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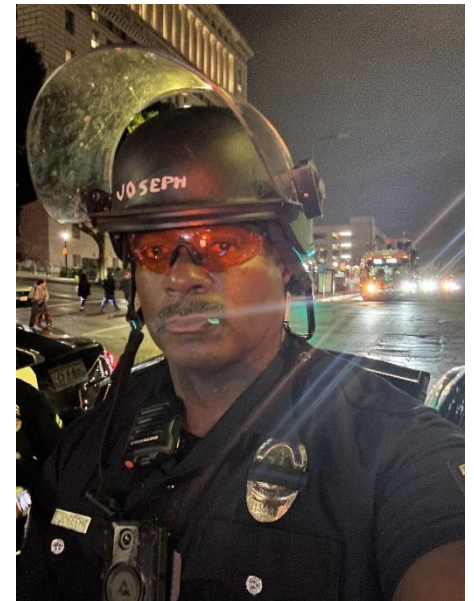


HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH



We are proud to celebrate the incredible contributions made by an incredible community within our nation. Black History is American History. Let's celebrate our past heroes and uplift current trail blazers in the Black community. For those who paved the way, thank you, for those making a way, I am so proud of you.

I'M BACK!!



It's so good to be back from vacation. I missed ya' Skid Row. Hope all was well. Be advised that due to many anticipated protests, my availability may be limited, but I

promise I will do all I can to make myself available to you.

HAPPY VALENTINES' DAY

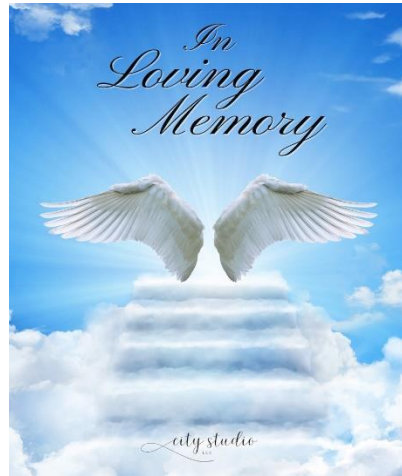


We all know February is the month of love. Let's also make it the month of consent. Curbing sexual assaults is one of our highest priorities. We can't do that without your help. How can you help? By respecting each other's bodies. By not touching anyone sexually without clear consent.

If you are ever a victim of forced sexual contact, sexual battery (unwanted and uninvited sexual touching of your intimate parts) stalking or sexual exploitation, it is NEVER your fault. Remember; the LAPD Central Division is here to serve, not to judge whether you are housed or unhoused. We want to help.

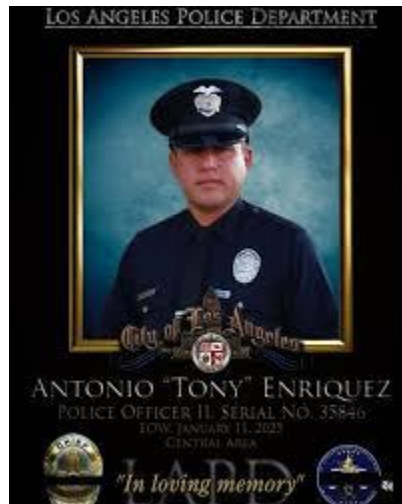


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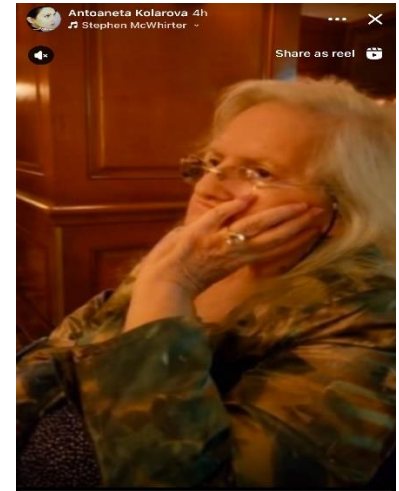
I heard we lost the following individuals in Skid Row while I was away. My heart goes out to anyone impacted by their loss.

Central Officer Anthony Enriquez



Thank you for your service. You will be missed. A true professional. Central won't be the same without you.

Tania Kolarova



One of the sweetest people I ever met in Skid Row. A quiet soul who always greeted you lovingly. My heart broke when I heard the news.

