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Subject : PROSTITUTION AND MESSAGE RELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITY TARGETED
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Over the weekend of May 14, 2005, the Inglewood Police Department conducted a series of operations addressing street level prostitution and massage-related business activity. As a result of these operations, Inglewood officers arrested a total of forty-five individuals for a variety of crimes, including solicitation of prostitution, outstanding warrants and licensing violations.

The following individuals were arrested for solicitation of prostitution:

- 1) Aguyao, Manny Male Hispanic, 23 yrs Lawndale
- 2) Awni, Ryan Male White, 39 yrs Winnetka
- 3) Batimana, Richard Male Asian, 20 yrs Inglewood
- 4) De Laluz, Pedro Male Hispanic, 23 yrs Culver City
- 5) Estrada, Silvo Male Hispanic, 33 yrs Los Angeles
- 6) Ferrari, Victor Male Hispanic, 19 yrs Inglewood
- 7) Hassan, Hagi Male Middle-Eastern, 31 yrs Kansas City, MO
- 8) Hatcher, Raymond Male White, 47 yrs Lawndale
- 9) Hajar, Alfredo Male Hispanic, 23 yrs Culver City
- 10) Johnson, Junius Male Black, 20 yrs Inglewood
- 11) Lopez, Luis Male Hispanic, 22 yrs Los Angeles
- 12) Martin, Juan Male Hispanic, 24 yrs Inglewood
- 13) Morgan, David Male Hispanic, 27 yrs Los Angeles
- 14) Nino, Aldhonso Male Hispanic, 20 yrs Los Angeles
- 15) Pantoja, Sergio Male Hispanic, 20 yrs Los Angeles
- 16) Polanco, Gustavo Male Hispanic, 36 yrs Los Angeles
- 17) Ramos, Walter Male Hispanic, 27 yrs Phoenix, AZ
- 18) Rodriguez, Andres Male Hispanic, 21 yrs Compton
- 19) Rios, Luis Male Hispanic, 29 yrs Hawthorne
- 20) Ryan, Ronald Male White, 37 yrs Bakersfield
- 21) Sanchez, Juan Male Hispanic, 38 yrs Inglewood
- 22) Silva, Mailton Male Hispanic, 37 yrs New York, NY

23) Smart, Tony Male Black, 41 yrs Los Angeles

24) Velasquo, Raul Male Hispanic, 21 yrs Whittier

The following massage-related businesses were the subject of the inspections:

1. La Paz Tanning Spa (327 West Manchester Boulevard)
2. 601Spa (601 West Manchester Boulevard)
3. Star Therapy (400 South La Brea Avenue)
4. Nova Dreams (2709 West Manchester Boulevard)
5. Oriental Health (405 West Manchester Boulevard)
6. Royal Therapy (401 South La Brea Avenue)

The Inglewood Police Department will remain aggressive in dealing with these types of crimes by intensifying its enforcement operations. City policy dictates that persons arrested for prostitution violations, will be prosecuted, their names will be provided to the media and their vehicles will be subject to forfeiture.

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