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THE SEVEN DEFENESTRATIONS OF GORP MENLO

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Report Number: 2007-0000101

Report Date/Time: Mon, 12-Mar-2007, 08:00

Incident Date/Time: Fri, 9-Mar-2007, 22:12

Incident(s): ALLEGED NOISE ORDINANCE VIOLATION

Incident Location: 1415 N Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Victim(s): Arduino "Dino" Luger

Report Summary: Luger called in at 22:12, reporting excessive noise coming from the near the Mauser residence. I arrived at Luger residence at 22:18, and spoke to Luger. Luger reported hearing multiple "crashes of glass" and loud yelling. I

proceeded around block to Mauser residence, which sits directly behind Luger residence, with Officer Corduroy Davenport.

Mausers, Greg and Maxine, had been entertaining guests on the back patio, Archie and Jean Messerschmitt. Greg Mauser had been telling a story when he gestured and knocked a half-empty bottle of Riesling from the patio table. This upset him, so he yelled. Mauser was informed that a neighbor had complained about the noise.

Report Number: 2007-0000102

Report Date/Time: Tue, 13-Mar-2007, 16:00

Incident Date/Time: Mon, 12-Mar-2007, 19:30

Incident(s): ALLEGED THEFT

Incident Location: 415 Breton Ln.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Victim(s): Arduino "Dino" Luger

Report Summary: Luger called into the station at 19:30, reporting a missing handheld drill. Luger accused Greg Mauser of stealing the item in retaliation for a noise complaint that Luger had called in the previous Friday. I went over to Mauser's house to question him on the matter. Mauser indicated he knew exactly where the drill was. He escorted me to a deck off the back of his house, and pointed across the property line to Mr.Luger's back patio. Item was seen next to empty bottle of brandy on Dino's back patio. Mr.Mauser made comments about Mr.Luger abusing alcohol.

Report Number: 2007-0000113

Report Date/Time: Thu, 29-Mar-2007, 10:45

Incident Date/Time: Thu, 29-Mar-2007, 01:56

Incident(s): ALLEGED CRIMINAL TRESSPASSING

Incident Location: 1415 N Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Victim(s): Gregory Mauser

Report Summary: Mauser called into the station at 09:00 with allegations that Dino Luger had trespassed on his property the previous night. He claimed to have video evidence of the alleged trespass. Went to the scene to investigate. Greg Mauser invited me into his home, and showed me footage from a video recording device. The figure in the video was not recognizable as Dino Luger. It was unclear whether the video showed an incident of trespassing. Greg Mauser was informed that the evidence provided was insufficient to file charges.

Report Number: 2007-0000115

Report Date/Time: Fri, 30-Mar-2007, 16:30

Incident Date/Time: Fri, 30--Mar-2007, 14:15

Incident(s): ALLEGED DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Incident Location: 415 Breton Ln.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Corduroy Davenport

Victim(s): Arduino "Dino" Luger

Report Summary: Due to recent increase in unverifiable accusations involving Dino Luger and Gregory Mauser, First Officer Sputnik suggested that I take lead. Officer Quimper and I went to the Luger Residence to inspect. Dino Luger suggested that Gregory Mauser had damaged the fence on the property line. We proceeded to Mr.Luger's back patio to inspect the damage. There is a door to one side of the fence, and the latch keeping it shut appeared to be tampered with. The latch was on Mr.Luger's side of the fence. We went to Mr.Mauser's property to question him about the damage to the fence. Mr.Mauser alleged that Mr.Luger had been drinking and had damaged his own latch. Mr.Mauser showed us footage of an unidentifiable figure in what Mr.Mauser reported to be his back yard. Mr.Luger and Mr.Mauser were informed separately that there was not enough evidence to charge the other with any crime.

Report Number: 2007-0000118

Report Date/Time: Wed, 4-Apr-2007, 09:30

Incident Date/Time: Tue, 3-Apr-2007, 19:50

Incident(s): ALLEGED PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Incident Location: 1280 N. Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Second Lieutenant Zebulon Side

Victim(s): Gregory Mauser

Report Summary: Gregory Mauser reported that Arduino "Dino" Luger was in the middle of the street outside of the Messerschmitt residence, drinking some kind of liquor from an open container. Proceeded with First Officer Candice Sputnik to the Messerschmitt residence where First Officer Sputnik questioned Maxine Mauser and Archie and Jean Messerschmitt, while I spoke to Gregory Mauser. Mauser alleged that Arduino Luger had been drinking a brown liquid from a "highball glass" while driving a golf cart, when he stopped and exited the vehicle. Mauser claimed Luger then urinated on some of the Messerschmitt's flower beds. None of the others on the scene could verify Mr. Mauser's story and First Officer Sputnik could not verify if a flower bed had been urinated on.

