



# PASADENA POLICE

## Community Brief – February 2020

This information provides a greater awareness to the Pasadena community. The critical events detailed below are merely a snapshot of the calls received to the Police Communications Center every day. As your police department continues to move forward under Police Chief John Perez, the principles of the “Pasadena Way” possess greater significance no matter what assignment, function, or mission an employee serves in the organization as we continue to police with compassion and best intentions.

**Total Calls for Service for February 2020: 9,662**

**911 Calls for February 2020: 6,269**

**Collected / Seized Firearms:**

**Pistols – 28**

**Rifles/Assault Rifles – 5**

**Shotguns - 4**

**February 1, 2020, 4:56 p.m.:** Five victims, who are all professional BMX riders, were in Pasadena to film an amateur BMX video at a local park. The bike riders were approached by a local gang member who took a set of keys from one of the victims and told the victims he was taking one of their skateboards because he was "taxing" them for being in "his park." The suspect also lifted up his shirt, revealing several gang tattoos as a sign of intimidation. The suspect fled the location on the stolen skateboard and the victims followed him for a short distance until police arrived. As officers were obtaining statements from the victims, the suspect rode by on the skateboard. Officers were able to quickly take the suspect into custody without incident.

**February 2, 2020, 5:05 p.m.:** Pasadena Police Department responded to a trailhead in the nature area close to JPL regarding a person who was performing CPR on a bicyclist. The Pasadena Fire Department arrived first and transported the victim to a local hospital. Unfortunately the victim

passed away at the hospital. It was determined the victim was mountain biking on the trails near JPL and a witness heard the victim crash his bike. The Good Samaritan immediately initiated CPR for the bicyclist and called 911 for assistance. Preliminarily, it appears the bicyclist suffered a medical emergency.

**February 5, 2020, 7:33 p.m.:** Officers responded to the 600 block of Penn St. regarding a house and tree on fire. The resident was inside her residence and believed one of her dogs knocked over papers onto a floor heater. She walked outside to put her dogs in the backyard and when she returned to the house, she saw the flames. She was able to get out of her residence, however she did sustain second degree burns to both hands as well as minor smoke inhalation.

**February 6, 2020, 9:05 p.m.:** Officers responded to Memorial Park regarding an armed robbery of a bus driver. The victim had parked his bus adjacent to Memorial Park so he could use the park's restroom. While in the restroom, two male suspects brandishing knives, entered the restroom and demanded the victim's wallet, identification and cell phone. Out of fear, the victim complied. The suspects then ordered the victim to wait in an empty stall while the suspects fled the restroom in an unknown direction. Fortunately, the victim was not injured during the robbery.

**February 8, 2020, 6:38 a.m.:** Pasadena Police Department's Dispatch Center received a call of shots heard in the 500 block of N. Fair Oaks Ave. Officers searched the area and located an occupied vehicle, parked in the immediate area. Officers approached the car and found a casing inside. After conducting a thorough investigation, one of the vehicle's occupant was arrested and a firearm was recovered. The arrested individual was an admitted gang member.

**February 9, 2020, 5:01 a.m.:** The Police Department received a call of an in-progress burglary at a residence in the 400 block of S. Catalina Ave. The owner was not at the residence but was monitoring the location via live remote security cameras. Initially it was reported the suspect was inside upon the officer's arrival. A containment of the residence was established, however, it was later learned there was a delay in police notification and the suspect fled the scene prior to officers' arrival. Further investigation is being conducted by police detectives.

**February 10, 2020, 12:35 p.m.:** Officers conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation at Navarro Ave. and Tremont St. Officers requested to search the vehicle and the driver gave permission. The Officers located a loaded revolver under the front seat. The driver and passenger were arrested for possession of a loaded firearm and the passenger had previously been convicted for a felon in possession of a firearm.

**February 10, 2020, 3:09 p.m.:** Pasadena Police Dispatch Center received numerous calls of a male suspect who was ramming occupied vehicles with his vehicle in the 300 block of E. Del Mar Blvd. Officers responded and contacted the suspect who was still seated in his vehicle at the location. It was determined the suspect was upset with the amount of traffic and ended up striking four vehicles with his vehicle during this incident. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. Fortunately, no one was injured during this incident.

**February 11, 2020, 6:34 p.m.:** Pasadena officers responded to the area of the 1800 block of E. Colorado Blvd. regarding an armed robbery at a nearby gas station. The suspect entered the location armed with a firearm and demanded money from the victim. The suspect made verbal threats of "killing" the business' clerk if he did not "open the register!" The suspect unsuccessfully

attempted to open a safe but was able to open and remove cash from the register. The suspect fled prior to officers' arrival. Further investigation is being conducted by police detectives.

