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Graffiti Incident

On 11-03-08, at 0854 hours, officers responded to a call of a possible hate crime in the area of 901 Pierview Way. The reporting party, an employee of the Oceanside Unified School District, called to report a Swastika had been painted on a retaining wall adjacent to one of their child area facilities. When officers arrived to investigate, they located the Swastika and additional graffiti with specific derogatory language toward African Americans. From the preliminary investigation, however, the graffiti did not appear to be connected with any of the businesses in the area, nor directed at any one individual from those businesses. In addition to report documentation of the incident, a Field Evidence Technician took photographs of the graffiti before it is painted over by Oceanside Unified School District maintenance personnel.

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