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"The Truth Shall Set You Free!"

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LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

PRESS RELEASE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 1980
SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES

WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT FOUR (4) RIVAL PCP GANGS ARE WARRING IN GERSON PARK OVER DISTRIBUTION OF ILLEGAL NARCOTICS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS WAR, OUR INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE INDICATES AUTOMATIC AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO THE AREA FOR USE AGAINST THEIR RIVALS AND THE POLICE. AS A RESULT OF THIS WAR POLICE OFFICERS CAME UNDER FIRE LAST NIGHT IN TWO SEPARATE OCCURRENCES. SEVERAL PERSONS ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE DRUGS WERE SHOT. UNFORTUNATELY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THESE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN ARE BEING DUPED INTO ASSISTING BY THE CREATION OF LARGE SCALE DISTURBANCES, INCLUDING ROCK AND BOTTLE THROWING, DISRUPTION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE AND PUBLIC LIGHTING UPON THE APPEARANCE OF THE POLICE.

WE ARE APPEALING TO THE COMMUNITY LEADERS AND CITIZENS TO AID METRO IN RESOLVING THIS VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION BY:

1. CAUTION YOUR CHILDREN TO NOT GET INVOLVED IN HOSTILE ACTIONS, AND
2. UTILIZE SECRET WITNESS TO IDENTIFY THE INSTIGATORS OF THESE DISTURBANCES.

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