**February 12, 2020, 8:36 a.m.:** Police Dispatch received a call of a fire in the 200 block of N. Hudson Ave. Officers and Pasadena Fire Department responded and located an active fire at the apartment complex. Officers assisted in evacuating nearby apartments while the firefighters extinguished the fire. Extensive damage was caused by water in the adjoining apartments and evidence suggested the resident of the apartment where the fire initially started, had intentionally set the fire. The resident was arrested and further investigation is being conducted by the Arson Investigator.

**February 13, 2020, 8:38 a.m.:** Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies were in the 200 block of N. Hudson Ave. serving an eviction notice. The resident started to fight with the Deputies and Pasadena Police were called to the scene. The suspect fled the location and was contacted a short distance later by Pasadena officers. The suspect was uncooperative and a fight ensued between the suspect and Pasadena Officers. The suspect was ultimately arrested for assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer. The deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department handled the arrest, booking and investigation of the suspect.

**February 14, 2020, 10:11 p.m.:** Officers responded to the 100 block of East Colorado Blvd. regarding a disturbance between a male and female who had previously been married but had separated approximately two years earlier. During the verbal altercation between the male and female, the victim attempted to call the police at which time the suspect slashed the victim's vehicle tires. The suspect was ultimately arrested for stalking.

**February 15, 2020, 4:42 a.m.:** Officers responded to a local hospital regarding a female who had been assaulted in the Old Pasadena area. The victim was unable to provide many detail regarding the incident except that she suffered a head injury from an altercation she had with another female. The victim's recollection of the incident was minimal; likely a result of the head injury she sustained. Further investigation is being conducted by detectives.

**February 16, 2020, 9:31 p.m.:** Pasadena officers responded to the 1200 block of Glen Oaks Blvd. regarding a residential burglary. Two suspects had climbed over a perimeter fence and entered an open garage. The suspects fled after stealing two bicycles. The residence was equipped with security cameras and the suspects' images were captured. Further investigation is being conducted by police detectives.

**February 18, 2020, 8:46 a.m.:** Officers responded to the 800 block of Fairmount Ave. regarding an armed robbery. After parking in the building's parking structure, the victim was gathering his belongings from inside of his vehicle when two male suspects approached him from behind and demanded the victim's backpack. One of the suspects put a knife to the victim's neck and pulled the backpack off the victim's shoulder. Both suspects fled the area. Further investigation is being conducted and no injuries resulted from this incident.

**February 18, 2020, 6:37 p.m.:** Officers responded to the 2300 block of Queensberry Rd. regarding a residential burglary. The victim left his residence in the early morning and when he returned later in the day, he discovered his house had been ransacked. Another residential burglary occurred that same day, near this burglary and four suspects were seen leaving in a red Camaro.

**February 19, 2020, 11:49 a.m.:** Officers responded to an “in-progress” residential burglary in the 1000 block of Del Rey. The suspects were seen entering the rear yard of the residence and had arrived in a red Camaro. One suspect was still inside of the red Camaro when the first officer arrived and was detained. Two other suspects fled on foot from the victim’s residence and were later apprehended by officers with items of loss in their possession. All three suspects were arrested for residential burglary and detectives were investigating this incident as well as the previous burglaries that occurred in the same area.

**February 20, 2020, 5:51 p.m.:** Police Dispatch received a phone call of an attempted kidnapping in the 2900 block of Sierra Madre Blvd. The female victim had been waiting at a bus stop when a suspect exited his vehicle and approached her asking for money. The victim refused to give him money and started walking away when the suspect grabbed her by the arm. The victim was able to break free from the suspect’s grasp and ran. Officers searched but did not locate the suspect or his vehicle. Further investigation is being conducted by detectives.

**February 20, 2020, 12:00 p.m.:** Police Officers responded to the area of Colorado Blvd. and Marion Ave. regarding a male who was seen pouring gasoline on a nearby motel and lighting the flammable liquid on fire. An employee was able to quickly extinguish the fire. Officers responded to the location and detained the male and after further investigation, officers learned the suspect had a dispute with the business and decided to set the building on fire. The suspect was arrested for arson and arson investigators were conducting an investigating into the incident.

**February 22, 2020, 3:52 a.m.:** The Police Dispatch Center received numerous calls of shots fired in the 500 block of Summit Ave. Officers canvassed the area and found evidence of a shooting. Fortunately it appears there were no victims struck by the gunfire. Further investigation of the shooting is being conducted by police detectives.

