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HATE CRIMES UNIT

2014 Patterns and Trends Analysis



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INTRODUCTION

The Suffolk County Police Department Hate Crimes Unit is responsible to analyze hate crimes and hate incidents to identify patterns or trends that may be occurring within the Police District. To aid this analysis the Hate Crimes Unit maintains a database that contains the following information:

- DCJS: Specified Hate Offenses as per section 485.05 of the New York State Penal Law. These incidents are reported monthly to DCJS.
- Hate Incidents: Offenses that are not defined as Specified Hate Offenses but appear to be based on a belief that the victim is a member of a protected class.
- Other: Incidents listed as "Possible Hate Offenses" on the Communications Section log that are determined to not be a hate offense or a hate incident. Members of the Hate Crimes Unit review the Communications Section Log on a daily basis to ensure the incidents on the log are classified properly.

MAPPING

The Hate Crimes Unit reviews the database in real time for the existence of any patterns or trends that indicate hate crimes or hate incidents may be occurring wherein the victim(s) had been targeted as a member of a protected class. The analysis will also seek to identify clusters of incidents in a geographic area. A map is prepared on a monthly basis based on the information in the database. Hate Crimes are identified by red dots. Hate Incidents are identified by blue dots. Other incidents are identified by orange dots. (Attachment 1.) The data included in the data base consists of; central complaint number, date of occurrence, address of occurrence, Penal Law Name and Section(if applicable), bias motivation, latitude and longitude, precinct of occurrence, the victim(s) and offender(s) sex, age, race, and ethnicity if known and proper category(DCJS, Hate Incident, Other).(Attachment 2-5.)

If a pattern or trend is detected by Hate Crimes personnel, notifications will be made to the Commanding Officer of the Special Victims Section, the Office of the Chief of Detectives and the Commanding Officer of the precinct of occurrence.

CASE REVIEW

The undersigned has reviewed the Hate Crimes Unit database, the Hate Crimes map and interviewed personnel assigned to the Hate Crimes Unit. The results of that analysis have been documented in previous internal correspondence submitted on 2/11/14(Attachment 6), 4/4/14(Attachment 7), 6/19/14(Attachment 8), 10/6/14(Attachment 9), and 10/28/14 (Attachment 10). A possible hate crime pattern was investigated under Central Complaint # 14-178475 and will be discussed below in further detail.

The internal correspondence submitted on 6/19/14 refers to two incidents that occurred in the Sixth Precinct area. A third incident of Aggravated Harassment 1st occurred on 5/26/14 in the same area. Hate Crimes personnel conducted surveillance and interviewed residents in the areas of occurrence in order to identify the person(s) responsible. The Commanding Officer of the Sixth Precinct and the Sixth Precinct Crime Section and Gang Unit were notified of these incidents. The Crime Section and Gang Unit were unaware of any similar incidents or suspects. No additional incidents have occurred in this area since May 26, 2014.

On March 27, 2014 the undersigned was notified of a supplementary report written by Police Officer Burgos of the Fifth Precinct. Officer Burgos wrote that while dispersing a large group on Main Street , Patchogue he was informed by males in that group that Hispanic males were being assaulted in the area by black high school age males over the past three month period. Only one male, [REDACTED], was willing to provide his name to Officer Burgos. Mr. [REDACTED] had an active case for assault 3 which occurred on March 6, 2014 and was being investigated by the Fifth Precinct Crime Section. As a result of this supplementary report the undersigned contacted Criminal Intelligence, the Executive Officer of the Fifth Precinct, the Fifth Precinct Field Intelligence Officer and the Fifth Precinct Crime Section. No patterns have been detected that reflect the information reported by Officer Burgos. On March 28, 2014 the undersigned, Detectives Shulder and Mosby from Hate Crimes and Police Officer Hannefy and Faby from the Fifth Precinct Crime Section

responded to Main Street in Patchogue and met with Officer Burgos. Additionally the above personnel responded to 7-11 at 272 East Main Street, Cuscatlan Bar 290 East Main Street and the 123 Deli at 123 Medford Avenue in Patchogue. Any persons present at the locations were interviewed. No victims were located. The assigned personnel posted signs, written in Spanish, which directed victims of crimes or persons with information on crimes to contact the police via 911, Crime Stoppers or text. The signs also state that Spanish speaking personnel are available to receive the calls. (Attachment 11) The signs were also posted at the Shirley Public Library and the Patchogue-Medford Public Library. The undersigned also attended two citizenship classes at the Patchogue-Medford Library with Police Officer Bustamante, Fifth Precinct COPE. The persons in attendance were advised in English and Spanish how to report crimes to the police. On May 4, 2014 two black male teenagers were arrested for the attempted robbery of a person in Patchogue. The undersigned spoke with Detective Paladino who was the assigned investigator. He stated he was aware of Officer Burgos supplementary report, that there was no known hate motive in this incident and that there were currently no similar investigations in the Fifth Precinct. Police Officer Hannefy prepared photo spreads of the arrestees from the attempted robbery incident and showed them to [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] positively identified these individuals as the male who assaulted him on March 6, 2014. The defendants were subsequently charged with assault 3. The undersigned notified the Deputy Bureau Chief of the District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Bureau regarding these defendants. No incidents were reported or discovered that indicate a pattern relating to victims being targeted as members of a protected class. The robbery and assault investigation were investigated and determined to not be based on the perception of the victim being part of a protected class. Both incidents were cleared by arrest.

