



BUENA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On 12-6-15 Buena Park Police Officers responded to 7142 Orangethorpe Avenue for a vandalism call. During the investigation, officers identified and spoke to a possible suspect. The suspect admitted to using spray paint to mark the walls with gang graffiti. The reporting party did not desire prosecution with the agreement that the suspect would clean the graffiti.

Later that evening, Officers responded to the neighboring location, 7122 Orangethorpe Ave., Sikh Temple, for a vandalism report. They discovered that a wall in the temple parking lot had been vandalized with gang-style graffiti, which resembled the same graffiti at the neighboring location. A tractor trailer that had been parked in the lot overnight had also been vandalized with graffiti, but left the scene prior to police arrival. The tractor trailer bore the phrase "(expletive) ISIS". The identity of the driver is unknown at this time. Buena Park Detectives determined this could be construed as a possible hate crime.

On 12-9-15 Detectives spoke to 20 year old Brodie Durazo of Buena Park, the admitted perpetrator of the prior graffiti incident at 7142 Orangethorpe Ave. Durazo told Detectives that he had committed the vandalism on both the temple property and the tractor trailer when he committed the vandalism next door.

Durazo was arrested for vandalism at a place of worship (594.3(a)). The case will be forwarded to the Orange County District Attorney's Office for review for possible additional violations.

The Buena Park Police Department understands the sensitive nature of crimes like this and is providing extra police patrols and attention to the Sikh Temple, out of an abundance of caution.