looked at me like I'm crazy, and then informed me that the dog had been out there for the past couple days. Days? What?

I began to panic. We didn't know what to do, and the gentlemen that had the dog was being screamed at by his wife because she had lost her patience with him, and frankly, us. At this point it was raining and my 20 year old daughter and I are sobbing. We're from LA and were staying overnight at an Airbnb that didn't allow dogs. We didn't know what to do. As I stood on the street, I looked up and one of your officers was in his car and looking at me, asking if I was ok. I was not. Panic was just at the edge of my body and it was about to get really bad. No one was helping and no one seemed to care. He pulled over and gently assured me that he would handle it. I looked up and another officer had pulled up and did the same thing. I'm not kidding, I'm so thankful that I wish I knew how to give back to you.

I'm home now, in LA, and have prayed over you all (no, I'm not a crazy religious person, lol, or a MAGA) but I do believe in prayer and I do believe in good juju, or whatever you call it. I literally cried all the way back to the Airbnb and cried myself to sleep, with gratitude. If I can ever do anything for you all, please reach out. I'm not kidding. If I had another day to be up there (btw, I'm in love with that area now, except for Trader Joe's, which is next on my list to email ☹️ ) I would have dropped off something. But I will do that next time I'm up there! Thanks for all you do! I know that a dog chained to a tree, or 2 crazy girls sobbing on the street corner are not the biggest of things, but you stopped to help and may have saved that dogs life! That's immeasurable in my eyes!

Thank you!!! Thank you!!! Thank you!!!

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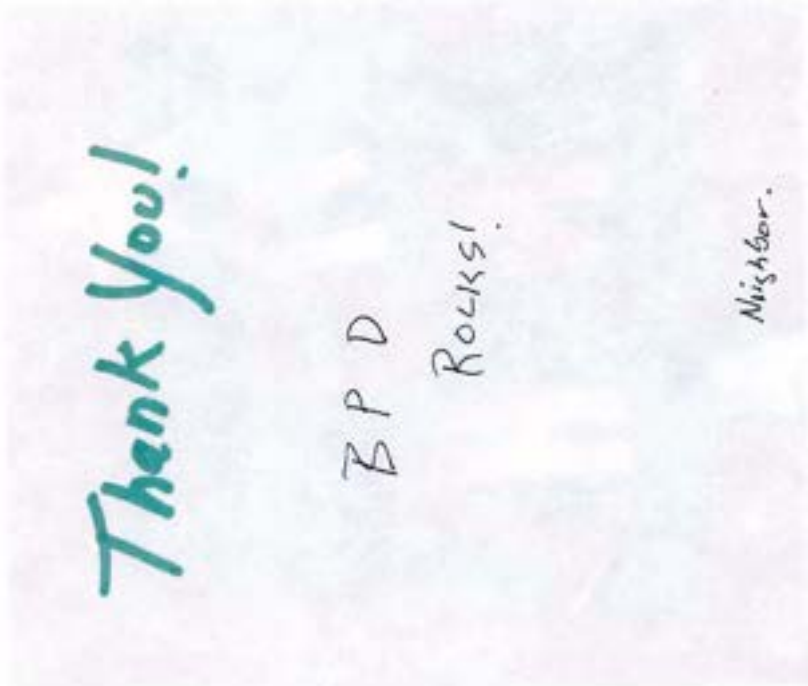
Hi, my name is [REDACTED] and the police just visited me at [REDACTED]. They were two totally reasonable gentleman and I probably was a little bit on edge and I feel really bad about it. I just want to let everyone know that I really appreciate their service that they came around and were checking on a report of blood and broken glass and that they did a phenomenal job of keeping things civil and I really appreciate it. I'm not sure what their names are or their, I didn't ask for the batch numbers or their names or anything, but I really just want them to know that I really appreciate them coming by and checking on the neighborhood and I also want to apologize for being on the edge. So, if you can deliver that message I would really appreciate it. Not sure how this process goes. Thank you very much. If you have any questions my number is [REDACTED]. Thank you. Good bye.

Call from [REDACTED] on 10/20/22 at 2356 hours.

Thank You for always  
running towards ANGER.

Thank You for coming to  
help, support + protect.

Thank You for being  
fair, just + kind.



Thank You!

BPD

Rocks!

Nighbor.





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Melissa  
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Attn: BPD  
DOWNTOWN DAYTIME BEAT OFFICERS

2100 MLK way

Berkeley CA  
94702



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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2022 10:24 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2022 10:40 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Halloween Parade and Haunted House Support

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Chief

I just wanted to thank you for all your support today. Over 200 youth participated in the parade around SP Park this afternoon while your officers led way. Then, another 1000 people went through the haunted house tonight (we finally closed at 9:35 tonight). Many of your officers at MLK/YAP ended up being staff guides through the Haunted House as we used guides to escorted small groups of people. I think your staff, my staff and the community all loved BPD participation.

Thanks so much

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**Sent:** Saturday, November 12, 2022 5:20 PM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Superior Customer Service

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**To:** [redacted]  
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**From:** [redacted] <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 12, 2022 4:31:23 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] <[redacted]@info>; [redacted] <[redacted]@org>;  
**Subject:** Superior Customer Service

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Dear [redacted],

I am writing this letter today to complement one of your [redacted] who recovered our stolen truck last night. Just the fact that [redacted] went out of his way to run the license plates on the truck he wasn't used to seeing in the neighborhood, taking the initiative to help us recover our truck was some superior police work. He called us at 10 o'clock in the evening and allowed us to come and pick up our truck directly, saving us the expense and hassle of going to a garage to pick up our truck the next day. When we arrived on the scene [redacted] was there with the truck open and allowed us to ask all of our questions (of which there were many). He was so professional and yet warm and congenial that it truly made the experience a very positive meeting with the police.

