

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

FILE #010285

The summary of this case is based solely upon the reports, supplemental reports, memos, and taped interviews. The suspect was admitted into the U.S.C. Medical Center, Jail Ward, due to her medical condition.

Witnesses [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said they were working as [REDACTED] for the Thrifty Drug Store, [REDACTED] Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower. Witness [REDACTED] saw the suspect enter the store and take a hair trimmer and put it in her purse. He told Witness [REDACTED] of his observation. After the suspect exited the store, both witnesses approached the suspect. Witness [REDACTED] identified herself verbally and by displaying her [REDACTED]. The suspect began running. Witness [REDACTED] yelled for the suspect to drop the merchandise. The suspect dropped her purse containing the stolen hair trimmer. Witness [REDACTED] picked up the purse while Witness [REDACTED] chased and caught the suspect. The suspect grabbed the purse out of Witness [REDACTED] hand and began running again. Witness [REDACTED] again chased and caught the suspect, who continued to pull free. After catching the suspect, Witnesses [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] saw Deputy Shickler, who was in full uniform, approaching. They identified themselves to Deputy Shickler. Witnesses [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] saw Deputy Shickler grab the suspect by the hand when she began trying to pull away. Deputy Shickler attempted to handcuff the suspect and eventually took the suspect to the ground. Witness [REDACTED] said that when Deputy Shickler took the suspect to the ground, it looked like the suspect slipped. As soon as the suspect was on the ground, a plainclothes deputy approached and assisted Deputy Shickler finish handcuffing the suspect.

Deputy Ronald Lipovsky, Lakewood Station Detective Bureau, [REDACTED] at the Fidelity Federal Bank, located in the same shopping center as the Thrifty Drug Store. An unidentified civilian came into the bank and told Deputy Lipovsky that a purse snatching had occurred and the suspect was in the parking lot. Deputy Lipovsky looked into the parking lot and saw Deputy Shickler struggling with a black female. Based on his observation and the information received from the citizen, Deputy Lipovsky ran to assist Deputy Shickler. While approaching Deputy Shickler, Deputy Lipovsky saw Deputy Shickler twist the suspect a quarter turn, as he placed his leg against the suspect's legs. The twist caused the suspect to fall to the ground, while being supported by Deputy Shickler. Upon reaching Deputy Shickler, Deputy Lipovsky assisted in handcuffing the suspect.

Witness [REDACTED], [REDACTED] of the Fidelity Federal Bank, said that on April 18, 1996, at approximately 1420 hours, she was responding to the Fidelity Federal Bank at Alondra Boulevard and Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower. She said that while she was driving in the parking lot that her bank shares with other businesses, including Thrifty Drug Store, she saw a uniformed deputy trying to put one arm, of a black female, behind her back. Witness [REDACTED] said the black female began screaming obscenities at the deputy. Witness [REDACTED] said that a plainclothes officer ran up and helped the uniform deputy. They "carefully put her (the black female) down on the ground." After the black female was placed on the ground, she was handcuffed. The black female started yelling that her leg was hurting. A short time later, the paramedics arrived.

Witness [REDACTED], [REDACTED] of the Fidelity Federal Bank, said that on April 18, 1996, at approximately 1420 hours, he was [REDACTED] located at Alondra Boulevard and Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower. Witness [REDACTED] said that a customer came into the bank and told

him that a "purse snatching" had taken place in the parking lot. Witness ██████ looked into the parking lot and saw a lady that was being arrested trying to pull away. A uniformed deputy had hold of her arm as she continued to try to pull away. The deputy put her down on the ground. Witness ██████ alerted a Sheriff's Department Detective that was in his bank. The detective ran and assisted the uniformed deputy. Witness ██████ said that the female was not thrown to the ground, rather she was taken down "pretty gently".

The suspect was transported to Lakewood Regional Medical Center where she was examined by Dr. Claus Wagener. Dr. Wagener's examination showed that the suspect suffered a Tibial Plateau Fracture to the left knee, which involved the joint. Dr. Wagener said the injury was consistent with blunt force trauma as opposed to a twisting motion to the knee. Dr. Wagener stabilized the fracture and transferred the suspect to the U.S.C. Medical Center Jail Ward. At the U.S.C. Medical Center Jail Ward, the suspect was admitted for orthopedic evaluation.