

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report May 2011



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- Southeast Impact Detective Sanchez conducted an investigation of commercial burglaries of vending machines and robbery. The commercial burglary investigation resulted in the arrest of two men, and the indictment of a female accomplice. The use of an arrest warrant, search warrant, and a successful interview and interrogation allowed Detective Sanchez to clear eight counts of commercial burglary and one robbery. Detective Sanchez was awarded the Mayor's Hero of the Week award for his hard work that resulted in the arrest of a large citywide property crime ring.
- On May 11, day shift officers D. Pacheco and B. Sanchez were dispatched to a southeast location in response to several subjects that were attempting to gain entry into an apartment storage shed. As officers approached the location, Officer Sanchez advised via radio that a vehicle was leaving the location. Officer Sanchez immediately initiated a traffic stop and Officer Pacheco assisted. While removing the occupants, Officer Pacheco observed four large tires within the vehicle. As both officers were identifying the occupants, dispatch advised that witnesses observed the suspects had left the location loaded with tires.
- Swing shift Team 6 continued its POP project in the area of San Mateo and Zuni SE. The project was implemented to decrease shoplifters in the area. The POP project has generated citations for drinking in public, criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, and two misdemeanor warrants.
- On May 9, graveyard shift officers F. Baca and S. Apodaca were dispatched to an apartment complex in response to a female screaming for help. As the officers approached the apartment, they observed blood all over the porch area and the offender standing inside the apartment holding a large knife as he stared out the window. The officers drew their duty weapons and forced the locked door open in order to take the offender into custody and render aid to the victim.

Foothills Area Command...

- The Foothills Area Command continues to work hard in addressing the quality of life and safety issues in the East Central corridor with

high visibility patrols, briefing the officers at the beginning of their shifts in the community and a zero tolerance enforcement practice on littering, panhandling, jaywalking, and traffic enforcement. Command staff are also utilizing detectives in an unmarked capacity to identify criminal behaviors and direct patrol officers to the offenders.

- On May 19, Officer J. Duran was dispatched to a local bank in response to a robbery call. While Officer Duran was at the bank obtaining statements, a second robbery occurred across the street at another bank. The second call was able to provide a vehicle description and a license plate number. Officer Duran left the first bank to check the area and found the offender in the parking lot of a third bank. Officer Duran attempted to detain the offender, but the driver was able to jump the curb and flee the scene. Officer Duran pursued the offender and stopped the vehicle within two blocks of the third bank. The offender was taken into custody.
- On May 31, Foothills officers were dispatched to a local grocery store regarding a shoplifting call. The offenders had taken large bottles of vodka and had been chased by store employees. The offenders got into their vehicle and attempted to drive away. While doing so, they crashed into several vehicles in the parking lot, rendering their vehicle inoperable. The offenders then tried to flee on foot. Sergeant Mike Woolley apprehended one of the offenders and Lieutenant Gary Reed caught the driver.
- During a field briefing on May 31, Officer Friedfertig contacted a suspicious subject who was walking around a motel located on Hotel Circle. The subject was found to be in the possession of marijuana and had been sleeping in the motel's bathroom. The subject was arrested and the motel's manager contacted.
- On May 21, Detective Stone responded to a shooting call that occurred at a nearby motel. Detective Stone was able to identify the offender and an accomplice. Detective Stott obtained arrest warrants for the offenders for attempted murder and conspiracy. Working in collaboration with APD's Special Investigations Division, the offenders were taken into custody.
- In response to a male subject harassing his neighbors and behaving in a disrespectful manner, Detective Stott completed an intimidation of a witness case on the neighbor. The neighbor had been terrorizing his neighbors

after his mother's Section 8 housing was revoked. Detective Stott obtained a \$75,000 cash warrant for the man's arrest. The man was arrested by field units the following day.