Report Number: 2007-0000119

Report Date/Time: Wed, 4-Apr-2007, 15:40

Incident Date/Time: Wed, 4-Apr-2007, 15:30

Incident(s): ALLEGED HARASSMENT

Incident Location: 415 Breton Ln.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Brittany Quimper

Victim(s): Arduino "Dino" Luger

Report Summary: Mr. Luger reported that "malevolent parties" had been calling his home phone repeatedly. He had been unable to verify the offending party, but claimed that there was a "90% chance" that it was Gregory Mauser. Given the recent history between Mr.Luger and Mr.Mauser, no investigator was sent to the site. Mr.Luger was told to follow up with any additional information.

Report Number: 2007-0000121

Report Date/Time: Wed, 4-Apr-2007, 18:45

Incident Date/Time: Wed, 4-Apr-2007, 16:49

Incident(s): ALLEGED HARRASSMENT

Incident Location: 415 Breton Ln.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Brittany Quimper

Victim(s): Arduino "Dino" Luger

Report Summary: Mr. Luger claimed he had acquired additional information regarding the phone harassment reported earlier that day. He would not relay the information over the phone, and declared that information would only be passed in person. Mr. Luger had recorded a voicemail from Gregory Mauser, which appeared to be an attempt to organize some sort of varmint control on the land between the Mauser and the Luger residences. No evidence of criminal activity was found. Mr. Luger was informed that the Constabulary was not to be used in personal disputes.

Report Number: 2007-0000124

Report Date/Time: Sat, 7-Apr-2007, 11:45

Incident Date/Time: Sat, 7-Apr-2007, 10:00

Incident(s): ALLEGED PROPERTY DAMAGE

Incident Location: 1415 N Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Victim(s): Gregory Mauser

Report Summary: Mauser called into the station at 16:00 to report that Arduino "Dino" Luger had damaged Mr. Mauser's backyard. I went over to Mauser's house to inspect the damage. The yard had a number of rodent mounds, which appeared to extend beyond Mr. Mauser's property line, onto the Luger property. Mr. Mauser had been calling the Luger residence, attempting to coordinate varmint control with Mr. Luger, "but since [Mr. Mauser] cannot lawfully control varmints that reside on Dino's [expletive] property," Mr. Mauser could not get rid of the pests without coordination. Mr. Luger refused to communicate with Mr. Mauser. Mr. Mauser gave me a convoluted argument that due to the situation, Mr. Luger had been "criminally negligent." Mr. Mauser was informed that the Constabulary could not intervene in personal disputes.

Report Number: 2007-0000129

Report Date/Time: Sun, 8-Apr-2007 09:30

Incident Date/Time: Sun, 8-Apr-2007, 01:30

Incident(s): ALLEGED CRIMINAL TRESSPASSING

Incident Location: 1415 N Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Corduroy Davenport

Victim(s): Gregory Mauser

Report Summary: Mr. Mauser reported hearing glass break at approximately 01:30. Suspecting his neighbor, Arduino "Dino" Luger, had "been drinking" and broken into the Mauser residence, Mr. Mauser retrieved a handgun from his gun safe, loaded it, and proceeded downstairs to investigate. Upon reaching his kitchen, Mr. Mauser decided to call the authorities. I proceeded to the scene, arriving at approximately 1:45. Mr. Mauser invited me inside and offered me a glass of Riesling. I declined because I was on duty. No windows on the ground floor of the Mauser residence was found to be damaged. Mr. Mauser admitted the possibility that the sound came from outside the house. I gathered the names of neighbors: the Mylars (Warren and Rita), and the Menlos (Örjan, Lempi, and Gorp Menlo). Mr. Mauser was informed that officers would follow up if any additional information about the sound was discovered.

