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Metro Orange Line Accident

A SUV traveling northbound on Balboa Boulevard struck a westbound Metro Liner Orange Line bus shortly after 11 a.m. A total of five people on the bus claimed injuries with two passengers and the bus operator being transported to nearby hospitals with minor injuries. The driver of the SUV told police that her brakes failed. The police impounded the SUV to check the brakes to determine if indeed she experienced brake failure. The SUV hit the mid-section of the bus. There was a 12 minute delay in service as buses were detoured around the accident. Media Relations staff responded to the scene of the accident to assist various media outlets at the scene. Stories are expected to air tonight on most of the major television stations with additional stories appearing in the local newspapers tomorrow.

Metro Receives \$3,500 Vandalism Restitution

Last March, Transit Bureau Deputies Leonardo Castro and Tomas Rodriguez began an investigation into vandalism on an MTA bus. A tagger ("DUGS" from tagging crew ATBK - All Them Bombers Krew) had caused approximately \$3,500 damage by etching windows with acid etch bath. Surveillance cameras captured the suspect committing the vandalism. Deputies identified the suspect and contacted him. The suspect admitted to the crime and allowed the deputies to search his room. Vandalism tools and evidence were recovered which resulted in the suspect being arrested and booked on felony vandalism charges. Other vandalism crimes were also solved as a result of this arrest.

The Court ordered \$10,000 in restitution to both Metro and local businesses. Metro received a check for \$3,500 for the damage to the bus. The suspect has since made a concerted effort to change his life. The suspect's father thanked the deputies, stating that the arrest was the push needed for his son to get his act together.

Photos of check and acceptance are attached.

Regional CEO Monthly Meeting

On Friday, I will be participating in a regular monthly meeting with CEO's and Executive Directors from San Bernardino Association of Governments, Riverside County Transportation Commission, Orange County Transportation Authority, Ventura County Transportation Commission, Metrolink and SCAG. This group meets monthly to discuss mutual transportation issues and interests.

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