- Officer J. Allred was on bike patrol when he observed a suspicious vehicle. As the vehicle drove by, Officer Allred smelled what he recognized as burnt marijuana. He continued to observe the vehicle and it ultimately struck and lodged a cardboard box underneath the vehicle causing the vehicle to stop. Officer Allred pedaled after the vehicle and contacted the driver. He began conducting an investigation into the smell of burnt marijuana. As he was doing so, he observed that the driver was extremely nervous. Officer Allred conducted a pat down search on the male who was found to be concealing a handgun in his waistband. Further investigation revealed the handgun was stolen and the male was a convicted felon.
- Officers Heitzman and Alvarez were dispatched to a residential burglary call in progress. The caller was a 12 year old male who had come home early after being sick at school. The caller did a great job of being a good witness when two male individuals broke into his home. The caller immediately called 911 and gave a description. As the two offenders entered through the back door the caller fled out the front door to a neighbor's home. The offenders had left prior to officers arriving, but were later found by Sergeant Martinez. The two subjects were arrested and positively identified by the caller.

Valley Area Command...

- The Valley Area Command hosted several community events in May. One of the largest anticipated events was the Motorcycle Conference that was held between May 5-8. Several motorcycle gangs were represented and over 1,200 people participated. There were no significant events to report.
- Between May 28-30, Balloon Fiesta Park hosted the annual Albuquerque Wine Festival. No major events occurred.
- The Valley Area Command assisted with the Bosque clean-up. All day shift bike officers participated in securing the area for civilian volunteers who cleaned up litter.
- Day shift officers initiated over 40 tactical plans in May. Officers specifically targeted areas derived from citizen concerns. The plans generated over 1,300 moving citations and

numerous arrests. Bike officers were able to locate and apprehend one aggravated assault/rape suspect after recognizing him from a photo and checking the areas frequented by the suspect. Officers Elrick and Kelly were both nominated for coffee cup awards.

- Valley swing shift officers continued to implement the Cruiser Tactical Plan on Friday and Saturday nights (Sundays as needed). During May, officer S. Hindi wrote more than 200 moving citations. To date, the Cruiser Tactical Plan has resulted in 22 arrests and nearly 30 towed vehicles. In addition, swing shift officers have conducted over 20 other traffic and non-traffic tactical plans.
- Swing shift bike officers were able to recognize a picture of a murder suspect and using their keen investigative skills they were able to locate and apprehend the suspect. The swing shift bike officers assisted in the "Ride of Silence" for which they received letters of commendation.
- Graveyard shift officers continued to implement downtown tactical plans on Friday and Saturday nights, generating numerous citations and arrests.
- Officer Roberto was nominated for Uniformed Officer of the Month. In May, officer Roberto had a number of incredible arrests. In one instance, officer Roberto used a ruse that ultimately resulted in the arrest of two individuals for a stabbing that almost killed the victim. In another instance, officer Roberto used her computer skills to assist in finding a female who had been kidnapped. The offender was arrested and found guilty on numerous violent crime charges.
- Valley Impact Team detectives continued to implement the POP project, focusing on the Duranes neighborhood. The Impact Team collaborated with NITe detectives, VICE, Narcotics and field officers to generated several felony arrests and numerous citations. Detective Ladavazo also arrested a suspect in the theft of copper from several businesses, churches, and parks.
- Crime Prevention staff fingerprinted children during the Children's Fair on May 1st. Also, Crime Prevention staff participated in the East San Jose Elementary School Health Fair and has coordinated numerous neighborhood watch meetings.

Southwest Area Command...