Report Number: 2007-0000135

Report Date/Time: Fri, 13-Apr-2007, 12:30

Incident Date/Time: Thu, 12-Apr-2007, 22:00

Incident(s): ALLEGED VANDALISM

Incident Location: 415 Breton St.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Corduroy Davenport

Victim(s): Arduino "Dino" Luger

Report Summary: Mr. Luger claimed via phone that Gregory Mauser had taken a "post-hole digger" to the grass off of Mr. Luger's patio. Given that Officer Smoutebollen had been over at the Mauser residence on Saturday, I asked if it was possible that the holes may have been created by varmints. Mr. Luger indicated that he was "90% sure" they had been made with a "post-hole digger" and requested that an officer be dispatched. Upon arriving on the scene, Mr. Luger offered me a glass of Brandy, which I did not accept because I was on duty. It was clear the Mr. Luger had been drinking. He took me to his back patio where he shined a flashlight over the affected area. Mr. Luger was informed that the hole were made by burrowing varmints, and Mr. Mauser had been attempting to coordinate varmint control. Mr. Luger asked if he could press charges for the holes, and was informed that the Constabulary could not get

involved in personal disputes.

Report Number: 2007-0000138

Report Date/Time: Fri, 13-Apr-2007, 15:15

Incident Date/Time: Fri, 13-Apr-2007, 14:55

Incident(s): MISAPPROPRIATION OF CONSTABULARY

Incident Location: 11950 Sundown Blvd.

Census Tract: 19.2

District: 8

Area Command: H

Investigator Assigned: Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Victim(s): Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Report Summary: Mr. Mauser called in at 14:55 to ask about legality for introducing a "Natural Varmint Predator" to the "Ecosystem." I informed Mr. Mauser that the Constabulary could not offer legal advice. Mr. Mauser complained over the phone that Mr. Luger had been shining a flashlight at the back of his house at around 22:30 the previous night. I informed Mr. Mauser that I had been at the Luger residence the night before inspecting the rodent holes. Mr. Mauser wanted to know if I had charged Mr. Luger with any infractions, and I informed him that I had not, and that soliciting such information was against Constabulary regulations. Mr. Mauser then asked if I had the phone number for the Verdugo Animal Control Department. Mr. Mauser was informed that all such information could be found in the phone book, and that further impertinent questions would result in a fine. Mr. Mauser asked if Mr. Luger had been fined;

Mr. Mauser was charged with Misappropriation of Constabulary and fined Fifty Dollars.

Report Number: 2007-0000142

Report Date/Time: Mon, 16-Apr-2007, 10:15

Incident Date/Time: Sat, 14-Apr-2007, 11:25

Incident(s): ALLEGED DEFENESTRATION

Incident Location: 12500 Sundown Dr., VERDUGO HEIGHTS

Census Tract: 19.0

District: 7

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: First Officer Candice Sputnik

Victim(s): Joel Tanaka; Brownings LLC.

Report Summary: An unidentified male entered Brownings Department Store sometime between 11:00 and 11:15 and proceeded to the third floor of the building, presumably to shop for children's clothes and hosiery. At 11:25, Brownings Employee Mitsuki Estrada noticed a large hole in a window near children's sleepwear, and called Joel Tanaka, the manager on duty. Upon searching the perimeter of Brownings Department Store, Mr. Tanaka found blood and glass on the sidewalk below the broken window, and sectioned off that part of the sidewalk. Upon following a trail of blood to an empty parking spot, Mr. Tanaka determined that someone had broken through the window, and fallen to ground level, and called the police. Some blood had collected on a plate of glass and was taken as evidence. Security footage was inspected, but neither the perpetrators face, nor the actual Defenestration had been caught on camera. A three second clip of

the suspect limping through the parking lot was taken as evidence. No footage of the suspect's vehicle had been caught on camera. Mr. Tanaka was informed that the Constabulary would follow up with any additional information.

Report Number: 2007-0000145

Report Date/Time: Mon, 16-Apr-2007, 13:15

Incident Date/Time: Mon, 16-Apr-2007, 13:05

Incident(s): MISAPPROPRIATION OF CONSTABULARY

Incident Location: 11950 Sundown Blvd.

Census Tract: 19.2

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Victim(s): Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Report Summary: Mr. Luger called in to the Station at 13:05, asking if I had charged Mr. Mauser with Misappropriation of Constabulary. I informed him that all such charged would only become public record in the event that the fine went unpaid. He pressed me for additional information, and I informed him that no such information could be publicly disseminated unless the conditions that I had explained to him were met. Mr. Luger stated that he had attended the Constabulary Pancake Breakfast in February, and had donated money too the station. I thanked him and informed him that further impertinent comments or questions would result in a fine. Mr. Luger claimed that his attendance of the Constabulary Pancake Breakfast should come with the benefit of knowing "which of his neighbors were criminals". Mr. Luger was charged with Misappropriation of Constabulary and fined Fifty Dollars.

