

# Police Reports

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

One male adult was arrested at 0200 hours at Aviation Boulevard and Imperial Highway for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Burglary (auto) report was taken at 0734 hours in the 900 block of Cedar Street. A window was smashed and miscellaneous items were taken.

Burglary (auto) occurred between 11/21/09 and 11/22/09 in the 500 block of Standard Street.

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at 1133 hours in the 500 block of East Grand Avenue, bicyclist versus parked vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 2137 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Nash Street for one ESPD misdemeanor traffic warrant and one TPD misdemeanor warrant.

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One male adult was arrested at 2336 hours from Imperial Highway and Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

Peeping occurred at 2352 hours in the 500 block of East Sycamore Avenue.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Vandalism report was taken at 1007 hours from the 700 block of W. Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) keyed the victim's vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 1413 hours from Imperial Highway and Kilroy Center Drive for driving on a suspended license and was subsequently issued a citation.

Traffic collision report (with injuries) was taken at 1533 hours at Grand Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard. Vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 1655 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for grand theft.

Forgery report was taken at 1854 hours in the 400 block of Main Street. Suspect bought items with a fraudulent check.

One male adult was arrested at 2337 hours at Aviation Boulevard and 33rd Street for one outstanding Hermosa Beach PD misdemeanor warrant and was subsequently released to Hermosa Beach PD in the field.

Dependant of the court report was taken at 2250 hours in the 200 block of Sheldon Street. A female abandoned her nine month old daughter to a group of friends.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

One female adult was arrested at 0133 hours in the 700 block of North Sepulveda for possession of a controlled substance, driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of less than one ounce of marijuana while driving and driving with a suspended license.

Misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1052 hours from the intersection of Mariposa Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

Burglary occurred between 1258 hours and 1317 hours in the 300 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Taken was a Nokia cell phone.

Injury Report was taken at 1411 hours from Main Street and Franklin Avenue. An elderly female tripped on a curb and fell down.

One male adult was arrested at 1822 hours from Grand Avenue and Kansas Street for driving without a license and was subsequently issued a citation.

Burglary report was taken at 1835 hours in the 500 block of West Maple Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's vehicle and stole items.

Injury report was taken at 1901 hours in the 400 block of Sheldon Street. A male juvenile tripped while he was rollerblading causing minor lacerations and abrasions.

Attempted kidnapping report was taken at 1947 hours at Holly Avenue and Standard Street. Unknown suspect attempted to force the victim to drive him to another location.

One male adult was arrested at 0017 hours at Vista Del Mar and Imperial Highway for driving under the influence of alcohol.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

One female adult was arrested at 0226

hours from Sepulveda Boulevard and El Segundo Boulevard for one Inglewood P.D. misdemeanor traffic warrant, one Gardena P.D. misdemeanor traffic warrant, one LAPD misdemeanor traffic warrant, and one LASD misdemeanor traffic warrant.

Stolen vehicle report was taken at 0735 hours from the 500 block of Center Street. Unknown suspect(s) took the victim's white 2003 Ford F350 between 2000 hours 11/17/09 and 0735 hours 11/18/09.

Vandalism report was taken at 0744 hours in the 700 block of Bayonne Street. Unknown suspect(s) keyed the victim's vehicle.

Traffic accident occurred at 1513 hours in the intersection of El Segundo Boulevard and Nash Street. Vehicle versus vehicle, no injuries.

One male adult was arrested at 1520 hours from the 2000 block of E. Imperial Avenue for possession of child pornography.

Traffic collision report was taken at 1513 hours at El Segundo Boulevard and Nash Street. Vehicle versus vehicle, no injuries.

Grand theft report was taken at 1812 hours in the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole a television.

Vandalism report was taken at 2139 hours in the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) scratched the victim's car door.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

One male adult was arrested at 0522 hours from Walnut Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard for one LASD traffic warrant.

Found property report was taken at 1215 hours in the 400 block of Main Street. A bank check was found.

One juvenile was detained and cited at 1616 hours from Bungalow Street and Maple Avenue for grand theft.

Traffic accident occurred at 1733 hours at Aviation Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue, two vehicles involved.

One female adult was arrested at 1703 hours in the 700 block of Maryland Street for misdemeanor DUI.

Traffic accident occurred at 1831 hours at Richmond Street and Grand Avenue, vehicle versus pedestrian.

One male adult was arrested at 0007 hours from Vista Del Mar and Hyperion for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Found property report was taken at 1031 hours from Virginia Street and Mariposa Avenue. A wallet was found.

Identity theft report was taken at 1013 hours in the 300 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to open on-line credit accounts using five different victim's personal information.

Found property report was taken at 1232 hours from Main Street and Walnut Avenue. A wallet was found.

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at 1418 hours in the 2400 block of East El Segundo Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

Vandalism occurred at 1543 hours in the 600 block of Sheldon Street. A vehicle window was smashed.

Found property report was taken at 1755 hours. Found at Grand Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard was a black nylon briefcase.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Lost property report was taken at 1535 hours from Maple Avenue and Main Street. A Sanyo cellular telephone was reported missing.