Being a Mayor myself, I know that many times we get comments from our community or others about some of our employees that might have made someone angry or unhappy but not often enough do we get emails about the positive experiences people have with our employees. I just want to say [redacted] is certainly someone your city can be proud of and I am so appreciative he was the person we got

to talk to when we retrieved our truck. He even went the extra mile to show us where the gas station was so we could get gas to drive the truck home.

Please take a moment and send my regards to kind service to my husband and I.

to let him know how much I appreciated his

Kind regards,

*A City Where Kindness Matters*

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**From:** BPD Webmail  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022 10:35 AM  
**To:** McDougall, Alexander <AMcDougall@cityofberkeley.info>; Quezada, Daniel <dquezada@cityofberkeley.info>; Jung, Roselyn C. <RJung@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** FW: Superior Customer Service

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

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**From:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 12, 2022 4:31 PM  
**To:** Arreguin, Jesse L. <JArreguin@cityofberkeley.info>; All Council <council@cityofberkeley.info>; BPD Webmail <bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** Superior Customer Service

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Dear Mayor Arreguin,  
I am writing this letter today to complement one of your police officers, A. Chan (Badge 99), who recovered our stolen truck last night. Just the fact that Ofc. Chan went out of his way to run the license plates on the track he wasn't used to seeing in the neighborhood, taking the initiative to help us recover our truck was some superior police work. He called us at 10 o'clock in the evening and allowed us to come and pick up our truck directly, saving us the expense and hassle of going to a garage to pick up our truck the next day. When we arrived on the scene officer Chan was there with the truck open and allowed us to ask all of our questions (of which there were many). He was so professional and yet warm and congenial that it truly made the experience a very positive meeting with the police.

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Please take a moment and send my regards to Officer Chan to let him know how much I appreciated his kind service to my husband and I.

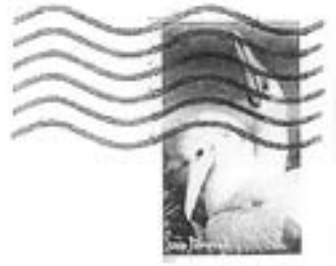
Kind regards,

Mayor, City of

DEAR OFFICER COATS,

Thank you for helping save my life four years ago when I got shot at the Berkeley Marina. I'm very grateful you were there for me during my time of need. I have since recovered and am doing much better. Thank you. Sincerely,

SAN JOSE CA 950  
10 JUL 2022 PM 4 L



OFFICER COATS  
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA, 94704



Coats, Jennifer R.

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**From:** Kastmiller, Nikos  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2022 10:24 AM  
**To:** Egbert, Neil  
**Cc:** Coats, Jennifer R.  
**Subject:**

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Hey Neil, I just spoke to the father of [redacted] who you stopped on the 12<sup>th</sup> for reckless driving and towed for 14602.7. He was very appreciative of how [redacted] was handled and wanted me to pass along his thanks to you. Apparently [redacted] is his adopted daughter who is estranging herself from her adopted family and trying to pursue a relationship with her biological parents in the bay area. [redacted] also has several psychiatric medications that she is supposed to be taking but had not been taking them when you encountered her. Again he wanted to thank you for dealing with her compassionately while she was in a mental health crisis.

Take care,

**Ofc. Nikos Kastmiller #104**  
Traffic Bureau, Berkeley Police  
125 University Ave, Berkeley CA 94710



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**From:** Kleppe, Kevin W  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2022 12:57 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** FW: Request to have an officer join in huddle to provide Safety tips

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 12:57 PM  
**To:** :  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** RE: Request to have an officer join in huddle to provide Safety tips

Hi

Thank you! I'll add Histology PM & Night shift to the schedule!

Thank again

Pronouns: she, her, hers  
Environmental Health & Safety Manager

Office:  
Mobile:

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 12:48 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** f

**Subject:** RE: Request to have an officer join in huddle to provide Safety tips

Hi

12/15 works for Evening/Night shift.

Best Regards,

Service Director

**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 12:41 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** FW: Request to have an officer join in huddle to provide Safety tips

Hi

Please see below the dates that Officer Hartley will be on site to visit Bacteriology. We'd like him to come to your location as well.

Does the following time frame work for your teams:

- 12/6 at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm
- 12/15 at 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm

If a better time frame works during those dates please let me know.

Thank you,

Pronouns: she, her, hers  
Environmental Health & Safety Manager

**From:** Hartley, Brian  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 12:34 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** RE: Request to have an officer join in huddle to provide Safety tips



Good afternoon

I work in our Community Services Bureau under Sgt Kleppe and I am the Area Coordinator for that area.

I can come down and talk to the different groups on the following dates/times:

12/6 – 8am and 2pm

12/15 – 7pm and 11pm

I look forward to seeing you all there, have a great day!

Thank you and stay safe!!

Officer Brian Hartley #22  
Area 4 Coordinator  
Berkeley Police Department  
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**From:** Kleppe, Kevin W  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 12:16 PM  
**To:** Hartley, Brian  
**Subject:** FW: Request to have an officer join in huddle to provide Safety tips

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**From:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2022 8:10 PM  
**To:** Kleppe, Kevin W - \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cc:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Subject:** RE: Request to have an officer join in huddle to provide Safety tips

Hi Officer Kleppe,

Hopefully we can have an officer on at least one of the dates for each shift in December to participate in the huddles. Please let us know, which date works best for your team. We will then coordinate with the Security, Safety and Bacteriology Departments:

- **Day shift:** between 8am and 2 pm on any Tues, Wed, or Thurs
  - **8am Huddle:** 12/6/2022, 12/7/2022, 12/14/2022
  - **2pm Huddle:** 12/6/2022, 12/7/2022, 12/14/2022
- **Swing shift:** at 7pm on any Wed or Thursday
  - **7pm Huddle:** 12/7/2022, 12/14/2022, 12/15/2022
- **Night shift:** at 11pm on any Wed or Thursday
  - **11pm Huddle:** 12/7/2022, 12/14/2022, 12/15/2022

Thank you for offering to visit other departments. I think that your visit would be valuable to the other departments as well. Let me know which dates work best and I will coordinate with the other departments and set up a schedule for the departments that are interested.