Report Number: 2007-0000148

Report Date/Time: Wed, 18-Apr-2007, 08:30

Incident Date/Time: Wed, 18-Apr-2007, 05:20

Incident(s): SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Incident Location: 1415 N Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Brittany Quimper

Victim(s): Arduino "Dino" Luger

Report Summary: Mr.Luger reported seeing Gregory Mauser pay a "large, square-headed man" some amount of money in exchange for "suspicious wooden crates." Mr. Luger was "90% sure" that the unidentified man was "Chechen, or some sort of Balkan." The exchange occurred early in the morning, before sunrise. Mr. Luger had been "on his way to the community golf course" when he saw a large black vehicle pull up to the Mauser Residence. He stopped short and observed the exchange, then went golfing before calling in the event. Mr. Luger wanted it in the record that he "would have shot a better round of golf" had his trust in the Constabulary not "been Tarnished by the [expletive] Misappropriation fine." Mr. Mauser was questioned about the event, and responded that "the only block-head in the neighborhood [was] [expletive] [Mr. Luger]." Mr. Mauser reported that the exchange witnessed by Mr. Luger was the delivery of a

"high-end video camera", and offered a bill of sale as proof. Mr. Mauser showed Officers the camera, and asked if he could press harassment charges against Mr. Luger. Mr. Mauser was informed that the Constabulary could not intervene in personal disputes.

Report Number: 2007-0000151

Report Date/Time: Fri, 21-Apr-2007, 09:00

Incident Date/Time: Thu, 21-Apr-2007, 23:45

Incident(s): ALLEGED GUNSHOTS

Incident Location: 415 Breton Ln.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Corduroy Davenport

Victim(s): Gregory Mauser

Report Summary: Mr. Mauser reported hearing gunshots from the Luger residence some time before midnight. Four shots were fired within the span of a minute. Mr. Mauser alleged he could hear "drunken yelling" coming from the direction of the Luger Residence. Upon arriving, Mr. Mauser offered me a glass of Riesling, which I declined, both because I was on the job, and because of the danger of gunfire. I drew my firearm and proceeded into the backyard. I found no bullet holes in the fence. I informed Mr. Mauser that I would investigate, and proceeded around the block to the Luger residence. Mr. Luger was inebriated when he opened the door. Mr. Luger claimed that Mr. Mauser had released Weasels on his property, but denied firing any weapons. Mr. Luger asked if he could file charges for "Weasel Release" against Mr. Mauser. Upon inspecting Mr. Luger's hand, I found no smell or other evidence that he had discharged

a firearm. I informed Mr. Luger that discharging firearms after 20:00 violated the Verdugo Noise Ordinance and would result in a fine.

Report Number: 2007-0000160

Report Date/Time: Sat, 21-Apr-2007, 15:15

Incident Date/Time: Sat, 21-Apr-2007, 12:00

Incident(s): DEFENESTRATION

Incident Location: 1480 Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Brittany Quimper

Victim(s): Eli O'Gratin, Samantha O'Gratin

Report Summary: During a Neighborhood gathering at the O'Gratin residence for the celebration of their son's birthday, neighbor Gorp Menlo entered the residence to use the restroom. At exactly 12:00, Gorp Menlo threw himself from an upstairs bathroom window, destroying the window and landing on a rented inflatable bouncing castle filled with children. He remained unconscious for several minutes while emergency services were contacted. Upon arriving on the scene, Officers discovered one child with an apparent injury to the upper arm; the child's parents, Ernst and Tatsuko Richtofen, suggested that the child was fine and no action would be taken on their part against Mr. Menlo. Glass from the broken window appeared to puncture the material the castle was made from. Mr. O'Gratin suggested that damage to the inflatable castle would incur additional expenses from the rental company. Mr. Menlo was found inside the

residence sitting with Archie and Jean Messerschmitt, drinking a glass of water. He was taken into custody at 12:40, and placed in the rear seat of Officer's squad car. Mr.Menlo had declined to speak at all. Mr.Menlo's defenestration was corroborated by three other witnesses at the scene: Trevor Junkers, Ericka Daimler, and Maxine Mauser. After some discussion, Eli O'Gratin told Officers that he would not be pressing charges against Mr.Menlo, and Mr.Menlo was released at 13:15. Mr.Menlo was given a referral to a local therapist.