- On May 2, Officer R. Sedillo was dispatched to a residential burglary in progress at a southwest residence. Three subjects were observed entering the residence through a back window. Officers saturated the area and Officer K. Riley located the suspects in an arroyo close to the victim's home. Officer J. Garcia checked the arroyo on his bike and located property the suspects took from the residence. The suspects were positively identified and booked for burglary.
- On May 19, Officer Riley was dispatched to Volcano Vista High School in response to a 15-year-old girl who had a 20-year-old male living in her bedroom, supposedly without her parent's knowledge. Officer Riley's investigation determined that the 20-year-old had met the 15-year-old girl on Facebook and came to Albuquerque from Denver, Colorado. The man was arrested for criminal sexual penetration as well as federal charges for crossing state lines to entice a child.
- On May 31, Officer Garcia was dispatched to assist in an auto burglary call at 98th Street and Central Avenue. A suspect took a purse from the victim's vehicle as she was loading groceries into her car. A license plate was obtained and Officer Garcia proceeded to the registered location. He located the vehicle, offender and purse. The offender was arrested for auto burglary.
- On May 4, Officer J. Carrasco began an operation in the area of 98th Street and Central Avenue to address traffic concerns in the area. Throughout the month, Officer J. Carrasco issued 88 moving citations and completed one DWI arrest. He accounted for 116 of his team's 279 citations for the month.
- On May 13, Officer C. Marquez radioed a suspicious male call at a Southwest location. Officer C. Marquez was able to determine the subject's identity and found he was on probation and under the influence of narcotics. He was subsequently arrested for violating his terms of his probation.
- On May 14, Officer H. Gunderson was dispatched to a southwest residence in response to a suicide call. The offender threw hot coffee on a child and then stabbed her brother when he attempted to take a knife away from her. She eventually stabbed herself in the leg two times before officers arrived. When officers arrived

they were able to subdue her without any further injury. The offender was charged with several felonies, including child abuse.

- On May 30, Officer Marquez, along with several other officers, were dispatched to a violent domestic dispute. Officers had been called out to the location two days prior on a similar call. During the first call, the suspect fled on foot and could not be located. During this call, the offender tried to flee. Sergeant Miller did an outstanding job of securing a perimeter and the offender was located hiding inside a home. He was taken into custody and booked on several domestic violence felony charges including kidnapping.
- On May 18, Southwest officers were dispatched to a residence to respond to call about a male subject who wanted to commit suicide by cop. The male was on the telephone with 911 and said that he was armed with a knife and that he was going outside to confront police officers because he wanted officers to shoot and kill him. The male started to walk around the neighborhood, armed with a large metal BBQ fork looking for officers who were staging a block away. Officer Eric Jojola was designated as the primary officer and managed the scene until field sergeants could arrive. Officer Jojola had already requested officers to deploy with less-lethal beanbag guns and tasers. Officer Jojola also requested that the staging area be set up in an area far enough away from the male subject. The distance gave officers the time and opportunity to prepare for a violent encounter. Officer S. Miller deployed to the scene with his department-issued beanbag gun. Officers A. Chavez, K. Lewandowski, F. Tafoya and J. Wolffbrandt were cover officers. The officers showed great restraint as the armed male tried to get the officers to use deadly force on him. Officer Miller fired his non-lethal beanbag at a safe distance, disarming the suspect without injury.

Northwest Area Command...

- Graveyard shift officers continued to conduct regular field briefings at high-volume calls for service locations as well as maintaining a high visibility for citizens who frequent these locations.
- Several tactical operations were conducted in response to speeding complaints received from citizens and the observations made by officers

during the regular course of their duties. The tactical operations yielded 168 citations, seven arrests (including three DWI arrests), and 65 parking citations.