Thank you,

Pronouns: she, her, hers  
Environmental Health & Safety Manager

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**From:** Kleppe, Kevin W  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2022 1:50 PM  
**To:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cc:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** RE: Request to have an officer join in huddle to provide Safety tips

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Hi

I think that we can definitely coordinate getting an officer out to your shift huddles. The day shift one is pretty straightforward as someone from the Community Services Bureau (CSB) can attend. With some specific dates/times I

can coordinate with either our swing shift or graveyard shift officers and have them come and meet with your staff. If you have any dates in mind please let me know and I'll start coordinating.

And I'm glad that the meeting last week was helpful, please feel free to let me know if you have any additional questions/concerns.

Thank you

Kevin

**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2022 12:20 PM  
**To:** Kleppe, Kevin W  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Request to have an officer join in huddle to provide Safety tips

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Hi Sergeant Kleppe,

We sent our employees the Safety and Security Tips for our campuses. Our Bacteriology department stated that a few years ago a Berkeley PD officer attended their the huddles regarding to our safety issues around our campus. The team would like to do that again. Please let us know if that would be possible for an office to attend our huddles. Our facility is unique as it is a 24 hour operation, below are the huddle times and days:

- **Day shift:** between 8am and 2 pm on any Tues, Wed, or Thurs
- **Swing shift:** at 7pm on any Wed or Thursday
- **Night shift:** at 11pm on any Wed or Thursday

Please let us know if that is possible and we can coordinate specific dates and times. We appreciate your support and thank you again for taking the time out to meet with us last week. It was a huge help.

Thank you,

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Environmental Health & Safety Manager

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**From:** Montgomery, Daniel R.  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2022 9:46 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** FW: Two out of control encampments on Shattuck need to be dealt with NOW

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Please process as a commendation for Sergeant Kleppe and Officer Shikore



**Captain Dan Montgomery**  
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Operations Division

**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 27, 2022 12:30 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Re: Two out of control encampments on Shattuck need to be dealt with NOW

We at [redacted] would like to thank everyone one for their help in dealing with this, the speed in which everyone responded was amazing!

Thank you,  
[redacted] and everyone at [redacted]  
Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 27, 2022, at 7:24 AM,

wrote:

I wanted to let you know that through the work of BPD and our staff we were able to resolve this situation. We have also temporarily moved some planters to this location and will be working with property owners and merchants on a longer term configuration.

On 11/25/22, 11:09 AM,  
wrote:

Hi

On Wednesday afternoon, Ofc Schikore visited \_\_\_\_\_ and was able to convince him to relocate to Shattuck & Parker. The Ambassadors subsequently pressure washed the area and temporarily relocated 6 of the Shattuck Revery Planters to the SE corner of Shattuck & Blake. We will populate them succulents over the weekend. I had a conversation with \_\_\_\_\_ on Wednesday evening. He tells me though he felt highly disrespected that he would prefer the to the entire situation behind him. He even asked what time he should break down his tent in the mornings so as not to have any problems.

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Thanks,

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Downtown Berkeley Association

Office:

Mall:

Office:

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2022 2:53 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Montgomery, Daniel R.

**Subject:** RE: Two out of control encampments on Shattuck need to be dealt with NOW

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide an update on this group. Please see Sergeant Kleppe's email below. He is the current supervisor in our Community Services Bureau (CSB). CSB and NS work closely together to find long term solutions to issues and they will continue to work collaboratively on this particular matter.

Jen

Jen Louis  
Interim Chief of Police  
Berkeley Police Department

**From:** Kleppe, Kevin W  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2022 2:31 PM  
**To:** Montgomery, Daniel R.  
**Subject:** RE: Two out of control encampments on Shattuck need to be dealt with NOW



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Capt Montgomery

CSB responded to the area and contacted the involved person. He was on the southeast corner of Shattuck Ave / Blake St and was in the process of moving. Ofc. Schikore and I spoke with him and confirmed that he was leaving, and stood by while he re-located. We had a significant conversation and re-iterated that there was no need for any interaction between him and the [redacted] and he agreed. There wasn't criminal activity observed while on scene to take action on at the moment.

While speaking with the subject who was moving from Shattuck Ave / Blake St, he advised that he is currently working with [redacted] and in the process of obtaining housing. He seemed to be fairly open to obtaining services. I will be following up with them (NS) in regards to this.

Finally, we followed up with the staff at [redacted] and advised them that the subject was moving, and they were appreciative. We also discussed the possibility of avoiding contact at all if possible, and as criminal or nuisance behaviors come about to let BPD know as well as Neighborhood Services for any social worker follow up. He also advised me that he had spoken with [redacted] about placing some planters in the area that the subject was camping.

Once we left Ofc. Schikore also spoke with [redacted] and confirmed that they would be power washing the sidewalk and then moving 5 planters to the area to dissuade further camping.

I will be following up with Bikes to coordinate a response between their unit and ours to confirm that we have a constant presence in the area and can respond to any new criminal activity to further prevent that person from becoming a bigger issue.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any additional questions

Kevin

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From:  
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 10:27 AM  
To: Louis, Jennifer A. <[Louis@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:Louis@cityofberkeley.info)>  
Cc: Montgomery, Daniel R.

