

CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

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Subject: (UPDATE: ARREST MADE) GRAFFITI AND VEHICLE DAMAGE IN CHULA VISTA

NEIGHBORHOOD - AREA OF SECOND AVENUE AND F STREET

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (UPDATES BELOW)

On May 27th and 28th, 2023, the Chula Vista Police Department received several calls of vandalism in the area of Second Avenue and F Street (Chula Vista). One of the reports involved a subject caught on video standing on a vehicle's hood and damaging the windshield. The subject in the video was obscured but described as having a thin build with shoulder-length hair and a dark hoodie. At this time, gender and age are undetermined.

Several other residents in the area reported vandalism in the form of drawings and words spray-painted in a light blue color on areas such as walls, sidewalks, and vehicles. Police are still evaluating if the suspect responsible for the graffiti is the same person who caused the windshield damage.

Investigators responded to the area to follow up and check for evidence. In addition to the reported vandalism, several swastikas were also seen, which had been spray painted in the same manner as the mentioned drawings and words. Police are still actively investigating the incidents and hoping for more information from the community.

During the investigation, authorities learned of postings on various social media platforms related to the case. Some of the information led to finding additional graffiti in the area. Based on these public postings, investigators believe there are other residents in the area who have yet to report being a victim. Anyone who was a victim of these crimes is asked to contact the Chula Vista Police Department to report the crime at (619) 691-5151.

If you have additional information, contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or submit a tip via P3tips (online or mobile application) http://p3tips.com/409 to remain anonymous. You can utilize this method to alert detectives if you have video or any kind of evidence to provide.

<u>IMAGES SHOWING SUSPECT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGING WINDSHIELD:</u>



***UPDATE JUNE 8, 2023 ***

On June 7, 2023, the Chula Vista Police Department arrested the person responsible for the vandalisms (including all incidents of window smashes and graffiti) in the area of Second Avenue and F Street. This is all thanks to the help of the community through multiple Crime Stoppers tips. Based on the investigation, investigators determined that this series was not a hate crime, and there are no other outstanding suspects. The person arrested was a juvenile, and therefore we are unable to release any further information.

*Weekend and after-hour inquiries should be directed to the Watch Commander at (619) 476-5374, however no other information is available for release at the time of this media advisory distribution.

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