Hate Crimes In Huntington Beach

Hate Crimes/Incidents for 2011

-Total Hate Crimes and Incidents reported to Orange County Human Relations Commission was 14

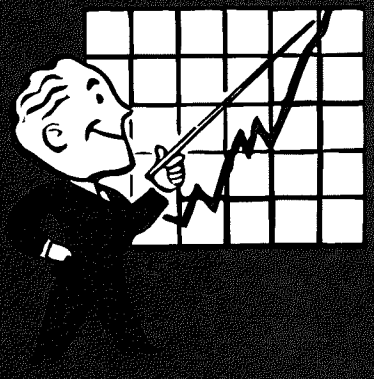
-Total hate crimes investigated by the Huntington Beach Police Department was 10

Hate Crimes/Incident Dispositions for 2011

- **Vandalisms** **Total of 6**
- Suspect arrested (0)
- Inactive/Open (2)
- Hate Incident (4)

- **Assaults** **Total of 8**

- Suspects arrested (5)
- Inactive/Open (3)



Hate Incidents 2011

	Date	Victim/Ethnicity	Incident Description	Current Status
1	1-21-11	Male/ African American	Victim was at Del Taco breaking up fight when one of involved females yelled "white power, get out of here Nigger"	Case inactive
2	2-16-11	Lake Park Public Restroom	Nigger not welcome, swastika, 88, white power written in red pen on the restroom	Case inactive
3	3-28-11	St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church	666 & Black Pentagram spray painted in black on a storage container on the church property	Case inactive
4	Between 4-4-11 4-5-11	Spring View Middle School	Lettering on school announcement outdoor board rearranged to say Spick Hunt & Nigger Auction	Case inactive

Hate Crimes 2011

Victim/Ethnicity	Incident Description	Current Status
Male/ African American	The victim, a HBPD Officer while assisting in the arrest of a female suspect was told "F you Nigger" and spit on	Arrest of suspect made, no hate crime ch
Male/ African American	Victim was called a "Nigger" several times during a physical fight	Case Inactive, victim wanted no prosecut
Male/ African American	Victim was in an argument with his wife when suspect said, "Nigger, you can't talk to her like that" and hit him with a bottle	Case Inactive
Male/ Asian	Victim heard argument between male/female went outside to see when confronted by male who gave a Hail Hilter salute, called him a "Nip" and struck him	Case Inactive
Male & Female / Jewish	A swastika and "go home" was painted on garage door of victims who recently had several family members come to house wearing traditional Jewish clothing	Case inactive
Males / African American	Victims selling candy on Main street when suspects approached them saying they were looking for "Niggers to kill" suspects had a knife and a pen in their hands	Two suspects arrested and charged with I
Female/ African American	Victim found a swastika etched on mail box	Case inactive, no suspects identified
Male/ Hispanic	Victim confronted by suspect while working, suspect punched suspect while saying, "I hate f**ing Beaners"	Suspect arrested, pled guilty to hate crim
Female, Hispanic	Victim was spit on by suspect who said he hated Mexicans	Suspect arrested, charged with hate crim
Male, Caucasian	Victim was called a "faggot" and slapped by suspect	Suspect arrested

What is a Hate Crime?

422.55 "Hate Crime" Defined

"Hate Crime" means a criminal act committed, in whole or in part, because of one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics of the victim:

1) Disability
2) Gender
3) Nationality
4) Race or ethnicity
5) Religion
6) Sexual orientation
7) Association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics

Hate Crime Defined as a specific intent crime

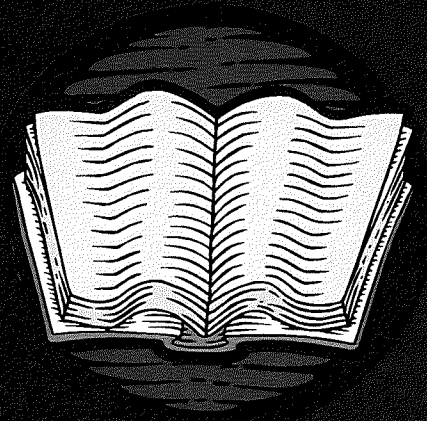
Acts such as speech threatening violence must be against a specific person or group of persons which means specific group of individuals not abstract groups or protected classes