Report Number: 2007-0000162

Report Date/Time: Mon, 23-Apr-2007, 09:45

Incident Date/Time: Sun, 22-Apr-2007, 19:30

Incident(s): ALLEGED CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Incident Location: 415 Breton Ln.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Brittany Quimper

Victim(s): Arduino "Dino" Luger

Report Summary: Mr. Luger reported finding a dead rabbit on his "flagstone walking path" at approximately 19:00. He wanted it known that the rabbit was partially disembowled, and that the blood from the rabbit had "permanently stained" the "brand-new flagstone walking path." After discovering the coyote, Mr. Luger acquired a handgun from his gun safe, and sat on his back patio. Mr. Luger observed what appeared to be a "weasel about the size of a cat" emerge from a "post-hole-sized-hole" in his backyard. Mr. Luger discharged his weapon at the creature, missing, and startling the creature into another hole. At this point, having witnessed this creature, and inferring it was responsible for the "stained flagstone", Mr. Luger called the Station. Mr. Luger claimed this was one of many such creatures, all released onto his property by Gregory Mauser. Mr. Luger retold his account of "the Balkan or Chechen," and claimed the wooden crate had been

"full of weasels." Mr. Luger provided no evidence to justify these claims. Mr. Luger claimed that Mr. Mauser was responsible for the "stained flagstone," and should pay for it's replacement or face criminal charges. Mr. Luger was informed that Mr. Mauser is not responsible for the behavior of wild animals.

Report Number: 2007-0000163

Report Date/Time: Mon, 23-Apr-2007, 14:30

Incident Date/Time: Mon, 23-Apr-2007, 14:45

Incident(s): MISAPPROPRIATION OF CONSTABULARY WARNING

Incident Location: 11950 Sundown Blvd.

Census Tract: 19.2

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Victim(s): Ada Luger

Report Summary: Mrs. Ada Luger called into the station around 14:30, inquiring about whether there was any way the constabulary could intervene in the conflict between her husband, Arduino "Dino" Luger, and her neighbor, Gregory Mauser. I informed Mrs. Luger that the Constabulary could not get involved in personal disputes. Mrs. Luger requested that the Constabulary prohibit Mr. Luger from discharging firearms on their property. I gave Mrs. Luger the address of District 8 City Council Member, Hikari van der Poel, and informed her that such changes to the City Code would need to be voted on. Mrs. Luger voiced distress at the conflict between her husband (Dino Luger) and Mr. Mauser. I informed her politely that, unfortunately, additional comments not involving police business would result in a fine. Mrs. Luger thanked me for my time. Mrs. Luger was given a referral to a local Couple's Counselor that had done

great work in repairing my marriage.

Report Number: 2007-0000169

Report Date/Time: Mon, 30-Apr-2007, 12:30

Incident Date/Time: Fri, 27-Apr-2007, 22:45

Incident(s): NOISE ORDINANCE VIOLATION(S)

Incident Location: 1415 N. Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Corduroy Davenport

Victim(s): Arduino "Dino" Luger, Gregory Mauser

Report Summary: Mr. Luger reported a noise violation coming from the Mauser Residence at 22:45 the evening of April 27th. Mr. Luger communicated that he had purchased a sound meter for "registering the ambient noise level." I arrived on the scene a few minutes after 23:00, and proceeded to the Mauser residence, and was able to hear a gathering from the street. I proceeded to the front door, and upon knocking, was invited inside and offered a glass of Riesling from Gregory Mauser. Mr. Mauser escorted me to the Backyard, and informed me that Mrs. Mauser was at a work conference. The majority of the gathering was taking place in the back yard. I noticed the presence of Archie and Jean Messerschmitt, as well as Tony and Helmut Mannlicher, Ernst and Tatsuko Richtofen, Hank and Linda Astra, and Anderson and Laurie Henschel. I informed Mr. Mauser that the noise coming from his event was bothering some neighbors. I suggested that he