- Watch I officers conducted a total of 117 tactical operations in May. During the tactical operations, two subjects were caught during an in-progress auto theft. The officers captured the subjects and then contacted the victim to advise him that his motorcycle had just been stolen.
- Day shift officers continued to operate multiple traffic tactical operations at intersections and stretches of road where numerous incidents and complaints arise from both citizens and data provided.
- Shift bicycle officers assisted with the Bosque Clean-up POP project on both the east and west side of the river. Officers and supervisors were tasked with locating and identifying itinerant camps and possible areas which could create a fire hazard or health problem.
- The Impact Team conducted a large operation with the U.S. Secret Service involving a stolen car ring, VIN switching operations and fraudulent checks ring. All of the suspects are corrections officers at the State Penitentiary in Los Lunas. Several thousand dollars in fraudulent checks and several stolen vehicles were recovered. The operation yielded one arrest and additional search warrants have generated additional charges and suspects.
- A related project involved a stolen vehicle that was associated with an identity theft ring (fraudulent titles, registrations, etc). The main offender was identified and MVD employees who supplied the authentic MVD titles are under investigation.
- Watch III officers have been highly productive. During one incident, officers followed up on a report of an adult providing alcohol to students at a local middle school. The suspect was identified and arrested for felony crimes.
- Watch III officers were able to attain information about a possible meth lab in the command. Officers conducted a thorough investigation and were able to assist West Side Narcotics detectives with the apprehension and dismantlement of the lab.

Northeast Area Command...

- On May 20, APD Narcotics performed a search warrant on a subject's residence and was able to find large quantities of narcotics. Officer

- C. Jacobson was then dispatched to a local business to assist in locating the subject of the investigation. Officer Jacobson was able to locate and detain the man who was found to have a felony warrant as well as possessing cocaine, marijuana, and Oxycodone. The man was arrested and transferred to the APD Narcotics office for further investigation.
- On May 24, officers J. Potter and M. Kindle were dispatched to a large local retailer in response to a robbery. During the incident, the unidentified victim left the scene prior to officer's arrival. Through investigation, officers Potter and Kindle were able to identify the suspect's vehicle that was parked in the retailer's lot. The vehicle was determined to be stolen and was found to contain illegal narcotics. Upon arrival, officers were able to take the offender into custody at a nearby motel due to the assistance of several motivated citizens. The offender was arrested because of the cooperation of the citizens, employees and the investigative skills of officers Potter and Kindle.
- On May 11, an officer from Team 2 was dispatched to a call for service regarding a disturbance. Upon arrival, the officer addressed a victim who had been shot in the leg. The officer asked where the shooting had occurred and the victim responded that he was directly in front of the residence. As the officer turned around, the offender exited the front door. The officer took the offender into custody. The victim was transported to the hospital for medical treatment. The suspect was interviewed at the scene by Northeast Impact detectives. The house was eventually cleared and a search warrant was successfully executed at the residence.
- On May 14, Detectives Hilger and Baker investigated a stabbing call. Initially, the offender was thought to be the victim in the case. Due to multiple interviews and canvassing of the scene, the detectives determined that the reported victim was actually the aggressor. On May 15, Detective Hilger wrote an arrest warrant for aggravated battery against a household member for the stabbing offender. The case also involved the offender's minor child. Detective Hilger worked closely with CYFD to locate and take the offender into custody.
- On May 19, Detective Carter responded to assist Foothills Area Command Officers on a bank

robbery call. After a short pursuit, Detective Carter assisted in taking the offender into custody.

- On May 20, Detective Roach was able to take an offender into custody on an attempted date-rape case. Detective Roach realized the defense attorney was attempting to get the offender released on his own recognizance. Detective Roach attended the arraignment and was able to help secure a \$75,000 cash-only bond for the offender.
- On May 25, Detective Hilger took responsibility for a case regarding a home invasion. He was able to take the offender into custody. The offender was the ex-boyfriend of the victim.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- Criminalistics responded to six call-outs in May.
- Field Investigation (FI) units are preparing to assume a 4-10 schedule that was developed to maximize resources when responding to property crimes. The schedule allows for a large overlap in shifts, which corresponds with the times that burglary calls are in abundance. The 4-10 schedule is only possible with the addition of six SRO units that join the FI units during the school summer vacation.
- Two members of the Firearms Unit have passed two separate written certification tests provided by the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE). The last step in this process is to pass a set of practical exams that will be taken in the next six months. The certification of forensic scientists is an important portion of each scientist's credentials and believability in court. It also raises the City's Crime Laboratory to a more prestigious level. One examiner is already certified in all three areas of expertise. Considering the rising need for forensic examination of firearms-related evidence and shooting scenes, this was a very important step for the individuals and the Lab as a whole.
- The Evidence Unit received 3,998 evidence items, duplicated 533 audio/video recordings and supported 46 pre-trial viewings. The Unit returned 207 items to owners, disposed 1,023 items and recovered \$2,521.81 from auction income. An additional 1,466 items have met final disposition processing requirements and are pending destruction court orders.