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**Subject:** Re: Two out of control encampments on Shattuck need to be dealt with NOW

Thanks Chief.

Downtown Berkeley Association  
Office:  
Mail:



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On 11/23/22, 10:16 AM, "Louis, Jennifer A." <

Good morning

I've asked for a summary from patrol as to what occurred yesterday. Once I have that the BPD team will connect with NS and see what next steps are. Someone will absolutely connect with [redacted] to provide an update.

Jen

On Nov 23, 2022, at 9:31 AM,

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Chief / Captain Montgomery,

Can we get someone from BPD visit [redacted] today? and [redacted] will be there all day, as well as [redacted]'s wife

As per below email, the situation is escalating, and owners and employees do not feel safe. This person [redacted] is now threatening them and yelling at their customers. They had to lock their employees in the store last night to feel safe.

Fyi, their lease is up in January, and seriously questioning whether they will renew.

Please call [redacted] to coordinate: [redacted] and possible coordinate with [redacted] so he can be there also.

Thanks,

Downtown Berkeley Association

Office:

Mail:

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On 11/22/22, 9:36 PM,

Hi [redacted] and everyone,

Last night a few hours after we sent our last e mail things got very dangerous here and resulted in 6 police cars, a fire truck and an ambulance but they eventually left with the "camper" still threatening us and yelling at our customers. This is probably going to escalate in the near future with the result of people getting hurt and our business vandalized again. We need help immediately before this happens.

Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 22, 2022, at 4:14 PM,

Here is photo from [redacted] and [redacted] of new tent at Shattuck & Blake, near their store.

<image001.jpg>

[redacted] can [redacted] remind this gentleman that no tents 7am-10pm, and if no change escalate to Neighborhood Services and BPD?

Thanks,

Downtown Berkeley Association

Office:

Mail:

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On 11/22/22, 3:53 PM,

Dear [redacted] Members of the City of Berkeley,

It's unfortunate to have to bring this situation once again to your attention, but we've been experiencing crime and tents in and around our studio on Shattuck and it's starting to get out of control.

[redacted] is a place where people go to feel safe and reach their health goals, and we have done our best to provide this service to our community. But within this current environment it's become very difficult and strenuous, when there is continuous crime and disruption from the homeless inside and outside of our studio.

Just this past month we had a brick thrown through our window, our studio robbed and now a homeless person threatening to get "the streets involved" just for asking him kindly to move his tent. I spent my morning today picking up human feces and drug paraphernalia. It's frustrating, it's exhausting and it's hard to sleep at night when I leave the studio thinking someone might vandalize us again.

I spoke with 311 yesterday morning and called again when I noticed the tents were up at 7pm. I spent my morning cleaning up human feces and drug paraphernalia all around the corner and in front of our studio. We can't wait for another crime to be committed to call the police if the tents continue to pop up here. I'm begging you and the other members of the city to help us.

As you know we had the same problem when we opened up a year ago but through everyone working together we were able to clean up the streets and successfully reopen. It's time for us to do that once again, because having tents in front of our business is just not an option for us.

I appreciate everyone's attention, and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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On Tue, Nov 22, 2022 at 3:11 PM wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:**  
**Date:** October 12, 2021 at 1:54:14 PM PDT  
**To:**  
**Cc:**

**Subject: Re: Two out of control encampments on Shattuck need to be dealt with NOW**

Hello everyone,  
The police had scheduled along with some other city staff a cleanup/ removal early afternoon so we can open for the first time in in almost 2 years tonight at 6 pm. Can someone or everyone on this e mail chain please assist this. As of now no one has shown up . I have a trailer on-site I brought down specifically to do

it myself where should I bring the garbage to?  
street would be my preference.

Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2021, at 8:03 PM,

Hello everyone,

I am trying to reopen  
at but cannot do so  
because of the 100 foot long pile of  
junk and debris created by the one  
person who calls it his home. As our  
rent is just under \$12,000 a month we  
cannot wait any longer. When I talked  
to the person about letting us help him  
clean up his space he gets violent and  
threatening and makes it worse. I have  
offered to pay him to move and call  
311 but stopped doing so because all  
they do is feed him between the times  
he is not visibly doing drugs . I clean up  
feces and used syringes every day in  
front of our buisness. I talk to the  
police daily but the situation gets  
worse when I do.

I am requesting the city supply us with  
police protection so we can clean up  
the sidewalk ourself to avoid a very  
violent situation. Perhaps we can get  
the media involved to publicize how  
bad the situation is . We have  
postponed our opening again to  
facilitate this. Our new date is Tuesday  
October 12.

Thank you for your immediate  
attention,

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 6, 2021, at 5:40  
PM,

We have been patient,  
and I know you have  
been busy in other  
parts of the City, but  
as per attached photos  
we have two  
encampments that are  
out of control and  
need to be dealt with  
now: 1) in front of the  
old /  
and 2) in front of

We are told the broker  
cannot show the

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right mind would think  
of leasing this space  
under the current  
situation). We also  
understand that  
is reluctant  
to reopen with this  
encampment next to  
them (can you blame  
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from COVID how are  
suppose support our  
businesses and attract  
new business with  
these long festering  
out of control  
encampments?

Moreover, both  
parking bays are pretty  
much empty on both  
blockfaces.  
Understandably  
visitors do not want to  
have to deal with

these out of control  
encampments.

Please PLEASE take  
action now, for the  
sake of our businesses  
and community.

Respectfully,

Downtown Berkeley  
Association

Office:

Mail:

On 10/6/21, 2:53 PM

Sent from my iPhone





Michael Reese, SHERIFF

November 21, 2022

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

Dear Chief Louis,

I want to express my appreciation to your agency for allowing Lt. Jen Tate to participate in our recent Sergeants Assessment Centers that was held on November 15, 2022. It is a huge commitment and takes your Lieutenant away from her regular duties.