move the gathering indoors, so as to prevent unnecessary emanation of noise. At this point, Mr. Luger yelled over the fence, "Latch your [expletive] yap-holes, [expletive] [expletive]!" Mr. Mauser took a drink of his glass of Riesling, and smiling, told me that it was a beautiful night. For the record, I was not drinking, as I was on duty. I informed Mr. Mauser that if he did not move the gathering indoors, I would be forced to issue a citation. Mr. Mauser asked how much the fine for the citation would be, and I informed him that the fine for first offense Noise Ordinance Violation was One Hundred Dollars. Mr. Luger yelled again, and Mr. Mauser thanked me for my service and asked politely for a citation. I went to my squad car and wrote the citation, and returned to the residence to deliver it to Mr. Mauser. I was again ushered to the backyard and offered a second glass of Riesling. I declined, as I was on duty, delivered the citation, and left the residence. Dispatch reached me a second time, informing me that Mr. Luger had called in again. I drove around the block to the Luger residence, and informed Mr. Luger that a citation had been issued and that was the limit of the Constabulary's authority. Mr. Luger asked about the fine associated with the violation, and was informed. It was clear Mr. Luger had been drinking. He asked me inside and offered me a glass of Brandy, which again, I did not accept because I was on duty. I was also fairly tired, and wanted to leave. Mr. Luger then began fiddling with stereo equipment, and

after a short while had rigged up some sort of PA system to broadcast his voice onto his back patio. Mr. Luger walked out to the back patio and began yelling expletives at the gathering at the Mauser Residence. I informed him that unless he stopped, I would be forced to issue a citation. He told me "he didn't give a [expletive]." I returned to my vehicle and wrote a citation, returning to the Luger residence to deliver it. The noise was audible from at least 500 meters away, and I could see lights coming on in other houses in the neighborhood. I called the station to ask what I should be doing in this situation. At this point, the sound stopped, and all the lights in the neighborhood went off. I stepped out of my car to try to figure out what had happened. I walked around the block with my flashlight looking for something that might have caused the power to fail. No such cause could be located. The gathering at the Mauser residence had dispersed, and the noise from the Luger residence had ceased. I determined that this constituted a resolution to the dispute and informed Dispatch that Grid 19.3 was out.

Report Number: 2007-0000170

Report Date/Time: Mon, 30-Apr-2007, 11:00

Incident Date/Time: Mon, 30-Apr-2007, 10:30

Incident(s): ALLEGED FAILURE TO DISCLOSE

Incident Location: 11950 Sundown Blvd.

Census Tract: 19.2

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Second Lieutenant Zebulon Side

Victim(s): Linda Kaeder Esq.

Report Summary: Ms. Kaeder, an attorney working for Hapsburg, Dampierre, and Partners entered the Verdugo Public Records Office on Mon 29-Apr-2007 around 09:00, and found no police reports for Station 19 for the year of 2007. Ms. Kaeder requested that the Public Records Office make these records available, and was apparently given instructions to contact Station 19. Ms. Kaeder entered Station 19 at around 10:30 the same day and was directed to my office by Officer Smoutebollen. Ms. Kaeder recited multiple "clauses" of the "1982 Public Transparency Act" to First Officer Sputnik and myself. First Officer Sputnik retrieved filed reports dating from 1-Jan-2007 through the current date and ordered Officer Corduroy Davenport to produce photocopies of these reports, and deliver them to the offices of Hapsburg, Dampierre, and Partners. Ms. Kaeder indicated that she would wait at the station until she had

received the requested reports. Officer Davenport delivered these reports to Ms. Kaeder. Ms. Kaeder searched through the reports and indicated that a report for the events of Friday, 27-Apr-2007 had not been included. Officer Davenport had not yet filed this report, citing "excessive length." He was ordered to file the report and distribute a photocopy to Ms. Kaeder. After doing so, Officer Davenport was instructed to file his reports in a timely manner. Officers of Station 19 were instructed to file all reports with the Verdugo Public Records Office on a weekly basis. A photocopy of this report was given to Ms. Kaeder.

Report Number: 2007-0000172

Report Date/Time: Wed, 2-May-2007, 09:00

Incident Date/Time: Tue, 1-May-2007, 14:20

Incident(s): DEFENESTRATION

Incident Location: 12225 Sundown Dr. #305

Census Tract: 19.0

District: 7

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Victim(s): Dr. Harold Askins

Report Summary: Dr. Harold Askins called into the Station at around 14:20 to report a Defenestration. While in the middle of a therapy session, Gorp Menlo stopped speaking, stood up, and charged at the office window, leaping through it and falling three stories to the ground. I arrived on the scene, at around 14:30, and sectioned off the part of the sidewalk where Mr. Menlo and the glass had fallen. Mr. Menlo was not on the scene, or in the area. Dr. Askins had been treating Mr. Menlo for a "Psychiatric Proclivity for Defenestration" when the Defenestration occurred. Dr. Askins indicated that he would not be filing charges against Mr. Menlo, provided Mr. Menlo returned to Therapy the next week. I reported back the situation to the station. A bulletin was put out for Mr. Menlo's whereabouts while I proceeded to Mr. Menlo's residence on Shawcross Dr. Mr. Menlo was in his house, and answered the door when I rang the

bell. I informed him that we had an eyewitness to his Defenestration. Mr. Menlo was informed of Dr. Askins's conditions for not pressing charges, and was told that the quickest way out of a building was not always the best.

