

On 4/30/04 Hate Graffiti was discovered on a news stand located near the bus stop on Covell Blvd., just west of Sycamore Ln. The messages were written in black felt type marker pen, and were derogatory, anti-homosexual in nature. The news stand vandalized belonged to Sacramento News and Review. In addition to vandalizing the exterior of the news stand, the suspect removed Sacramento News and Review newspapers from inside the stand and wrote homosexual epithets on each of them.

The news stand was processed for evidence, removed from this location and returned to an employee of the Sacramento News and Review. Evidence collected from the scene is being processed and there are currently no suspects identified in this case.

This case is classified as vandalism and a hate incident.

Hate Incident Summary:

On 6/30/04, approximately 25 minutes after midnight, an adult male resident in the 1100 block of Olive Drive exited his home because he heard screaming outside. When he got outside he saw 10 to 15 subjects on Olive Drive, near Hickory Lane. The subjects were not fighting, just yelling. The resident approached the group to discuss the noise issue and was immediately assaulted with anti-white slurs. After several insults from these subjects the resident returned to his home and when they continued to be loud he called the police. The group was gone upon arrival of the Davis police officer.

The victim in this case described the offending subjects as follows:

- 1) Black male adult (dark skin), 6'4", 250 lbs., with short curly hair, wearing tan shorts and beige or brown shirt.
- 2) Black male adult (light skin), 5'8", 160 lbs., with shoulder length straight hair, unknown clothing.

Hate Crime Summary:

September 24, 2004

September 24, 2004 at approximately 1:50 am, a 24 year old male was leaving the Cantina Bar when we was attacked by a male suspect, Eric Lawson. Lawson had just walked out of Froggy's bar. Lawson approached the victim, calling him a "fag" and making statements that indicated Lawson believed the victim "hit on him" while inside Froggy's earlier in the evening. During the attack the victim was knocked unconscious and suffered a broken nose. The victim was transported to Sutter Davis Hospital by ambulance.

Davis Police investigation revealed that Lawson had been involved in an earlier altercation inside of Froggy's, wherein Lawson accused a male subject of being gay and "hitting on him". This subject was not the victim in this case, but did resemble him in general physical description. The attack on the victim was apparently due to mistaken identity, and motivated by his belief that the victim was homosexual.

The suspect, a 23 year old UCD Student and Davis resident, was arrested at the scene for Aggravated Battery and a Felony Hate Crime Enhancement. He was lodged at the Yolo County Jail.

Hate Crime Summary:

October 8, 2004

On October 8, 2004 a male juvenile student at King High School became angry over classroom discussion regarding same sex marriages. The student made several derogatory and hateful statements regarding homosexuals, directed at the female victim who is a teacher at the school. The student additionally made threatening statements and eventually threw a pencil at the victim.

This incident was not reported to the Police Department until October 12, 2004 and the juvenile suspect was arrested on October 13, 2004.

The juvenile suspect was arrested for Assault and a Hate Crime enhancement. He was released on a citation.

Hate Crime Summary:

October 24, 2004

On October 24, 2004 a male suspect entered a business in the 100 block of B Street and attempted to buy cigarettes without proper identification. When the store clerk refused to sell cigarettes to the suspect without identification the suspect became irate. The suspect began to make statements regarding the clerk's national origin and another customer attempted to intervene and clam the suspect down. The suspect turned on the customer, threatening to shoot him and kicking his vehicle.

The suspect, 20 year old Davis resident Adam Gunther, was arrested for making Terrorist Threats, Public Disturbance, Attempted Vandalism, Drunk in Public and the Hate Crime Enhancement.

Hate Crime Summary

12/07/04

On the morning of 12/07/04 Davis High School staff arrived at the high school campus , 314 W. 14th St., to find Graffiti written on the exterior walls of three wing buildings. The graffiti consisted of profanity directed at the school and its staff, as well as the use of the slang word “nigger” which was specifically directed at a staff member who is African American.

This case is currently under investigation, but remains unsolved.