A hate incident pattern emerged in Suffolk County beginning in July 25, 2014. On that date Detective Lieutenant Hernandez was notified by Detective Sergeant Todd Bennet of the Southampton Town Police Department that unknown persons had distributed KKK recruitment flyers in the Hampton bays area. The flyers promoted The Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. No criminal acts had occurred in connection with the flyers. Detective Mosby, of the Hate Crimes Unit, was notified on August 22, 2014 by Detective Sergeant Bennet of additional KKK flyers in Southampton Town. No criminal acts were connected to the distribution of these flyers. The Hate Crimes Unit was not requested to assist

Southampton Town in any of these incidents. A copy of the flyer was supplied to the Hate Crimes Unit. The flyer has no local contact information. It contains a North Carolina post office box and phone number. This flyer appears designed as an application to join the Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

On September 7, 2014 the undersigned was notified by Sergeant Paolicelli, First Precinct Patrol, that KKK flyers had been distributed on Mason Avenue, Babylon. Detective Mosby responded to Mason Avenue, Florence Court and connecting streets in the Babylon area. These KKK flyers were found within plastic bags at the base of driveways. The bags contained a small amount of rice. These flyers make a reference to supporting Missouri Police and contain the same phone number on the previous flyer and a web site. The flyers do not contain any local contact information. Area residents were interviewed. No criminal acts were connected to these flyers and no witnesses to the distribution were located. Later on the same day the undersigned was notified of KKK flyers in the Shirley area.

The undersigned and Detective Mosby responded to the area of Musket Drive, Cypress Drive and Happy Acres Drive. With the assistance of officers from the Seventh Precinct the area was checked for additional flyers. Additional flyers were located in the streets near driveways or on front lawns. No witnesses to the distribution were located and no criminal acts are connected to the distribution of these flyers. These same flyers also appeared in Southampton Town Police jurisdiction on September 7, 2014. The Babylon and Shirley areas were re-canvassed by Hate Crimes personnel on September 8, 2014. No additional flyers were discovered and no witnesses to the distribution were located. The undersigned notified the Commanding Officers of the First and Seventh Precinct of the distribution of these flyers and the Command Staff of the Police Department. Additionally, a press notification was released requesting any persons who received KKK flyers to contact the Hate Crimes Unit. This press release was reported by Newsday, News12 and other media outlets. No notifications were received after this press release. The undersigned contacted local representatives of the NAACP by phone and email to notify them of the distribution of these flyers. The undersigned also spoke to The Suffolk County Human Rights Commission, The Islip Anti-Bias Task Force and the Islip Chapter of the NAACP.

The same flyers appeared in the Medford area on 9/17/14 on Southaven Drive and adjoining streets. No criminal acts were connected to these flyers and no witnesses to the distribution were located. The undersigned was notified by Lieutenant Shapiro of the Nassau County Police Department who reported the same KKK flyers had been distributed in Wantagh and Rockville Centre.

The KKK flyers were distributed again in Southampton Town Police jurisdiction on September 22, 2014. Detective Sergeant Bennet notified the undersigned that a local resident had taken responsibility for distributing the initial flyers in the Southampton area but was not responsible for the flyers that make reference to supporting the Missouri Police.

On November 9, 2014 flyers appeared again in the Port Jefferson and Patchogue areas. Detectives from the Hate Crimes Unit conducted canvasses on November 9th and 10th in the areas where the flyers were found. These flyers were again in plastic bags and had rice, beans or pasta in the bags to provide weight to aid in throwing. One homeowner believes he saw a dark colored car distributing the flyers at approximately 0200. No crimes were discovered in canvasses of the areas where distribution occurred. On November 11th Detectives responded to Hampton Bays and interviewed the subject previously identified by Southampton Police. This subject identifies himself as a "white nationalist" and stated he knew of approximately 100 active members of the Loyal White Knights, he has attended rallies in Allentown, Pennsylvania and had distributed flyers in August but is not responsible for the latest distribution. A review of the website for the Loyal White Knights indicates the distribution of flyers is mandatory for "Probate" members in order to get new members to join the Klan. Members of the Hate Crimes Unit will continue to investigate the distribution of flyers related to the Ku Klux Klan, Loyal White Knights or similar groups to determine if any criminal incidents are connected to the distribution of the flyers, the group or its members.