As we anticipate the need to promote into open Sergeant positions during the upcoming year, it is important that we find the most qualified individuals as they will become future leaders within our agency. Holding an assessment center with assessors who have experience at the rank we are looking for helps ensure that we have a list of candidates who would best fit into these positions.

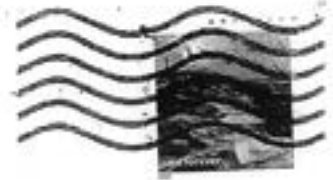
Thank you for your support of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. If, in the future, we can reciprocate, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Reese".

MICHAEL REESE  
SHERIFF

..... / 2022



OFFICER LEGALL  
Berkeley Police Department  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. way  
Berkeley, CA, 94704



CASE#

DEAR OFFICER LEGALL,

I wanted to thank you for helping save my life four years ago when I got shot at the Berkeley Marina. Not a day goes by that I'm not grateful for what you've done for me. I've recovered since and I'm doing much better now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kleppe, Kevin W  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2022 4:35 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thank you!

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**Flag Status:** Flagged

Sergeant Kevin Kleppe  
Community Services Bureau  
Special Response Team (Gold Team) TL  
Mon-Thurs 0700-1700

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**From:** Schikore, George  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 12:56:32 PM  
**To:** Kleppe, Kevin W  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:**  
**Date:** December 1, 2022 at 12:28:24 PM PST  
**To:** "Schikore, George"  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Thank you!

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Mae govannen Officer Schikore (Well met!)

This is \_\_\_\_\_, the woman you met at Stuart Pratt today. Thank you for coming and giving me some private instruction on self-defense. I really appreciate it.

This is my email:  
number is

. My cell

May you have a glorious holiday.

Namaste and Blessings,

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**From:** Louis, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2022 2:58 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thanks and update on

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Begin forwarded message:

**From:**  
**Date:** December 5, 2022 at 1:42:18 PM PST  
**To:**  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Thanks and update on

Dear Officer Jones:

I want to, again, thank you so much for coming to get \_\_\_\_\_ our neighbor's dog at \_\_\_\_\_.  
You were so incredibly kind and understanding - truly, I appreciated your help that night - as did all of our neighbors.

Sadly, our neighbor, \_\_\_\_\_ is not doing well and his chances of recovery are very small. Luckily, the doctors found a cousin of his who went to the Animal Shelter and took home with her. At least he will now be cared for.

Again, tremendous gratitude from all of us up here at the end of \_\_\_\_\_

City of Berkeley  
on Huichin Ohlone Land

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**From:** Reece, Kevin A.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 06, 2022 10:32 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** FW: External  
Commendation  
**Attachments:** 425910.wav  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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I spoke with [redacted] and she told me that she just recently moved to Berkeley from San Diego and was not sure if she was going to be able to handle the transition to Berkeley. Then late at night on 12/5/22 she had what appeared to be a homeless person under the influence of drugs on her front porch acting strangely. She called 911 and PSD Lilly answered her call. She told me that PSD Lilly was so comforting, gave her great advice and instructions while she was on the phone with her. PSD Lilly stayed on the phone with her until officers arrived and by doing this PSD Lilly made her feel much safer. She also praised Ofc. Huynh for being kind, giving her hope and checking her yard for the suspect. Ofc. Huynh was assisted by Officer Mandragona on this call.



Lieutenant Kevin Reece #L-7  
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Patrol Division / SRT Commander / Bomb Squad

**From:** Coats, Jennifer R.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 06, 2022 5:08 PM  
**To:** Reece, Kevin A.  
**Subject:** FW:

Internal

Lt. Reece,

Officer Hartley forwarded a voicemail message he residence from a community member. [redacted] who lives at [redacted] reported a possible subject in crisis creating a disturbance. Officer responded and checked the property and made contact with her. She called to commend the Officers and the Dispatcher for their response to this incident and making her feel safe.

The incident is noted under BPD Case # [redacted]

The involved personnel are:

PSD Lilly

Officers Huynh, Lomeli and Mandragona.

Can we please forward as an external commendation.



Thank You,

**From:** Hartley, Brian  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:55 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW

Internal

Listen to this. Accommodation possibly?

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:25 PM  
**To:** I  
**Subject:** I



Voice Mail System

You received a phone call from ( ) on Tue, Dec 06 4:21 PM for

Message

Hi, I'm just someone who had called for help yesterday around midnight on Street in Berkeley do to pursue included on my property and it was a very frightening situation to me, but in any case the dispatcher and the police officers should be commended for just being there for a person who really was sincerely appreciative of support and help at a time when you feel very vulnerable and scared and this is the time when the police, I know are very concerned with all the things that are happening at limited, you know staffing and everything that's happened. But I really really appreciate that you give everyone attend to no matter how serious or how important it might seem to others. It is to the person involved and you made me feel very very safe and I think the

persons who helped my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and the last is \_\_\_\_\_ in case you can look that up and give them the people involved they handled it. So professionally and I felt a lot better even though I didn't sleep love that I still feel better. I'm at \_\_\_\_\_ and again, the name is . \_\_\_\_\_ This is \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ and a recent resident to Berkeley from San Diego so I am a little unaware of how things work up here, but you certainly were there for me and I thank you. Alright take care happy holidays. Bye bye.