Report Number: 2007-0000176

Report Date/Time: Thu, 3-May-2007, 09:30

Incident Date/Time: Wed, 2-May-2007, 17:45

Incident(s): ALLEGED THEFT, ALLEGED CRIMINAL TRESSPASSING

Incident Location: 1415 N Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Brittany Quimper

Victim(s): Maxine Mauser

Report Summary: Mrs. Mauser returned from work, and cooked herself dinner. While taking out the trash, Mrs. Mauser discovered a small entry to the crawlspace beneath the Mauser Residence had been left open. Looking inside, Mrs. Mauser discovered between 20 and 25 empty bottles of Riesling. Mrs. Mauser immediately returned indoors and called the Constabulary, assuming that there was "some sort of Riesling Thief" living beneath the house. Upon the arrival of Officers, Mrs. Mauser informed them she was alone in the house and that Gregory Mauser was on a motorcycle trip with his "College Buddies." Upon inspection of the crawlspace, Officers found no evidence of habitation. Officers inspected the in-house crawlspace entries, and found no evidence of intrusion. The empty bottles were moved to recycling, and the crawlspace entry was nailed shut. Mrs. Mauser was informed that she should question her husband about

the bottles of Riesling.

Report Number: 2007-0000181

Report Date/Time: Fri, 4-May-2007, 12:00

Incident Date/Time: Fri, 4-May-2007, 09:10

Incident(s): ALLEGED VANDALISM

Incident Location: 415 Breton Ln.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Brittany Quimper

Victim(s): Ada Luger, Arduino "Dino" Luger

Report Summary: Ada Luger cooked herself breakfast and went to eat it on her back patio, where she discovered a number of mutilated animals strewn across the flagstone. She returned inside to inform her husband, Dino Luger, of the situation. Mr. Luger immediately grabbed a firearm and proceeded outside. Mr. Luger found "three or four large weasels." Mr. Luger discharged his handgun in their direction until he had no more bullets to discharge, and the creatures had dispersed. Mr. Luger proceeded inside and called the Constabulary to report that he had discharged his weapon and to accuse Gregory Mauser of "willful release of dangerous animals onto [the Luger's] property." Officers arrived at approximately 09:30, and found a total of 12 dead animals (rabbits, gophers, squirrels) piled underneath the Luger's patio table. A couple meters from the table, Officers found what appeared to be a coyote, half

skinned, and apparently still breathing. A great deal of blood had pooled beneath the animal. The coyote's breathing stopped. The Verdugo Animal Control Department was contacted and sent a team to clean up the animal carcasses. The Lugers were informed that the Animal Control team was on the way. Mr. Luger complained about the Constabulary and declared that he was going to file a lawsuit against Mr. Mauser until the Animal Control team had finished. Mr. Luger was given the number for the Verdugo Animal Control Department and was told to direct further animal-related issues to them.

Report Number: 2007-0000184

Report Date/Time: Tue, 8-May-2007, 10:30

Incident Date/Time: Mon, 7-May-2007, 19:30

Incident(s): ALLEGED VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER

Incident Location: 415 Breton Ln.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Victim(s): Arduino "Dino" Luger

Report Summary: Mr. Luger called into the station at 19:30 to report that Gregory Mauser was in violation of a court-issued restraining order, and that he required assistance from the Constabulary to arrest Mr. Mauser. Upon arriving at the Luger residence, Mr. Luger showed me a "laser distance measuring device" that he had retrieved from his "golf bag." Mr. Luger took me to his back patio where Mr. Mauser was visible over Mr. Luger's fence, eating dinner with Mrs. Mauser in his backyard. Mr. Luger wanted it on the record that after two "pressure washes", his flagstone still had "permanent blood stains." Mr. Luger pointed the device at Mr. Mauser and indicated that the device measured 42.5 meters, which was less than 50 meters. I called into the Station to ask whether or not this constituted a violation. Second Lieutenant Side informed me that, since Mr. Mauser was on his own property, Mr. Mauser was

not in violation of the order. Mr. Luger was informed that no violation had been committed.