A new pattern emerged in October. On October 21st, 27th and 30th Hate Crimes detectives responded to 32 Bond Street, West Babylon. The complainant reported that an unknown person or a possibly a prior house guest broke windows, knocked over lawn decorations and wrote racist comments on the front deck railing and front door of her residence. As part of the investigation the complainant's family, neighbors and the prior house guest were interviewed. No witnesses were located and the prior

house guest had alibi witnesses as to his location at the time of the incidents. A patrol check was added for the location and a Mobile Data Computer message was sent to First Precinct Patrol. Additionally a camera was installed to monitor the residence. Detectives were able to determine that the person committing the acts came from inside the residence. Subsequently a resident of the home was re-interviewed and admitted responsibility for the incidents. His family did not wish to have him arrested for any of the damage to the residence. Hate Crimes detectives did arrest the subject for Falsely Reporting An Incident. The incidents that were originally classified as Criminal Mischief Fourth as a Hate Crime were reclassified to Making Graffiti. This reclassification is based on the arrestee's motivation which did not involve the victims being part of a protected class.

The Hate Crimes Unit is currently investigating multiple incidents of Criminal Mischief within William Floyd High School. (attachment 10) Additional incidents were reported on November 3rd and 5th. These incidents involve graffiti in a boys' bathroom and damage to a window sill. Detectives from the Hate Crimes Unit are working with school administrators, staff, security and the Seventh Precinct School Resource Officer to identify suspects. These investigations are active at this time.

CONCLUSION

The continuing review of the Hate Crimes data base reveals the majority of incidents are labeled as "other". Many of these incidents involve the use of distasteful or hurtful language in interactions between neighbors, store owners and customers, or motorists. These incidents did not involve any criminal offense and are not motivated by the perception or belief of a person being the member of a protected class.

Members of the Hate Crimes Unit will continue to analyze the Hate Crimes database and mapping program to identify any patterns or trends. All hate crimes and hate incidents, whether part of a pattern or trend or an isolated incident, will be thoroughly investigated to identify and properly charge the perpetrators. Hate Crimes will utilize the full resources of the Department including Precinct Cope Officers, Community Liaison Officers, Field Intelligence Officers and School Resource Officers to aid the investigations. Victims will also be referred to counseling and advocacy groups to assist in their recovery.

/s/

Detective Sergeant James Brierton
Commanding Officer
Hate Crimes Unit

Attachment 1

Hate Crime Map color coding explanation

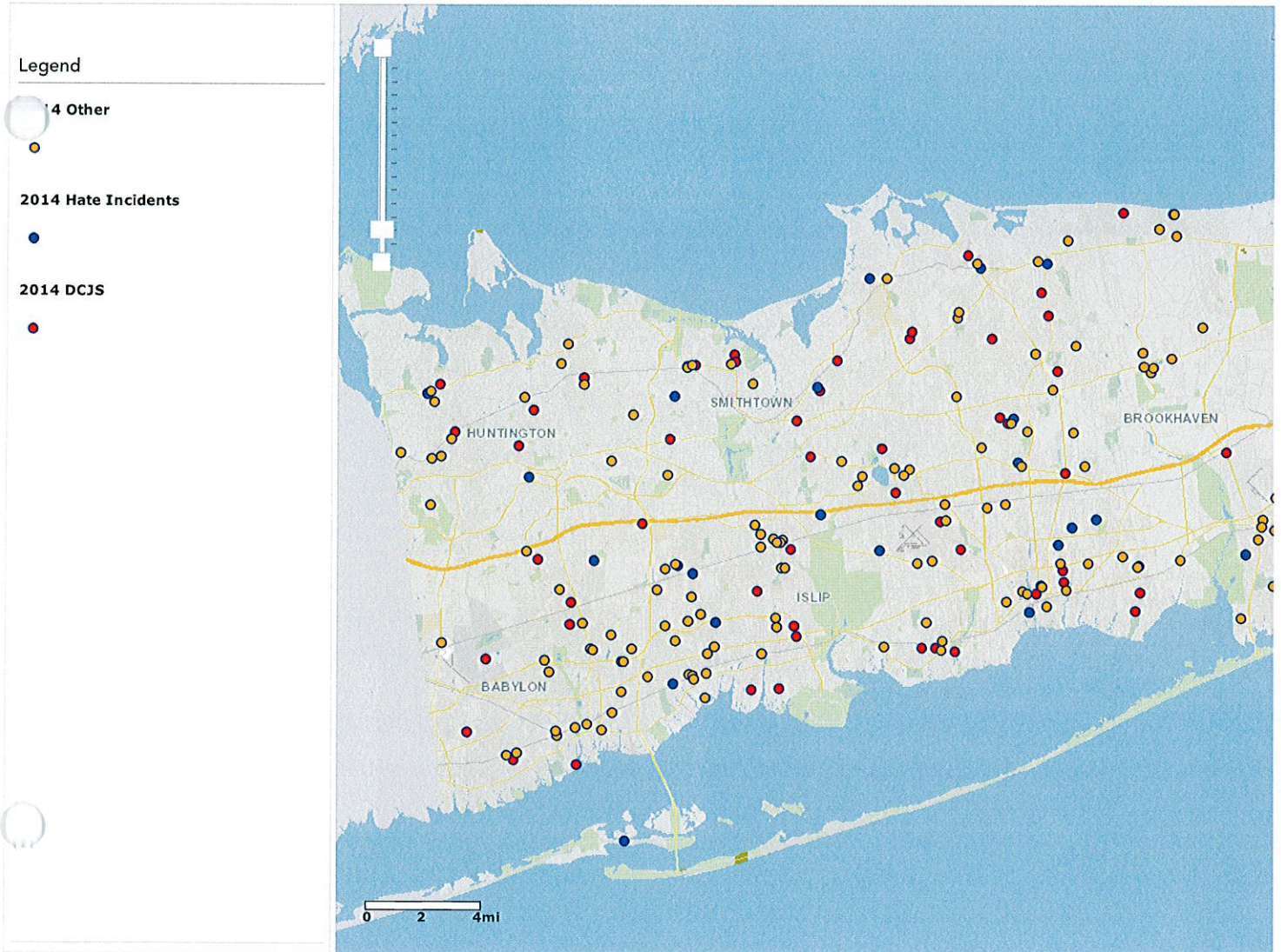
-Red: Indicates incidents that are defined as Hate Crimes according to section 485.05 of the Penal Law. These incidents are reported monthly to NYS DCJS.

