

## TAGGER GANG HITS DIVISION 10 BUSES

- **Two Days' Effort to Clean Up Mess**

(Sept. 26) They apparently came over the fence at Division 10 sometime after 2 a.m., Sunday. An unknown number of taggers bent on vandalizing as many buses as possible with gang-style graffiti.

Before the division's next perimeter patrol came by at 5 a.m., the vandals had disappeared. But, as evidence of their destructive intent, some 35 coaches sat defaced with black, white and multi-colored scrawling.

For two days following the tagger hit, Division 10 Maintenance Manager Howard Shelter worked to clean the buses. First spraying the graffiti with a special chemical compound, he then had to scrub the marks with a broom-like brush before the coaches could be run through the bus washer.

MTA Security and LAPD officers investigated the incident, which appears to have been the work of a local tagger gang. Photos of the graffiti were forwarded to the LAPD's anti-graffiti GHOST team for further investigation.

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