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Hi, I'm just someone who had called for help yesterday around midnight on Stuart Street in Berkeley due to a person who intruded on my property and it was a very frightening situation to me. But in any case, the dispatcher and the police officers should be commended for just being there for a person who really was sincerely appreciative of support and help at a time when you feel very vulnerable and scared, and this is the time when the police, I know are very concerned with all the things that are happening at limited, you know staffing and everything that's happened. But I really really appreciate that you give everyone attention no matter how serious or how important it might seem to others. It is to the person involved and you made me feel very very safe and I thank the persons who helped. My name is [redacted] and the last is [redacted] in case you can look that up and commend the people involved. They handled it so professionally and I felt a lot better even though I didn't sleep love that I still feel better. I'm at [redacted] and again, the name is [redacted]. This is [redacted] and a recent resident to Berkeley from San Diego so I am a little unaware of how things work up here, but you certainly were there for me and I thank you. Alright take care happy holidays. Bye bye.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 5:22 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** Fwd: I wanted to commend & thank several BPD officers for their great work

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Personnel and Training  
Berkeley Police Department  
Office: (510) 981-5975  
Cell: (510) 773-7583

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**From:** fo>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 10, 2022 2:58:12 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: I wanted to commend & thank several BPD officers for their great work

**Internal**

This commendation came in through webmail.

From my research, it looks like the involved officers are Loehiger, Armistead, Legall, Verrett and Peters. Can you process this?

Sincerely,

Sergeant A. McDougall #514  
Patrol Team 7, Berkeley Police Department  
Phone: (510) 981-5802  
Mobile: (510) 926-0120  
Fax: (510) 981-5819  
24-Hour Dispatch: (510) 981-5900  
Tsukamoto Public Safety Building  
2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

*I work Friday through Sunday nights, from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.*

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**From:** BPD Webmail  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:04 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: I wanted to commend & thank several BPD officers for their great work

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:19 PM  
**To:** BPD Webmail <[bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info)>; Office of the Director of Public Accountability <[OfficeoftheDirectorofPoliceAccountability@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:OfficeoftheDirectorofPoliceAccountability@cityofberkeley.info)>; BPD PIO <[bpdpio@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bpdpio@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** I wanted to commend & thank several BPD officers for their great work

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Hi BPD,

I wanted to send you an email to let you know my family and I had a great experience with several officers a week ago, and are incredibly grateful for their help.

The entire team involved with case [redacted] on Friday, November 25th did some outstanding police work. Long story short, an intruder snuck into our house, was thankfully spotted by my 6-year-old daughter, then fled with my laptop and hard drive.

My wife called 911, and we were pleased with how quickly an officer arrived at our house. It turns out some other officers had identified a suspicious character allegedly swiping packages from porches not far from our house, and another officer took our statements and answered our questions before taking my daughter and me down the street to ID the suspect. I was shocked when an officer came over and handed me back my laptop & hard drive.

My family feels incredibly lucky that this scary, surreal experience had a happy ending an hour later. Your officers were kind, helpful, and consummate professionals. I only got to thank Officers Legall and Loeliger in person, but I want the entire team involved to know how grateful we are there are people like them protecting our community. My 6-year-old daughter has talked about becoming a police officer since that night, and that makes me proud.

Sincerely,



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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 12:16 PM  
**To:** Louis, Jennifer A.  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Re: Thankful for your compassion

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Jennifer and others:

I would like to piggy back on email to say that I was also extremely moved and impressed by the work that Officer Breaux carried out on Sunday night. He went above and beyond the call of duty to be compassionate, kind, understanding and sensitive. It was truly impressive and extremely heartening. Without the work he did I believe we would have lost Tony on Sunday night due to hypothermia.

With gratefulness,

On Wed, Dec 14, 2022, 11:46 AM Louis, Jennifer A. <[JLouis@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:JLouis@cityofberkeley.info)> wrote:

Thank you very much for your message. I will ensure that this is processed as an external commendation for Officer Breaux and I agree that his work is infused with patience, compassion and professionalism. I am happy to hear that we were able to help provide some support in this challenging situation and Officer Breaux's actions reflect the value and care we strive to provide in all of our contacts in service to the community.

Respectfully,

Jen

Jen Louis

Interim Chief of Police



Berkeley Police Department

From:

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 12:31 AM

To: Breaux, Daniel <[DBreaux@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:DBreaux@cityofberkeley.info)>

Cc:

Subject: Thankful for your compassion

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Dear Officer Breaux:

Your patience and compassion for \_\_\_\_\_, street name \_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday night was remarkable. You should receive a commendation for stellar community service. You should also provide training for how to respectfully speak to people in difficult situations. From Friday- Sunday, a few community members tried to keep him dry, sheltered with a tent instead of being on the sidewalk on Channing and Ellsworth.

You patiently and respectfully set forth his options (after making many frustrating and dead end calls) and he agreed to be transported to the Warming Center. Sadly when he went back last night, they were closed. With no options, I pitched a tent for him donated by Consider the Homeless and set him up in a sleeping bag.

Life Long street medicine team checked him out yesterday, and he got a shower and fresh clothes at Dorothy Day across the street from his tent. I am going to the park now to check on him (midnight). If you are on duty later tonight or early morning for a welfare check at blue tent between Veterans Hall and the kiddie playground- I'd appreciate it. His wheelchair is parked in front of his tent (or it was at noon when I last saw him)

The good news is that he was approved for a housing voucher and has an appointment to sign a lease this Thursday - and will hopefully be housed before Christmas.

Thanks! And Happy Holidays,

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**From:** Louis, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 8:47 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** process these emails together as commendation  
**Attachments:** Many thanks

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 7:46 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Fwd: Why is Warming Center Closed When it is Freezing Outside? ?

Internal

Hi Madam City Manager and Chief Louis,

I noticed in email that "Officer Breaux is to be commended for his compassion, patience and professionalism".