Lee Maupin



best known for his impeccable James Brown tribute performances. A great talent gone.

Rayshawn T – Murder Victim LA and 6th. If you have any info please call (800) 222-TIPS. You can be anonymous.

THANK YOU KATRINA WILLIAMS



Thank you and all for honoring the legacy of Wendell Blasingame. My apologies for not being able to make his memorial as I was out of town.

THANK YOU PASTOR ANTWON SANFORD



A dedicated Skid Row pillar is moving on. I have known Pastor Antwan Sanford for many years. He is one of the most passionate people I've ever met in Skid Row. He is strong man of faith, and he will be missed. Pastor Antwon was the president of the LAPD Central Clergy Council. He led with a steady hand, cool head, and deep concern for Skid Row. Under his leadership, he helped to educate and lift the spirits of the Skid Row community. Through his prayer walks, he gave hope to countless individuals. We appreciated his

partnership in a PSA to help reduce violence in Skid Row (See Step Away LA 2022 video on YouTube).

Though he's not in the Row any longer, the impact he made will forever be in the hearts and minds of all he touched. He was not just talk, he put his faith in action. He will always have my utmost respect. Thank you, Sir. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

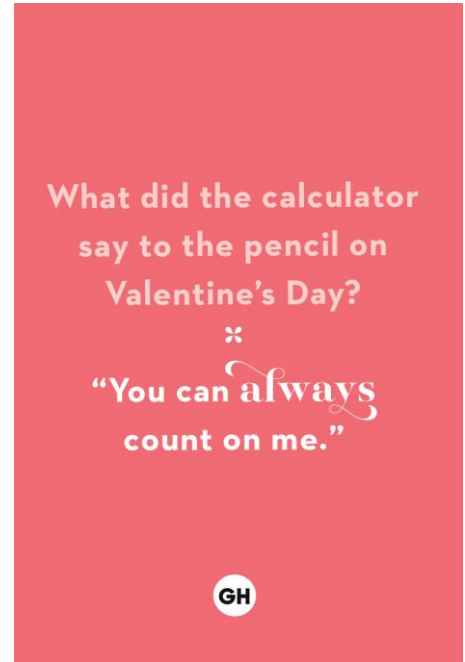
INPIRATIONAL QOUTE



“Success is not final; failure is not fatal; it’s the courage to continue that counts.”

To the incredible service providers in Skid Row; Stay courageous. I respect all you do and your resiliency. You all are my heroes. Helping others can have it’s ups and downs. But know through your efforts, someone who has crossed your path is standing on their own two feet because of you.

COP JOKES OF THE MONTH



2025 GOALS



Here are my goals for 2025.

CRIME

- Continue sexual assault education in the Skid Row area.
- Reduce aggravated assaults in Skid Row
- Reduce Car burglaries in in the Historic Core.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Focus on graffiti removal and prosecution of those engaged in it.

I hope to partner with the community in this efforts. We've don it before, we can do it again.

WHAT IS AN AGGRAVATED ASSUALT



I'll keep it simple friends. An aggravated assault involves any violent act committied against another. Pushing, shoving punching, kicking... If there are no serious injuries, it's a battery. You can make a report or if the crime happened out of the view of officers, you can make a citizen's arrest.



If there are serious injuries, for instance; broken bones, lacerations, missing teeth, loss of consciosness, it is a felony, No need for a citizen's arrest because the evidence of the assualt is your injuries.



If the assualt involved any weapon that has the potential to cause serious bodily injury or death, whether they connect or not, it is a felony assualt with a deadly weapon.



I pray none of these things happen to you, and strongly encourage you to **STEP AWAY** from any dsputes that can lead

to violence. But if it happens, when it is safe to do so, call 911 immedietly.



Don't wait! When the police arrive, point out the suspect to the officers. Without a positive ID of the suspect, officers cannot help you.

If the suspect is not around, allow officers to take a police report. If it a felony report, keep the report number on hand. Anytime you see the person who assualted you after the assualt, call 911 and based on the report, officers can effect and arrest.

If you are unhoused, please provide officers with a location to find you or number to someone you trust for us to contact.

REMEMBER: We can get justice for you, **WITHOUT YOU!** Be safe.