-Blue: Indicates incidents reported as Hate incidents according to Suffolk County Police Department Rules and Procedures. These are offenses that have a hate element but are not listed in section 485.05 of the Penal law as a Hate Crime.

-Orange: indicates non hate offenses or hate incidents. These are incidents that are received in the Communications Section (911) as Possible Hate Offenses and are listed in the Communications Section log. A patrol officer and patrol supervisor responded to these incidents and determined no hate offense occurred. The Hate Crimes Unit is not notified of these incidents. As of 2/1/14 Hate Crimes personnel review the Communications Section log to determine if a hate offense or hate incident may have occurred. The field or incident report is reviewed and if necessary the reporting officer or complainant will be re-contacted for further information.

2014 YTD Hate Crimes Unit Map (1/1/14 - 9/30/14)

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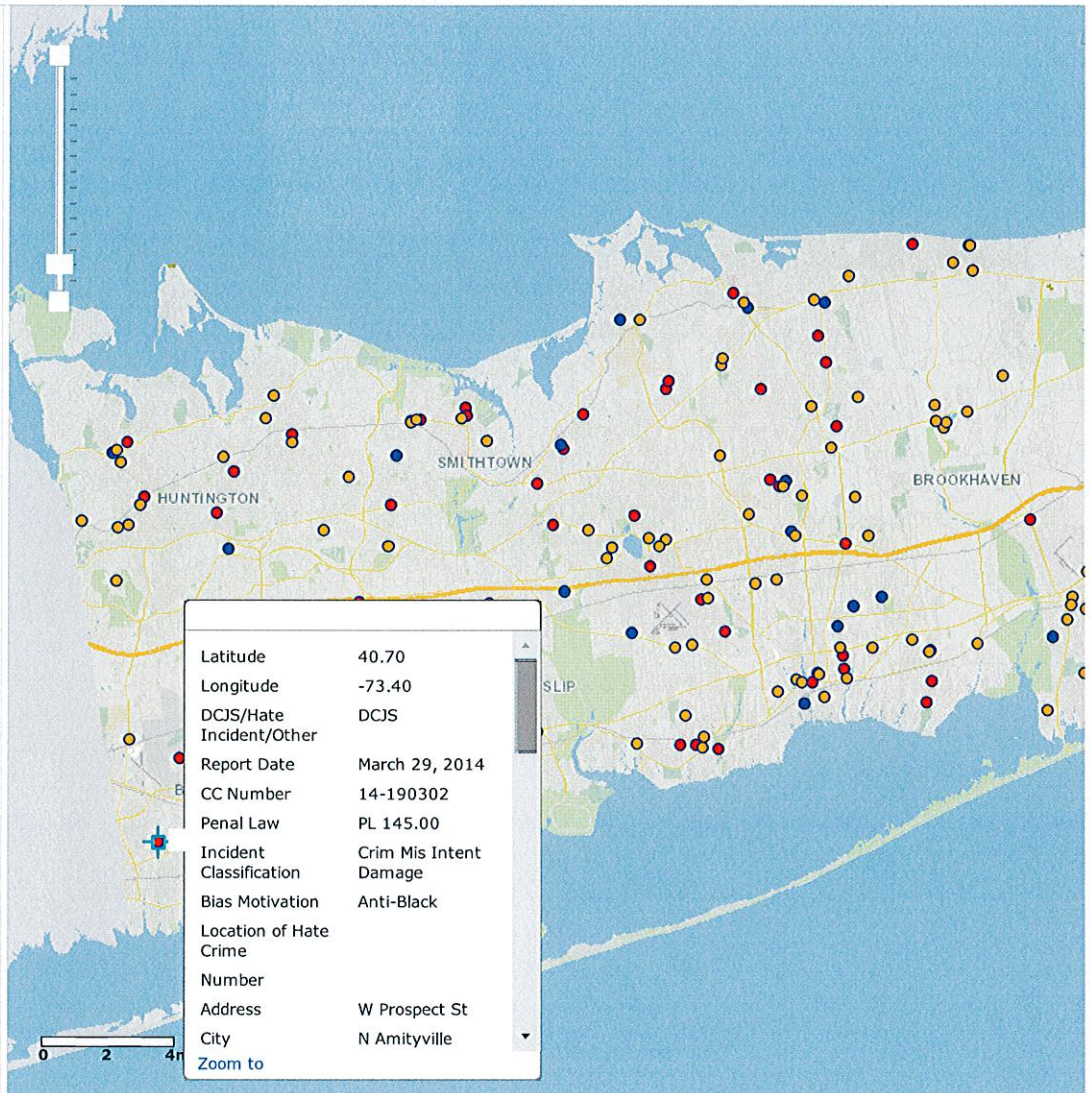
Attachment #2.