Kind regards,

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**From:** >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 7:20:09 AM  
**To:** All Council <[council@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:council@cityofberkeley.info)>; City Clerk <[clerk@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:clerk@cityofberkeley.info)>; Jesse Arreguin <[jarreguin@gmail.com](mailto:jarreguin@gmail.com)>; [citymanager@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:citymanager@cityofberkeley.info) <[citymanager@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:citymanager@cityofberkeley.info)>; [mayor@CityofBerkeley.info](mailto:mayor@CityofBerkeley.info) <[mayor@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:mayor@cityofberkeley.info)>  
**Cc:** Berkeley Community Safety Coalition <[berkeley-community-safety-coalition@googlegroups.com](mailto:berkeley-community-safety-coalition@googlegroups.com)>; Kpfa News <[news@kpfa.org](mailto:news@kpfa.org)>  
**Subject:** Why is Warming Center Closed When it is Freezing Outside? ?

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Dear City Manager and Council:

Why was the Warming Center open Sunday night during torrential rain, but closed last night (Monday) when it is freezing cold? What is the criteria that triggers the opening or closing of the program? Why is there only one location for 20 men and 7 women when there are 1,048 Unhoused per 2019 report (likely more now)?

I rode in Officer Daniel Breaux's squad car to North Berkeley Senior Center Sunday night to accompany an unhoused neighbor who is blind and in bad health. After other concerned Berkeley residents, assisted him over the weekend- and text thread supporters and anonymous donors (there are no weekend or holiday street teams for people in crisis- please start the SCU ASAP), the

fair became too much for the gentleman. Officer Breau is to be commended for his compassion and professionalism.

When this gentleman received a night in protected and dry space, he was grateful. When I met him there the next morning at 6:30am to walk him to MASC/Dorothy Day breakfast, he received hope. The breakfast line didn't open until 8am, so we walked up to K's Cafe (kudos to their kind owner and staff) - he felt respected and seen and wished them a good day when we left.

When the nice staff at MASC allowed him to rest there during the day after a shower and fresh change of clothes (kudos to [redacted] and [redacted], and the AMAZING LifeLong Street Medicine Van and team of street nurses came to the Veterans building to examine and assess his condition, he received care and professional treatment. However, when his fabulous case manager from LifeLong Tonica ordered a Lyft and accompanied him back to the Warming Center for the night, they were told that the center would not be opening at 6:30pm.

After calling 211 and exploring every option for almost 2 hours (there are NONE), I called the dedicated community supporter [redacted], President of Consider the Homeless to inquire whether he had another tent and sleeping bag. He picked us up from Nations restaurant where we stayed warm and my friend of 4 days enjoyed dinner. [redacted] drove us to Dr. King Civic Center Park - I pitched the tent with the help of [redacted] reaching me by phone and an unhoused person in the park - I left the gentleman inside the tent and warm sleeping bag for the night)

If you go to City Hall this morning, you may see his blue tent (his only source of shelter for the night) from your office window..

The good news is that his case manager after 8 months of working with him - has secured a Shelter Plus Care voucher AND a place to live in Berkeley. Hopefully he will have a lease signed today and let's to move in before Christmas. Otherwise, we fear he will die on the streets where he grew up. The gentleman is 59 years old, a father of 5 and uncle of 40 nephews and nieces. He has a great sense of humor while enduring unbearable pain. I pray thatcher not sleep in another sidewalk or tent on a cold night much longer.

Please publish clear criteria and provide adequate funding and emergency shelter space for at least 100 unhoused people in our progressive, city whose values include compassion, equity, inclusion of all persons including the poor.

The other HUGE gap that this impromptu street team discovered the day after Thanksgiving - there are NO emergency shelters for single women with children. ZERO. [redacted] found a mother and 12 year old child sleeping outside of the laundromat a block north of the famous Chez Panisse restaurant on Shattuck. Finding no shelter available, the text thread reached as far as India (boona Chema)and prayers and advocacy from [redacted] and donations covered two weeks coverage of a hotel and clothes, coats, food, transport etc (thank you owner [redacted] of Howard Johnson and [redacted]). The mom was admitted to Alta abates hospital, received blood transfusions and discharged - needs follow up care but is trying to find a stable place to live for her child. Kudos to [redacted] Act case manager

Jen Louis  
Interim Chief of Police  
Berkeley Police Department

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**From:** Louis, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 11:46 AM  
**To:** Breaux, Daniel  
**Cc:** ; Commendations  
**Subject:** RE: Thankful for your compassion  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Thank you very much for your message. I will ensure that this is processed as an external commendation for Officer Breaux and I agree that his work is infused with patience, compassion and professionalism. I am happy to hear that we were able to help provide some support in this challenging situation and Officer Breaux's actions reflect the value and care we strive to provide in all of our contacts in service to the community.

Respectfully,

Jen

Jen Louis  
Interim Chief of Police  
Berkeley Police Department

**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 12:31 AM  
**To:** Breaux, Daniel <DBreaux@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:**

**Subject:** Thankful for your compassion

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Dear Officer Breaux:

Your patience and compassion for [redacted] street name on Sunday night was remarkable. You should receive a commendation for stellar community service. You should also provide training for how to respectfully speak to people in difficult situations. From Friday- Sunday, a few community members tried to keep him dry, sheltered with a tent instead of being on the sidewalk on Channing and Ellsworth.

You patiently and respectfully set forth his options (after making many frustrating and dead end calls) and he agreed to be transported to the Warming Center. Sadly when he went back last night, they were closed. With no options, I pitched a tent for him donated by Consider the Homeless and set him up in a sleeping bag.

Life Long street medicine team checked him out yesterday, and he got a shower and fresh clothes at Dorothy Day across the street from his tent. I am going to the park now to check on him (midnight). If you are on duty later tonight or early

morning for a welfare check at blue tent between Veterans Hall and the kiddie playground- I'd appreciate it. His wheelchair is parked in front of his tent (or it was at noon when I last saw him)

The good news is that he was approved for a housing voucher and has an appointment to sign a lease this Thursday - and will hopefully be housed before Christmas.