Communications Division...

- The APD 911 Communications Center staff

answered 68,399 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in May. There were 25,911 calls for 911 and 42,488 calls for 242-COPS. 911 operators answered 94.06% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 97.28% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).

- Many APD 911 Communications Center employees attended the annual APCO/NENA Training Conference in May. The training event provided a forum for employees to maintain their Department of Public Safety certification, allowed for an exchange of ideas among public safety employees throughout the state, and provided information about new and improved mapping technology.
- During the May Block Watch Captain's meeting, APD Call Center manager E. Wilson presented information on how to best assist 911 operators when calling 911, along with information on how 911 employees are hired and trained.
- A tour of the APD Call Center was provided to the Forensic Intervention Consortium, a group of mental health providers and consumers who work to improve collaboration.

Strategic Support Division...

- In May, there were 96 incidents submitted on the CONNECT web site by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity during the month; of these, 49 were from ARAPA partners; 17 were Hospitality Partners; 13 by FISOA partners; eight by CICA Partners; five by Pawn & Recycling Partners; one Apartment, and two by North I-25. Additionally, there were 29 Alert Update Comments to these postings, which were provided by personnel from the various partnerships.
- In May, 40 new registration requests were received for the month for the various areas contained in the CONNECT web site.
- In May, CONNECT had total of a total of 1,296 visitors in 30 days for an average of 43.2 visitors/day.
- The Hospitality Partnership met on May 27, 2011 at the Sheraton Uptown on Louisiana with 20 partners in attendance. APD also attended the GAIA board meeting on Thursday May 19, to discuss corporate policies that may hamper the sharing of information. The discussion was very

positive with GAIA members taking interest in continuing to build the partnership.

- On May 3rd, APD provided specific training (8 hour block) to personnel from Santa Fe, Moriarty, Taos, Los Alamos; Edgewood and law enforcement from northern Indian Pueblos on how the Hotel-Motel Interdiction program and how CONNECT provides the means to enhance LE investigations and communication between LE and hotel partners about criminal activity and suspicious behavior in the Hospitality industry.
- In May, the stopabqgang.org website had a total of 2,512 visitors in 30 days for an average of 83.733 visitors/day. During May, six tips were received via this website.
- The Crime Analysis Unit created 132 crime analysis bulletins/maps and 455 cyclical reports, maps and threshold alerts in May.

Professional Standards Division...

- Basic Training staff is reviewing all basic training curriculum and incorporating a mental health aspect to the training.
- The Advanced Training Unit will be the lead on the upcoming Police Service Aide Class and continues to supply advanced training opportunities to the Department. In addition, the Advanced Training Unit is in the process of completing Phase 1 2011 MOE.
- The Advanced Training Unit provided instruction to the 6th PTU class, in addition to scheduling basic surveillance, vice, hazardous device awareness, and active shooter classes. The Prisoner Transport Class is scheduled to graduate on June 3, 2011.
- Basic Training Unit staff conducted final evaluations on the progress of each cadet and assisted with the graduation of the 105th cadet class. The 105th Cadet Class graduated on May 20 and progressed to their on-the-job-training phase.
- The Recruiting and Selection Unit received 237 interest cards in May. The Unit conducted weekend testing May 21 and 22. One hundred thirty-five people signed up to test, with 41 actually testing and 19 receiving passing marks. The Unit has been actively recruiting and seating a PSA academy, and held several PSA boards this month for the June 6th academy start date.
- The Wellness Unit continued MOE/PT assessments, conducting 9 sessions in May for 351 officers.
- Westside Range staff conducted day/night

qualifications for 165 officers. The West Range hosted a Survival Body Armor demo at the west range on May 23.