**February 22, 2020, 5:23 a.m.:** Officers responded to the 2000 block of E. Colorado Blvd. regarding three suspects who had entered the victim’s unlocked hotel room. The victim was sleeping in his hotel room while the suspects removed items from his room. At one point, the victim awoke and found one of the suspects standing over him, holding a knife. Through investigation, it was learned the suspects were staying in an adjacent room. Officers located and arrested two suspects, however the third suspect had fled prior to officer’s arrival.

**February 22, 2020, 2:45 p.m.:** Officers attempted to pull over a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 900 block of N. Raymond Ave. The driver refused to stop and a pursuit was initiated. A short distance later, the suspect abandoned his vehicle and fled on foot. Officers were able to quickly detain the suspect and arrested him. The suspect stated he fled from the police because he did not have a driver’s license.

**February 23, 2020, 1:31 a.m.:** Officers responded to the 100 block of E. Holly Street regarding an armed robbery at a nearby park. The victim reported two suspects had punched him in the face, brandished a knife and stole his headphones and jacket. The suspects were quickly located nearby and detained by officers. The victim identified the suspects and the loss was recovered nearby where it had been discarded. The suspects were arrested for armed robbery and transported to the Pasadena Police Jail. The victim sustained only minor injuries as a result of the punch to the face.

**February 23, 2020, 1:07 p.m.:** Police Dispatch received a phone call from the victim who stated he had just been carjacked in area of Flower St. and Marengo Ave. The victim/driver was delivering packages when he was approached by the suspect who was holding a handgun and demanded the victim's vehicle. The suspect fled the location in the vehicle, which contained several other packages set to be delivered. The vehicle was later recovered in the City of Azusa. The suspect is still outstanding. Further follow-up is being conducted by police detectives.

**February 24, 2020, 6:15 p.m.:** Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a vehicle code violation in the area of Orange Grove Blvd. and Raymond Ave. Officers discovered the driver had a suspended license and asked the driver and passenger to exit the vehicle. The passenger refused to exit the vehicle. He was removed and it was later discovered he was in possession of a loaded firearm which was concealed in his clothing. The passenger was a suspected gang member with a previous conviction for possession of a firearm and burglary and was subsequently arrested for a felon in possession of a firearm.

**February 25, 2020, 8:14 a.m.:** Officers responded to the 3100 block of Lombardy Road regarding a parking enforcement officer who had been assaulted. The parking enforcement officer had placed a boot on the suspect's vehicle for various parking violations. The suspect used a metal bar to remove the boot from the vehicle and when the parking officer intervened, the suspect threw the parking enforcement officer to the ground and threatened him with the metal bar. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and there were no injuries that resulted from this incident.

**February 26, 2020, 8:02 a.m.:** Officer responded to the 3200 block of E. Foothill Blvd. regarding a burglary from a storage facility. The victim called and reported approximately \$200,000 worth of musical instruments were taken from his storage unit. Video surveillance revealed the suspects were the owners of an adjacent unit. Officers attempted to contact the suspects, however they were not located. Further investigation is being conducted by detectives.

**February 27, 2020, 11:59 p.m.:** Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 100 block of Painter St. for a vehicle code violation. During the contact, Officers found that the passenger was on parole for a felon in possession of a firearm. Officers conducted a parole search and located a loaded firearm under the passenger's seat. The gun had had been reported stolen from Las Vegas. The occupants were arrested for possessing the firearm.

**February 28, 2020, 12:17p.m.:** Officers attempted to stop a vehicle related to an ongoing investigation in the area of the 210 freeway and Lake Ave. The vehicle initially pulled over, but then sped away attempting to evade the officers. A vehicle pursuit ensued. At one point, a female passenger fled from the vehicle in the City of Glendale, but was quickly apprehended by Pasadena Officers. The female suspect was found to be in possession of a large amount of narcotics. The driver of the suspect vehicle continued to flee and California Highway Patrol officers were eventually able to disable the suspect's vehicle in Santa Clarita. The driver was arrested and both suspects were booked at the Pasadena Police Department.

**February 29, 2020, 12:22 a.m.:** Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a vehicle code violation on the Foothill Freeway and the 134 interchange. During the traffic stop, the officer discovered the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Los Angeles Police Department. A K9 search of the vehicle revealed narcotics inside of the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Police Jail.

**February 29, 2020, 10:46 p.m.:** Officers responded to Fair Oaks Ave. and the Foothill Freeway regarding a semi-tractor trailer truck that had collided into a freeway overpass, metal fence. The collision sent debris onto the freeway below. Subsequently, twenty-two vehicles on the freeway were disabled due to flat tires from the fence debris that had landed on the freeway. The freeway had to be shut down for approximately twenty minutes to secure the debris and attend to the disabled vehicle. Fortunately, no one was hurt as a result of this incident.