HOME 2014 YTD Hate Crimes Unit Map (1/1/14 - 9/30/14)

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- 2014 Hate Incidents
- 2014 DCJS



Attachment #3.

HOME 2014 YTD Hate Crimes Unit Map (1/1/14 - 9/30/14)

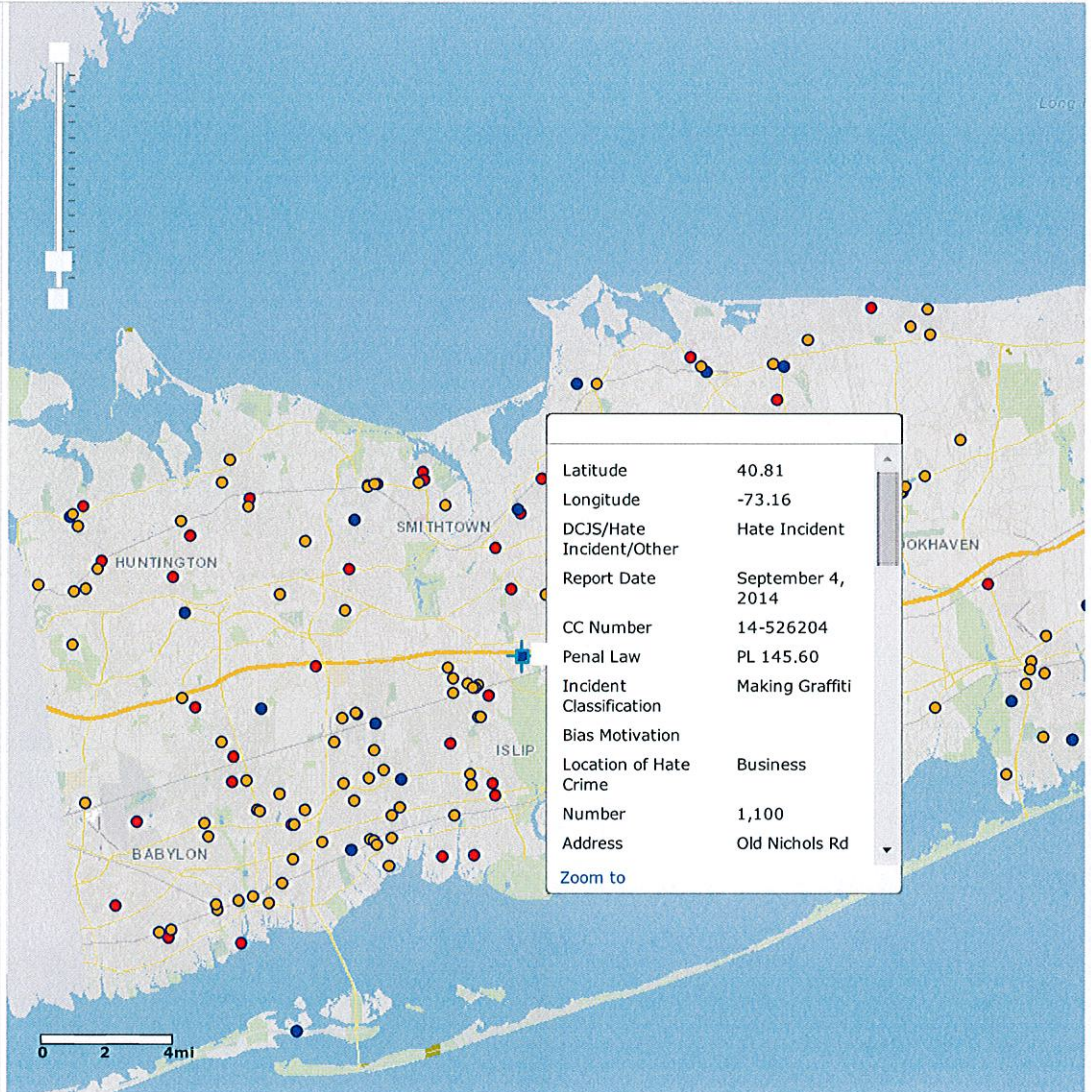
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4 Other