*general comments/statements about no specific person/group is protected by 1st amendment

Huntington Beach Police Department's

Procedures for "Hate Crimes" investigations

Procedures are detailed and defined in the Huntington Beach Police Manual



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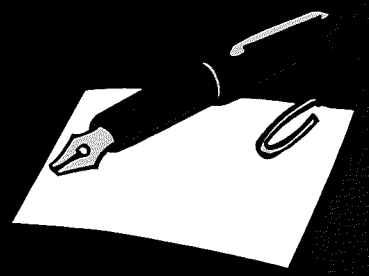
All law enforcement agencies are required to submit copies of hate crime reports to the Department of Justice

Types of reports



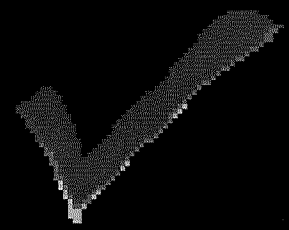
- Include "criminal acts or attempted criminal acts which cause physical injury, emotional suffering, or property damage where there is a reasonable cause to believe that the crime was motivated, in whole or in part, by the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability"

Call taker receives a call

Complaint operators directions

- Obtain a thorough description of the incident
- If the caller suggests suspect could have been motivated to commit the crime because of the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, leading questions should be asked in a sensitive manner

Complaint operators directions *continued...*

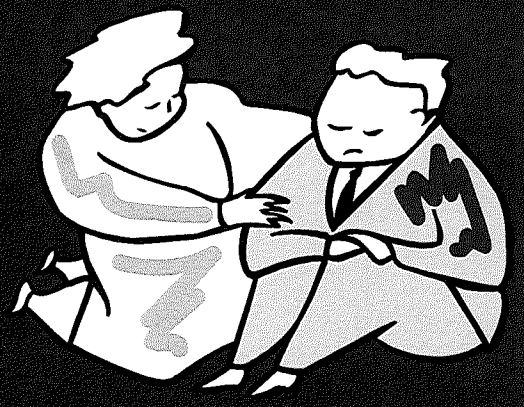


- If incident is an obvious hate crime or seems to have components of it, reassure the victim of the department's concern over such incidents and intention to help
- Notify responding officer that it is a hate crime so they can act accordingly
- If response time will be lengthy, effort should be made to emphasize high priority of this incident

Swatiska Go Home painted on garage door

1st Responders

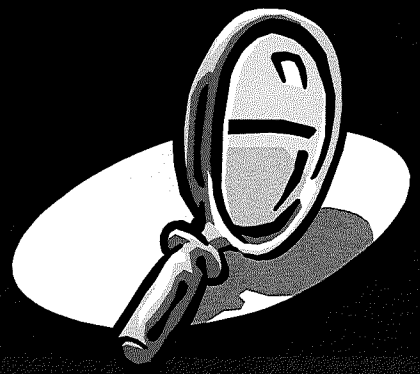
- Give priority to the needs and feelings of the victim(s), reassure the victim(s) especially concerning threats to their safety or the unlikelihood of a recurrence



1st Responders

- Determine whether incident meets hate crime criteria
- Preserve crime scene and evidence carefully
- Ask the victim about possible suspects, encourage them to express feelings which may yield suspect information

1st Responders



- No suspect information obtained note proximity to local schools, history of hate groups in the area
- Ask victim and other parties present if other incidents have occurred in the area
- Examine the neighborhood and area for other incidents

Supervising Officer

- If at all possible supervise the preliminary investigation and continue to monitor the incident investigation
- Responsibility to review all written reports of hate crimes and verify that hate crime box has been checked
- Forward reports to the Records Unit

