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Operator Shot with BB Gun During Incident Aboard Bus

- Division 10's Raymond Flowers is 'OK' following treatment

(Aug. 1, 2007) A Metro Bus operator was shot in the arm with a BB gun, Tuesday night, during an incident aboard his bus involving four young men. The bus collided with two other vehicles before coming to a stop.

Police arrested two male juveniles and a male adult on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon. A witness aboard the bus told officers one of the juveniles pulled the BB pistol from his pants and shot Operator Raymond Flowers in the left arm.

Flowers, 51, who is assigned to Gateway Division 10, was transported to Kaiser Permanente in West Los Angeles where the BB was removed. "He's OK," Assistant Transportation Manager Margo Ross said Wednesday morning.

Flowers was driving his Line 33 bus eastbound on Venice Boulevard and had reached the intersection with Vermont Avenue near downtown LA at 8:38 p.m. when the incident occurred, according to an LAPD officer.

During an argument involving the four suspects, Flowers was shot. No passengers aboard his bus were injured. The suspects fled, but an LAPD helicopter was overhead and officers were able to track down one suspect and later arrested two others.



Operator Raymond Flowers