2014 Hate Incidents

2014 DCJS



Attachment #4

HOME 2014 YTD Hate Crimes Unit Map (1/1/14 - 9/30/14)

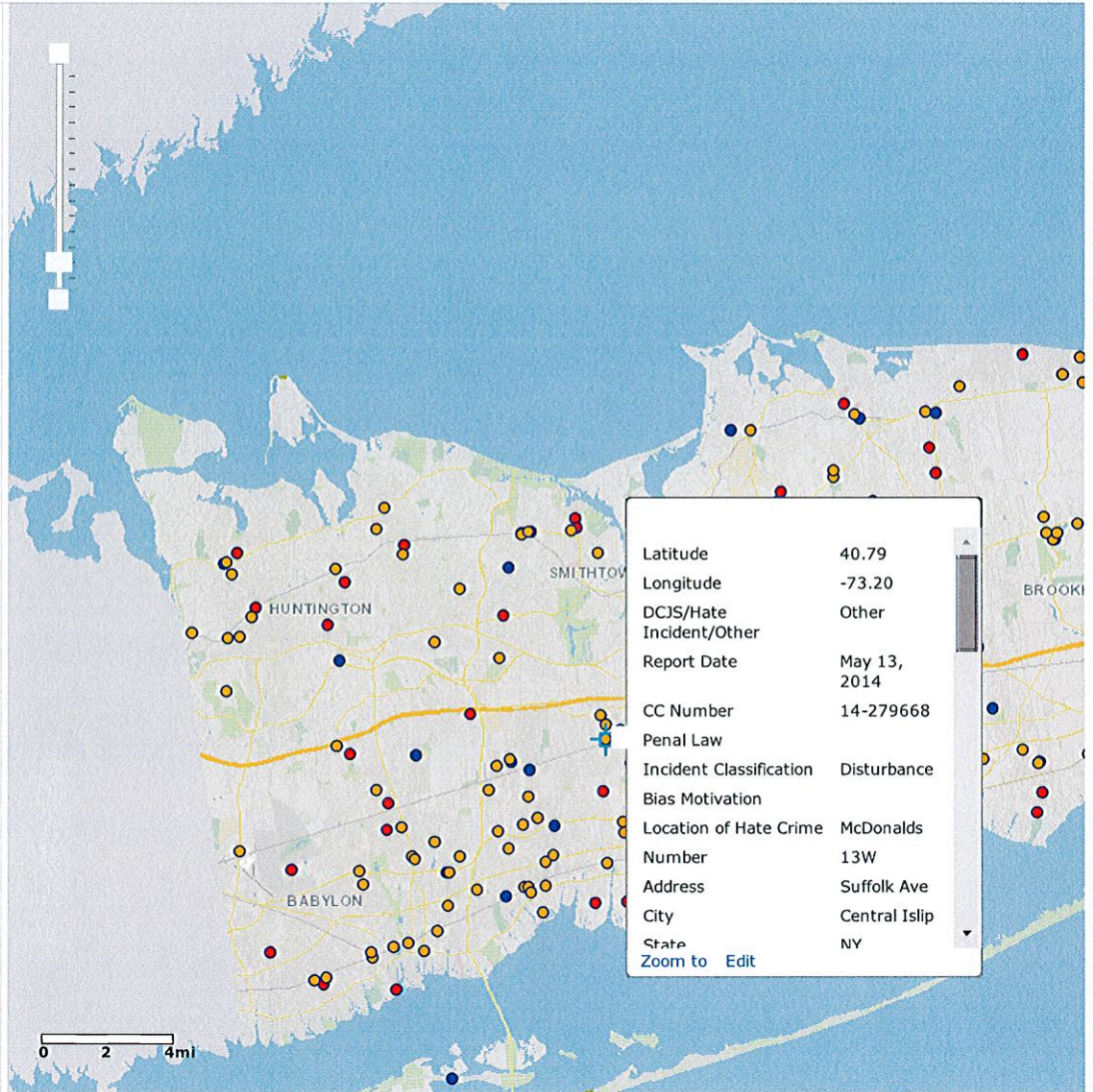
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2014 Hate Incidents