All hate crime reports routed to General Investigation for assignment

Investigation Division Supervisor reviews and assigns cases

All hate crime reports are assigned to detectives

Detective's Responsibilities

- Contact victim and personally express concern on behalf of the department and city as soon as possible
- Attempt to elicit additional suspect and or motive information from victim

Detective responsibilities

- Answer all questions about the investigation
- When appropriate contact Neighborhood Watch Program Coordinator and suggest formation of Neighborhood Watch if none exists in the area

Standard Operating Procedure reference Hate Crime Reporting

St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Storage shed

Purpose to streamline reporting of hate crimes

- The Huntington Beach Police Department has an agreement with the Orange County Human Relations Commission to report all hate crimes that occur in our city. The Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force will also be notified of any such hate crimes.

Procedure to follow when a hate crime is reported

On-duty Watch commander approving report will ensure that short summary of facts is prepared and sent to:

Executive Director of the Orange County Human Relations Commission and to the Staff Liaison of the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

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Summary to include:

- Date and time of incident
- Location of incident
- Victim name (unless crime is a sexual assault)
- Suspect name if known
- Brief summary of the incident

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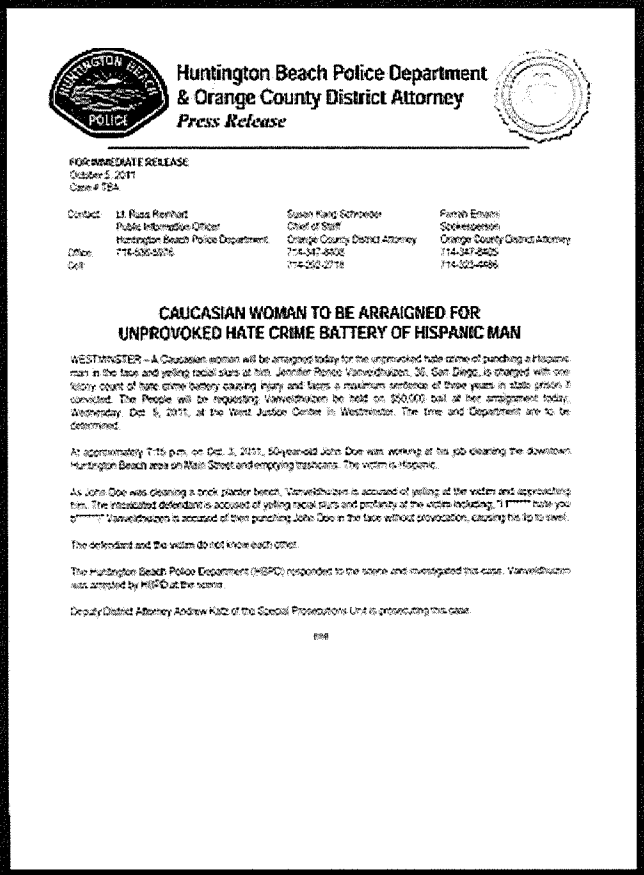
Curbing Hate crime through partnerships with:

- The Orange County Human Relations Commission
- The Huntington Beach Human Relations Task force

Goal is to build mutual understanding among residents to eliminate prejudice, intolerance and discrimination

Press coverage



Huntington Beach Police Department
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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 5, 2011
Case # TBA

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CAUCASIAN WOMAN TO BE ARRAIGNED FOR UNPROVOKED HATE CRIME BATTERY OF HISPANIC MAN

WESTMINSTER – A Caucasian woman will be arraigned today for the unprovoked hate crime of punching a Hispanic man in the face and yelling racial slurs at him. Jennifer Renee Vanveldhuizen, 36, San Diego, is charged with one felony count of hate crime battery causing injury and faces a maximum sentence of three years in state prison if convicted. The People will be requesting Vanveldhuizen be held on $50,000 bail at her arraignment today, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at the West Justice Center in Westminster. The time and Department are to be determined.

At approximately 7:15 p.m. on Oct. 3, 2011, 50-year-old John Doe was working at his job cleaning the downtown Huntington Beach area on Main Street and emptying trashcans. The victim is Hispanic.