Burglary report was taken at 2100 hours in the 800 block of South Nash Street. A male adult was seen by security running from a row of vehicles in the parking structure. Three vehicles were involved.

Grand theft property report was taken at 2305 hours in the 500 block of Concord Street. Taken was a three foot plastic Coke bottle containing \$500.00 in change.

# A Thanksgiving Tradition

By Gregg McMullin

More than 250 million people across our nation will celebrate Thanksgiving, the holiday that comes on the fourth Thursday of November each year. Thanksgiving has many different meanings to people but to most Americans it's a day to set aside their dietary everyday lives and indulge in a more culinary tradition. It's a day to cook, watch football games on television, visit with extended family members and over eat the gracefulness of our kitchens. But Thanksgiving as we know it today hasn't always been this way. In fact Thanksgiving goes back a few hundred years when times were much simpler.

If you'll remember from studying the Pilgrims in school, a group of colonists had sailed from their mother country to settle in the New World. During their first winter the colonists had a tough time, especially trying to feed everyone since they had arrived too late to grow many crops. During that first winter, many of the colonists died from disease and others to starvation. A local Indian tribe befriended the colonists and showed them how to grow many crops, including corn, and brought other new foods to the settlers.

In 1621, the 53 surviving Plymouth colonists and the Iroquois Indian tribe shared in what many believe was the first Thanksgiving when they came together to celebrate their first harvest. It wasn't your typical celebration since it lasted for three days and it took place towards the end of September. The actual first Thanksgiving feast occurred in the summer of 1623 when the colonists gave thanks for the end of a long drought.

During the American Revolution in 1777, the Continental Congress decreed that the 13 colonies would set aside a day to give thanks for their victory over the British at Saratoga. From then on, it became more of a tradition to celebrate a day of thanks sometime during the year. Abraham Lincoln appointed the last Thursday of November as a day for giving thanks across our young nation. Since then, each President has issued his own Thanksgiving Day Proclamation, designating the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. President Franklin D. Roosevelt made Thanksgiving an official national holiday in 1941 with the approval from Congress.

For many people, Thanksgiving Day isn't just one day but rather a series of days to prepare for and then a few days from which to recover. Many families will travel great distances to visit family and friends. Airports will be crowded and the freeways jammed the day before Thanksgiving. It will be a hectic adventure attempting to get to our destinations, but somehow we'll all persevere. And on the day after, also known as Black Friday, we'll complain that we ate too much and then go to the malls to start our Christmas shopping.

Think back to the Pilgrims and what their day might have been like and our inconveniences won't sound so bad. Contrary to beliefs that first Thanksgiving wasn't celebrated on one day in November, but rather over a three-day period that started on September 28. Since the colonists believed that a thanksgiving was a religious holiday

to give thanks for a specific event, this was more of a time to celebrate the new harvest and give thanks for their bounty of food as well as a way to say thank you to the Iroquois tribe.

For many years, it wasn't a celebrated event each year. The fact is it would be some 10 years after the first one was organized that the colonists would celebrate another day of giving thanks. It really didn't become a yearly tradition until 1817 when the State of New York adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom.

Today we think of turkey as the main menu item to build our feast around. The Pilgrims, on the other hand, didn't exactly think of a turkey as their main celebratory food item. In fact venison, wild fowl, lobster and seal were the main items during the first Thanksgiving feast. During the harvest many of the new vegetables weren't ready or available, so the celebrants dined more on the meats and fish they had hunted and what the Indians had provided.

During that first celebration, there were no pumpkin pies or other pastry treats that we today take for granted because the Pilgrims didn't have sugar and had very little flour. The pumpkins they did harvest were for boiling and were served in a different way. They did however pick fruits like plums, cranberries and dried other types of fruits to enjoy during their meal.

For entertainment during the holiday, we now enjoy watching the traditional pro football games on hi-definition televisions. The National Football League plays games on Thanksgiving and this year, the Detroit Lions will play in their 75th straight Thanksgiving Day game. In the backyard, we'll play the Turkey Bowl football game between friends and relatives or run a 10K Turkey Trot in the morning to work off some extra calories before we sit down to our festive meal in the afternoon.

The Pilgrims' children played their own games such as hide-and-seek, a form of catch that worked their skills for shooting a bow and arrow, leapfrog, and relay races either on land or in the nearby ocean. Children were also encouraged to test their minds with riddles or tongue twisters as a way to take a rest from their chores. The adults would play similar games with the Indians to pass their time during their three-day celebration.

We as a nation have much to be thankful for, so celebrate our Thanksgiving Day holiday with reverence since it is a holiday unlike so many others. With other holidays, there is either a religious or patriotic theme as the focus. For Thanksgiving, it's a day to be thankful for what we have around us, no matter how much or how little we have. This is the day to be thankful for what you have in your life--not for what you want out of it.

So as we sit ourselves down to a time-honored traditional Thanksgiving meal, be thankful for the many things and people in your life because it could be much worse. And remember that as bad as you might think you have it, there are people who have it much worse than you and are giving thanks.

Happy Thanksgiving from your friends at the *Herald*. •

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