2014 DCJS



Attachment #5

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK

INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: D/Lt. Stephen Hernandez
Commanding Officer, Special Victims
FROM: D/Sgt. James Brierton #610/3321
Hate Crimes
SUBJECT: Hate Crime Patterns
DATE: 2/11/14
COPY TO: As needed

In order to identify any patterns of hate crimes in Suffolk County the undersigned reviewed the Hate Crimes mapping system for 2013. No patterns are identifiable on the mapping system. The map does display some grouping of incidents. A review of these grouped incidents reveals the incidents occurred in the same locations, public schools, on different dates and times throughout the year. The incidents are mainly criminal mischief within bathrooms or on exterior walls of the school.

The undersigned also interviewed the detectives assigned to the Hate Crimes Unit. None of the assigned personnel were aware of any hate crimes patterns.

In December of 2013 the Hate Crimes Unit was contacted by the Second Squad. A possible crime pattern was discovered by Second Squad Detectives in which males of Spanish heritage were victims of robberies committed by black males. No hate language or other motivation had been determined to classify the incidents as hate crimes. Further investigation by the Second Squad identified five black males who targeted the victims because of the victim's ethnicity. Hate Crimes was notified and assisted in the apprehension and processing of the arrestees under the following Central Complaint numbers: 2013-715764, 2013-715827, 2013-715905 and 2013-727023.

Respectfully submitted,

James Brierton D/Sgt. 610/3321

Attachment #6

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK

INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: D/Lt. Stephen Hernandez
Commanding Officer, Special Victims
DATE: 4/4/14
FROM: D/Sgt. James Brierton #610/3321
Hate Crimes
COPY TO: As needed
SUBJECT: Hate Crime Patterns

In order to identify any patterns of hate crimes in Suffolk County the undersigned reviewed the Hate Crimes mapping system for January and February 2013. The mapping system was temporarily inaccessible due to a software change in the GIS Portal which delayed the submission of this report. While the GIS Portal was being updated the undersigned reviewed Hate Crimes tour reports and case files. No patterns are identifiable on the mapping system or in tour reports and case files.

The Hate Crimes Unit has responded to two incidents at the East Islip Middle School and one incident at the East Islip High School in 2014. The Middle School incidents were a report of Criminal Mischief 4 as a Hate Crime on 2/10/14 under Central Complaint# 14-101146 and a report of Aggravated Harassment 1st (swastika) on 3/17/14 under Central Complaint # 14-167858. The High School incident was a report of Aggravated Harassment 1st (swastika) on 2/25/14 under Central Complaint # 14-128830. This incident resulted in the arrest of an eighteen year old high school student. The undersigned spoke with the William Brennan, Principal of the Middle School, and discussed these incidents. As a result of this discussion Detective Mosby will be conducting Hate Crimes/Sensitivity training at the Middle School in June of 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

James Brierton D/Sgt. 610/3321

Attachment #7

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK

INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: D/Lt. Stephen Hernandez
Commanding Officer, Special Victims
DATE: 6/19/14
FROM: D/Sgt. James Brierton #610/3321
Hate Crimes
COPY TO: As needed
SUBJECT: Patterns and trends

The undersigned has conducted a review of the GIS mapping portal maintained by the Hate Crimes Unit. The latest map is from January 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014. No patterns or trends are apparent on the map. The undersigned also interviewed the detectives assigned to the Hate Crimes Unit. None of the assigned personnel are aware of any patterns or trends.

The review of the map revealed two incidents in the Kings Park area. The incidents are assigned central Complaint # 14-165365 and 14-1674556. They were reported on March 16th and 17th respectively. Investigation has revealed that these incidents occurred on the same night by the same subjects but were discovered and reported separately. The Fourth Precinct patrol section was advised of these incidents.

The review also revealed two incidents in the Sixth Precinct area. The incidents were reported under Central Complaint # 14-292554 and 14-306251. The incidents were reported on May 19th and May 26th. The incidents are similar in nature and occurred approximately one half mile apart. The Sixth Precinct was advised of these incidents via MDC message and an email to the Commanding Officer in order to assign patrol personnel accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

James Brierton D/Sgt. 610/3321

Attachment #8

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK

INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: D/Lt. John O'Brien
Commanding Officer, Fifth Precinct Detective Squad
FROM: D/Sgt. James Brierton #610/3321
Hate Crimes
SUBJECT: Deception Burglary Task Force