As John Doe was cleaning a brick planter bench, Vanveldhuizen is accused of yelling at the victim and approaching him. The intoxicated defendant is accused of yelling racial slurs and profanity at the victim including, "I f***** hate you a******" Vanveldhuizen is accused of then punching John Doe in the face without provocation, causing his lip to swell.

The defendant and the victim do not know each other.

The Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) responded to the scene and investigated this case. Vanveldhuizen was arrested by HBPD at the scene.

Deputy District Attorney Andrew Katz of the Special Prosecutions Unit is prosecuting this case.

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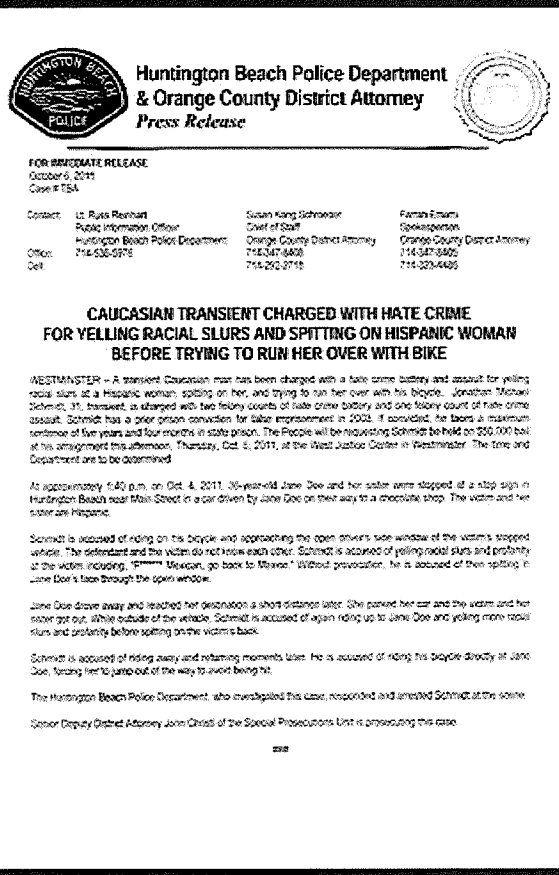

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CAUCASIAN TRANSIENT CHARGED WITH HATE CRIME FOR YELLING RACIAL SLURS AND SPITTING ON HISPANIC WOMAN BEFORE TRYING TO RUN HER OVER WITH BIKE

WESTMINSTER – A transient Caucasian man has been charged with a hate crime battery and assault for yelling racial slurs at a Hispanic woman, spitting on her, and trying to run her over with his bicycle. Jonathan Michael Schmidt, 31, transient, is charged with two felony counts of hate crime battery and one felony count of hate crime assault. Schmidt has a prior prison conviction for false imprisonment in 2003. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of five years and four months in state prison. The People will be requesting Schmidt be held on $50,000 bail at his arraignment this afternoon, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at the West Justice Center in Westminster. The time and Department are to be determined.

At approximately 5:40 p.m. on Oct. 4, 2011, 36-year-old Jane Doe and her sister were stopped at a stop sign in Huntington Beach near Main Street in a car driven by Jane Doe on their way to a chocolate shop. The victim and her sister are Hispanic.

Schmidt is accused of riding on his bicycle and approaching the open drivers side window of the victim's stopped vehicle. The defendant and the victim do not know each other. Schmidt is accused of yelling racial slurs and profanity at the victim including, "F****** Mexican, go back to Mexico." Without provocation, he is accused of then spitting in Jane Doe's face through the open window.

Jane Doe drove away and reached her destination a short distance later. She parked her car and the victim and her sister got out. While outside of the vehicle, Schmidt is accused of again riding up to Jane Doe and yelling more racial slurs and profanity before spitting on the victim's back.

Schmidt is accused of riding away and returning moments later. He is accused of riding his bicycle directly at Jane Doe, forcing her to jump out of the way to avoid being hit.