Planning and Policy Division...

- Work began on developing a companion SharePoint site for the Department's Strategic Plan in order to facilitate frequent updating of each of the Department's strategies and objectives.
- The Planning Section coordinated and hosted the grand opening of the Michael R. King / Richard W. Smith Jr. Memorial Substation. The Mayor, Councilor Dan Lewis, the wives of the fallen officers and APD staff attended.
- Planning staff began preparations to connect utilities, communications and technology lines at the portable buildings from the Sixth Area Command at the APD Academy.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In May, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,751 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,470 prisoners and other agencies arrested 281 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 204 trips to MDC and accepted 62 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of April was \$41,556.

Support Services Division...

- Criminal Nuisance Abatement Unit (CNAU) housing officers utilized license plate reader technology on May 4 and 5 to read 1,158 license plates around Section 8 housing units. In May, CNAU posted five units as substandard and identified 14 problem properties.
- Court Services scheduled 157 pretrial hearings, prepared 149 officer prosecution cases, processed 505 arraignments, and sent 116 felony cases to the District Attorney's office.
- In May, the Telephone Reporting Unit saved 1,541 hours of work by officers in the field, which saved an estimated \$23,720. Residents used CopLogic to log 229 reports, which saved 595 hours, which saved an estimated \$9,160 saved.

Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Unit issued 2,232 citations in May.
- The DWI Unit arrested 171 people for driving

while intoxicated.

- The Seizure Unit confiscated 148 vehicles in May, totalling \$56,230.
- In May, the Traffic Unit made 10 felony arrests, 175 misdemeanor arrests and two DWI arrests. The Unit issued 1,950 moving citations, including 150 for cell phone use while driving. The Unit conducted 30 tactical plans in May that produced 132 citations.
- Between May 2-5, Air Support staff installed the newly overhauled engine turbine into Air 1. After the engine turbine was installed, many ground tests were performed, including an engine vibration check that was required by the manufacturer. Once ground runs were completed, flight testing began. All systems checked out and were within established limits.
- On May 6, Air 1 returned to regularly scheduled patrol for the first time in four months after a total engine overhaul / rebuild.
- On May 7, Air 1 responded to a request to assist on a call regarding several vehicles that were causing a disturbance near UNM. Upon arrival, Air 1 located one of the vehicles leaving the area. Air 1 followed the vehicle and directed police units to its location. Police units stopped the vehicle and found the driver to be DWI.

Special Operations Division...

- SWAT was not activated in May, but responded to 397 calls for service during the month. The team worked with State Police Tactical Team and conducted live fire exercises in the shoot house. Many different exercises were performed with the two teams working both together and separately.
- The K-9 Unit conducted 63 building searches, nine area searches and made five apprehensions.
- On May 5, the APD Bomb Squad responded to a field request at a southeast location in response to a suspicious briefcase that was left unattended against the windows of US Forest Service building. X-rays were taken of briefcase which determined that it was empty.
- On May 8, the APD Bomb Squad responded to a request from the Albuquerque Sunport. A Delta Airlines flight was diverted to Albuquerque for an emergency landing due to a napkin with "BOMB" written on it and left in the airplane bathroom. APD Bomb technicians swept all of the luggage and the interior of plane. Nothing suspicious was located.
- On May 23, the APD Bomb Squad was

requested to a northeast location in reference to unstable chemicals. APD Bomb technicians took possession of the chemicals, which were labeled as being over forty years old.

Investigations Bureau...