Thanks! And Happy Holidays,

you could pass me on:

Thanks also, for sending info. in Berkeley Mental Health Crisis Services. Unfortunately, I suppose due to funding shortages, I could get no response to any of the operator-assisted phone options, nor does the BPD non-emergency provide any options that answer calls, either. A sign of the times...? But thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

Dec. 22, 2022

Dear officer Huynh-

A few weeks ago I spoke with you when I phoned 911 because my son Micah Baalis had gone missing & left a frightening note. You were so kind on the phone that I wanted to express my gratitude to you. Also, we had an incident here a few days later - the 2 BPD officers on the scene also deserve commendation as do the UC officers who helped earlier in the same evening in which I spoke with you - Perhaps



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2022 3:56 PM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** THANK YOU for your service to Berkeley!

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Dear Berkeley Police Department,

As the end of the year approaches, I want to thank all of you for your service to Berkeley and for keeping us safe.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 12:19 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** commendation

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Dear Berkeley Police:

There have been a lot of tragic events and news of police misconduct in recent years, this last week in particular.

So I would like to thank Officers Hunt, J. Bally, and Kyle Ludovico for the great example of community policing I witnessed on my block in Berkeley ( ) in mid-December, 2022.

They came out to help a neighbor of ours who has had mental issues regularly.

She had that day been in a rage, yelling at people, angry and otherwise a threat to herself and possibly others. The officers arrived, and listened to her very patiently a long time.

After perhaps an hour or more, she gradually calmed down. At one point the three went slowly closer to the steps she was sitting on. (I was having work done on my house and was picking up a relative from out of town, so was going in and out several times.) The next thing I heard was one of them saying to her, "you've had a lot of bad things happening to you" with such kindness and gentleness! A bit later they were sitting on the steps with her and she was laughing and talking in a normal tone of voice with them. When the ambulance came to take her to a care facility, and the door was being closed, Officer Bally lean in and said to her something like, "So very nice to meet you, (her name), I wish you the very best."

These three seemed to me the kindest and best example of what community policing should be like. I have seen over the last three years examples similar to this at the Cheeseboard on Shattuck and Vine, Peets downtown and Peets on Telegraph, in which the mentally ill were dealt with graciousness by Berkeley Police.

Thank you all for working together to foster this kind of community policing.

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**From:** .  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 9:22 AM  
**To:** Commendations  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thanks to the Berkeley Police, Fire Department, and Medics and to Officer Kevin Peters

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**From:**  
**Date:** January 10, 2023 at 10:38:38 PM PST  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Thanks to the Berkeley Police, Fire Department, and Medics and to Officer Kevin Peters

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Hello Chief Louis,

On December 16 I had a terrible car accident on Oxford Street, near University. My car was completely totaled. Several police cars, fire engines and medical units appeared on the scene very quickly.

Everyone was extremely helpful and courteous. I especially want to thank **Officer Kevin Peters (Badge #148)** who seemed to be in charge of the police. Among other good things, he helped me find an auto body shop that would take my car on that very busy pre-holiday weekend. Three or four shops said they could not take me. But we finally got the Berkeley Auto Body Shop to say OK.

I have complimented the Berkeley police, fire department and medics to many friends.

Best regards, and have a very happy and healthy new year in 2023!



Berkeley Police Dept.  
2100 Martin Luther King Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Polia dept.  
A very belated thank  
you to the officer who  
responded when we  
had a fire at our  
house on Oct. 24, 2022.  
Sadly in the chaos I  
don't remember his name  
but he was so kind +  
reassuring + helpful. Very  
thankful to have this  
assistance from such a  
nice person!

November 23, 2022

Hello Chief Louis -

I want to thank you for your support at our recent drag story time at the North Branch Library. The beat officer was so friendly, approachable, and supportive that morning. I know all staff felt grateful to have BPD here (or nearby, as it were) keeping an eye on things.

We certainly have a lot of difficult interactions with challenging patrons at our five libraries (as I know you know) and it was so amazing to all of us to feel supported during this program.

I hope you have a great holiday.

Sincerely,

Berkeley Public Library

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**DVC**  
DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

January 28, 2023

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

Dear Chief Louis,

I would like to thank you for the support that your agency provided to Diablo Valley College (DVC) students completing research projects last fall. In particular, I would like to acknowledge and thank Sergeant Rose Wong, Lieutenant Jen Tate, and Officer Legall.

I am a retired law enforcement officer currently teaching Administration of Justice students at DVC. As we know, the field of criminal justice is tremendously important and offers terrific professional opportunities. It is not possible in the classroom alone to give students a deep understanding of this type of work. What my students have experienced and observed in ride-alongs and in personal interviews with practicing professionals is a powerful counterpoint to the influences of social media and information from limited news headlines.

In October, 2022, several of my DVC criminal justice students participated in ride-alongs and conducted interviews with local law enforcement agencies. Without fail, every student had an overwhelmingly positive response. Students returned from their experiences with a more comprehensive understanding of the challenges and responsibilities facing law enforcement. Through their personal interactions, students came away with a positive view of law enforcement officers and their public service.

In particular, I would like to thank Sgt. Rose Wong for her assistance and responsiveness in helping coordinate multiple students' participation in ride-alongs and interviews. These positive experiences would not have happened without the support she provided.

Additionally, I want to thank Officer Legall for professionalism, patience and instruction during a student ride-along. The student saw firsthand the wide variety of demands placed on officers. The student was impressed by the responses of Officer Legall and others.

Finally, I would like to thank Lt. Jen Tate for taking the time to talk with a student, and for her professionalism and instruction. As a result, the student grew to understand more about law enforcement officers and their commitment to the community.

Sincerely,

Instructor  
Diablo Valley College