The Huntington Beach Police Department, who investigated this case, responded and arrested Schmidt at the scene.

Senior Deputy District Attorney John Christ of the Special Prosecutions Unit is prosecuting this case.

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Man charged with racially charged attack

In another H.B. incident this week, a woman pleaded not guilty to hitting a stranger, screaming epithets at him.

GREG HARDESTY
REGISTER WRITER

In an incident similar to another this week in Huntington Beach, a transient man was charged Thursday with yelling racial slurs at a Hispanic woman and spitting on her before trying to run her over with his bike.

Jonathan Michael Schmidt, 31, was charged with two felony counts of hate crime battery and one felony count of hate crime assault, according to a news release from the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

Schmidt pleaded not guilty at his arraignment at the West Justice Center in Westminster, according to Orange County Superior Court records. If convicted, Schmidt faces a maximum sentence of five years and four months in state prison.

According to the District Attorney's Office, the woman, 26, whose name was not released, was driving to a chocolate shop in Huntington Beach with her sister around 1:30 p.m. Monday when Schmidt rode up to the car, which was stopped at a stop sign near Main Street.

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Schmidt

Schmidt is accused of pulling up to the driver's side window of the car and, without provocation, yelling racial slurs and profanity at the woman.

He is accused of then spitting in the driver's face through the open window.

The victim, identified only as Jane Doe, drove away but stopped a short distance later near the chocolate shop, the release said. She and her sister got out of the car.

Schmidt is accused of again riding up to Jane Doe and yelling more racial slurs and profanity before spitting on her back.

Prosecutors say Schmidt then rode away but, moments later, returned. He then rode his bicycle directly at the victims, forcing Jane Doe to jump out of the way to avoid being hit, the release said.

Huntington Beach police officers responded and arrested Schmidt at the scene.

On Monday, Huntington Beach police arrested Jennifer Renee Vanveldhuizen, 36, of San Diego on suspicion that she punched a Hispanic man in the face and yelled racial slurs in an unprovoked hate crime.

About 7:15 p.m. Monday, the 50-year-old man, identified only as John Doe, was crossing the downtown Huntington Beach area on Main Street and stopping traffic in it, according to the release from the Huntington Beach Police Department and the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

Vanveldhuizen, who officials say was intoxicated, is accused of approaching the man while yelling racial slurs and profanity, the release said.

Officials said she then punched the man, whom she didn't know, in the face without provocation, causing his lip to swell.

On Wednesday, Vanveldhuizen pleaded not guilty to one felony count of hate crime battery causing injury. She faces a possible three years in prison if convicted.

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O.C. CRIME

Woman gets probation for punching worker in hate crime

A woman was sentenced to three years of probation for punching a Hispanic worker in the face and yelling racial slurs at him during what authorities described as an unprovoked hate crime in downtown Huntington Beach.

SEAN EMERY
REGISTER WRITER

Jennifer Renee Vanveldhuizen, 36, of San Diego pleaded guilty Tuesday to a felony count of hate-crime battery causing injury, according to a written release from the District Attorney's Office.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Debra Carillo sentenced Vanveldhuizen to a one-year jail sentence that will be stayed pending completion of three years of probation, 90 days in a residential alcohol-rehabilitation program and 10 weeks in an anger-management program, the release said.

Vanveldhuizen

Authorities say the 50-year-old worker was emptying trash cans and cleaning a brick planter bench on Main Street about 7:15 p.m. Oct. 3 when Vanveldhuizen approached him while yelling racial slurs and profanity. They said that Vanveldhuizen, who was intoxicated, punched the worker in the face.

Vanveldhuizen's guilty plea and sentence was part of a court offer that allows for her conviction to be reduced to a misdemeanor once she completes the alcohol-treatment program and the anger-management class.

Prosecutors argued that the sentence was too lenient, saying the violence was unprovoked and that the worker was targeted solely for his ethnicity.

Faces of Hate

Jonathon Schmidt

Jennifer Van Veldhuizen