- In May, Eastside Narcotics made 34 felony arrests, wrote seven search warrants, executed nine search warrants, completed nine controlled buys and submitted 24 cases to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
- Westside Narcotics made 22 felony arrests, wrote eight search warrants, executed eight search warrants, completed nine controlled buys and submitted 18 cases to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
- Task Force officers conducted 310 wiretap hours, completed 12 felony arrests, wrote six search warrants, and executed nine search warrants. Task Force officers seized 71 grams of methamphetamine, 756 grams of cocaine, 1,368 grams of heroin and seized \$120,400 in cash.
- In May, the APD Vice Unit conducted Operation "Curb Side", targeting street-level prostitution and its connection to illegal narcotic sales and use. The operation generated 11 new felony investigations and 13 new misdemeanor cases. The Vice Unit continued an investigation into an online escort service. The website was responsible for organizing and promoting prostitution within New Mexico. The Unit served search warrants on various web domains in an effort to identify the person(s) responsible for the violations. The case is extensive and the Unit has over 700 counts of promoting prostitution.
- On May 16, the Gang Unit located and a Southside Loco gang member who had a kidnapping felony warrant and two misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. He was also in possession of methamphetamine when he was arrested. On the same day, the Gang Unit arrested a Los Padillas gang member who had felony warrants for his arrest (aggravated assault with deadly weapon, child abuse, residential burglary, and probation violations). The gang member also rammed his vehicle into detective's undercover vehicles in attempt to flee. He was also charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer with a deadly weapon, aggravated eluding and possession of methamphetamine.
- On May 18, the Gang Unit arrested a Westside Loco gang member for probation violation

- warrants. On the same day, the Gang Unit arrested another Westside Loco gang member after executing a search warrant. The gang member had one felony warrant and a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest.
- In May 2010, a homicide occurred at John Adams Middle School. Homicide detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Oscar Orejel, a Sureno 13 gang member as the prime suspect. Gang Unit detectives maintained contact with his family after learning Orejel had fled to Mexico. Gang detectives established a telephone communication with Orejel and were able to talk Orejel into turning himself in. Gang detectives, with the assistance of Border Patrol and NM State Police went to Santa Theresa, where Orejel walked across the border to waiting officers. Gang detectives then transported him back to Albuquerque where he was booked on an open count of murder.
 - On May 3, the ROP Unit conducted surveillance on a wanted fugitive. An individual fitting the description of the fugitive was observed leaving the area of San Pedro and Montgomery NE. ROP Unit detectives attempted to have field officers stop the vehicle in the area of Tramway and I-40, at which time the fugitive fled at a high rate of speed. Mares was later taken into custody on I-40 east of Moriarty by Tarrant County deputies. The fugitive was in possession of a stolen Nissan Titan pickup. A second stolen vehicle was located in the area of San Pedro and Montgomery that was linked to the man. The vehicle was recovered and found to be filled with numerous items taken from recent auto burglaries. ROP detectives returned property to approximately 15 victims of the auto burglaries.
 - On May 5-6, the ROP Unit conducted a surveillance class at the Academy, training 16 students. The training included foot, vehicle and electronic surveillance techniques.
 - On May 19, the ROP Unit responded to several bank robberies in the Juan Tabo and Candelaria area. A female entered three banks along Juan Tabo and demanded money utilizing a note. The woman's vehicle was seen leaving the area of one of the banks. A short pursuit took place with field officers and a PIT maneuver was utilized to stop the woman. She was taken into custody by field officers and ROP detectives. The Bomb Squad was called out as two suspicious devices were located in the vehicle. They were rendered safe. The woman was turned over to the FBI.
 - On May 23 and May 25, ROP detectives arrested two individuals wanted for homicide. They were wanted for a homicide that occurred on May 11, 2011.
 - On May 27, ROP detectives conducted surveillance in the area of Moon and Menaul NE in reference to a fugitive. The fugitive was wanted in Arizona on narcotics-related charges. The man was observed as a passenger in a vehicle. ROP collaborated with SWAT to stop the vehicle. The fugitive was arrested on his outstanding warrants. A second man was also arrested in the vehicle for outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

Trend Analysts





