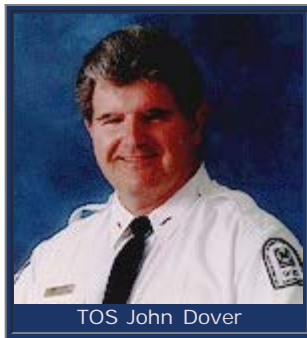


LAPD Commends MTA's John Dover for Providing Vital Lead in Stolen Transfer Case



TOS John Dover

(Feb. 28) Transit Operations Supervisor John Dover was on his way to work, Jan. 14, when he saw something very suspicious at a Metro Bus layover zone in Burbank.

A van was parked near the buses where it didn't belong and, as Dover watched, two men forced their way into an unoccupied bus. The TOS promptly notified detectives in the LAPD's Transit Group, providing them with the license number and an accurate description of the vehicle, along with descriptions of the men.

Crucial lead helped detectives

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Dover's quick actions - a crucial lead that helped detectives crack an aggressive transfer theft ring - earned him a commendation from LAPD Chief Bernard Parks and Cmdr. Garrett Zimmon, commanding officer of the Transit Group.

The information led to the felony arrest of one suspect and a six-count felony warrant for the arrest of his accomplice. The pair allegedly were making as much as \$1,200 to \$1,500 a week on sales of stolen transfers.

Willingness to go the extra mile

"Mr. Dover's astute observations, attention to detail and his willingness to participate with the criminal justice system has strengthened our Transit Police Partnership," said the commendation from Chief Parks. "John Dover is commended for his dedication, professionalism, and willingness to go the extra mile."

Dan Ibarra, deputy executive officer, Bus Operations, was especially proud of Dover, whom he trained as a Bus Operations Control dispatcher in the early 1980s.

"John has always impressed me as being conscientious and an excellent employee," said Ibarra. "He's one of our top-notch people. They don't make 'em any better than John Dover."

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