DATE: 10/6/14

COPY TO: As needed

On September 1, 2014 a task force was initiated out of the Fifth Precinct Detective Squad to investigate the possibility that elderly persons had been targeted as burglary victims. This task force was a result of the arrests of [REDACTED] in August 20, 2014 for Burglary 2(14-489661) and the records and documents recovered during the execution of search warrants and Consent to Search. The following detectives were assigned to the task force:

Detective Robert Popdan #1346	Fifth Squad
Detective Timothy Connolly#1226	Fifth Squad
Detective Genevieve Vesely#1402	Sixth Squad
Detective Michael DeMauro #1427	Narcotics Section
Detective Noel Fontanez #1454	Hate Crimes

During the next four weeks these detectives searched through records and visited or contacted 131 potential victims. As a result of these investigations, eight additional victims were located. The following charges were lodged as a result of the investigation:

[REDACTED]: Burglary 2, 14-536788 (indicted as a hate crime)
Burglary 2, 14-171021 (indicted as a hate crime)
Burglary 2, 14-537362 (indicted as a hate crime)
Burglary 2, 14-497376 (indicted as a hate crime)
Grand Larceny 4, 14-539234 (indicted as a hate crime)

[REDACTED]: Burglary 2, 14-537362 (indicted as a hate crime)
Burglary 2, 14-536788 (indicted as a hate crime)
Grand Larceny 4, 14-539234(indicted as a hate crime)

[REDACTED]: Burglary 2, 14-171021(indicted as a hate crime)

[REDACTED] were also identified as suspects in three other Burglary 2 investigations. (14-501303, 14-499180 and 14-599934)

The undersigned would like to recognize the above listed detectives for their efforts in identifying additional victims and developing probable cause for the arrest and indictment of [REDACTED]. These detectives also coordinated their efforts with the Suffolk County Office of Consumer Affairs and worked directly with investigator Greg Spencer. This investigation also received media attention which helped educate the public to the dangers of elderly persons being targeted as crime victims.

Respectfully submitted,

James Brierton D/Sgt. 610/3321

Attachment #9

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK

INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: D/Lt. Stephen Hernandez
Commanding Officer, Special Victims Section
DATE: 10/28/14
FROM: D/Sgt. James Brierton #610/3321
Hate Crimes Unit
COPY TO: As needed
SUBJECT: Hate Crime Pattern/Trend

The following incidents occurred at William Floyd High School and were reported to the Hate Crimes Unit:

- 14-598302 Criminal Mischief 4(Hate) 10/9/14
Swastika and the words "we will rise" in black marker in a boy's bathroom.
- 14-599815 Criminal Mischief 4(Hate) 10/10/14
Swastika spray painted on boy's bathroom wall.
- 14-611524 Criminal Mischief 4(Hate) 10/16/14
Five swastikas and the words "you will never catch us" in black marker in boy's bathroom.
- 14-613214 Criminal Mischief 4(Hate) 10/17/14
Six swastikas and the words "fuck niggers" in black marker in a boy's bathroom.

The following incident was also reported at William Floyd High School:

- 14-613325 Making Graffiti 10/17/14
Five point star, the number 5 and the word blood drawn in black marker in a Boy's bathroom in the library hallway.

Each of these incidents occurred in a different bathroom within the school. Each scene was photographed. The school either had no cameras within the entrance area of the bathrooms or cameras in the area did not cover the bathroom entrance area. The School Principal, Barbara Butler, was advised to examine the placement of cameras, place monitors at the bathrooms or lock the bathrooms. She was further advised that if the school administration believed it necessary for the safety of the building, bag checks and locker checks should be conducted.

The undersigned notified Inspector Neubauer, Deputy Inspector McLaughlin, Captain Cuff, Lt. Kenneally (7th PCS), Sgt. O'Sullivan (7th Pct. Gang Unit) and the School Resource Officer of these incidents. Hate Crimes personnel conducted lectures to the entire freshman class on 10/23/14. Additionally Crimestoppers posters and pocket cards were provided to the school for display. One tip was received after the lectures. The student named had already been interviewed by Detective Shulder. These cases remain active of this date.

Respectfully submitted,

James Brierton D/Sgt. 610/3321

Attachment #10



NOTICIA

*Si usted ha sido víctima de un crimen,
por favor reportelo inmediatamente al
Departamento de Policía del Condado de Suffolk
llamando al "911". El Departamento
de Policía del Condado de Suffolk tiene
operadores del 911 que hablan Español y
están disponibles para ayudarle a usted.*

*Para dar información (TIPS) de crímenes
pasados, por favor llame
1-800-220-TIPS, o envíe
un mensaje de texto con su información
al Departamento de Policía, envíe
el texto "SCPD" y su mensaje a:
CRIMES (274647).*

*Usted será anónimo y podrá haber
recompensas disponibles.*

El departamento de policía del condado de Suffolk no protege las víctimas de crímenes,
testigos, o personas buscando asilo, sobre su estado de inmigración.