Report Number: 2007-0000189

Report Date/Time: Tue, 8-May-2007, 17:35

Incident Date/Time: Tue, 8-May-2007, 13:05

Incident(s): DEFENESTRATION

Incident Location: 12225 Sundown Dr.

Census Tract: 19.0

District: 7

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: First Officer Candice Sputnik

Victim(s): Paragon Healthcare and Insurance Bonds

Report Summary: Gorp Menlo entered the Trentlumber Office Complex at 12:57, on his way to a therapy appointment on the third floor with Dr. Harold Askins. Mr. Menlo rode the elevator to the third floor, but did not disembark, instead proceeding to the fourth floor. Mr. Menlo walked out of the elevator and into the local offices of Paragon Healthcare and Insurance Bonds. Mr. Menlo proceeded into a meeting room. Witnesses reported that Mr. Menlo climbed up on the meeting table, broke into a run, and leapt off the table, breaking through a glass window and falling to the ground outside the building. Gorp Menlo was found unconscious with a broken leg directly below the window. Mr. Menlo was taken to the Verdugo General hospital, where he was taken into surgery to repair his leg. Doctors found lacerations across Mr. Menlo's body, and removed a total of 371 grams of glass from his skin. While cleaning these new wounds, doctors

noticed scar tissue, presumably from previous Defenestrations, that joined with the new lacerations. With the new lacerations, the damaged tissue appeared to Doctors as "pictographic, and in no way accidental." Across Mr. Menlo's body, drawn in scar tissue and wounds, were numerous depictions of a man being attacked and eaten by a swarm of slender creatures. A nurse, Ernesto Weiss refused to assist in the care of Mr. Menlo. Mr. Weiss claimed that treating Mr. Menlo "creeped [him] out." Mr. Menlo was handcuffed to the bed, and would be transferred to constabulary custody upon his recovery. Mr. Menlo regained consciousness and was cooperative with First Officer Sputnik's questioning. Mr. Menlo had no memory of any deliberate wounding, and stated as a matter of fact that, apart from a couple childhood scars, his wounds were all the result of Defenestration. Mr. Menlo was informed that he would be taken into custody upon his recovery, and consented. Mr. Menlo wanted the following in the record, "There are times where I am not a man, but a marionette."

Report Number: 2007-0000194

Report Date/Time: Thu, 10-May--2007, 12:00

Incident Date/Time: Wed, 9-May-2007, 16:05

Incident(s): DEATH OF DOMESTIC ANIMAL

Incident Location: 1465 N. Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Fritter Smoutebollen

Victim(s): Warren Mylar, Rita Mylar

Report Summary: Warren Mylar called into the station at 16:05 to report the death of the Mylar's family dog. "Ocker," a 65lb Australian Shephard, was found lying head-down near the fence bordering the adjacent property belonging to Gregory and Maxine Mauser. Upon inspection, Warren Mylar discovered that the Canine's head was embedded in a hole near the fence. Upon trying to rouse the dog, Mylar found that a wound on the back of the Canine's neck, and contacted the Constabulary. I arrived on the scene at around 16:20, and found Mr. and Mrs. Mylar fairly distraught. I proceeded to the scene in the rear of their residence and came across a cluster of around five weasel-like animals attempting to drag the canine under the fence. I approached the scene and calmly ordered the creatures to disperse. The largest of the animals made threatening gestures at me, and began to approach me. The creature was hissing and

snarling. The other creatures lost interest in the canine, and turned their focus to me. I withdrew my sidearm, and discharged a round into the ground, ordering them to disperse again. The creatures dispersed, and I inspected the body of the canine. I found bite marks from these creatures on the face, side, and front arms of the canine. I determined that the weasel-like creatures were likely responsible for the death of the canine. I informed Mylars of the likely cause of death. Warren Mylar was given contact information for the Verdugo Animal Control Department.

Report Number: 2007-0000196

Report Date/Time: Thu, 10-May-2007, 16:00

Incident Date/Time: Thu, 10-May-2007, 11:30

Incident(s): ALLEGED CRIMINAL CONTEMPT

Incident Location: 1415 N. Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Brittany Quimper

Victim(s): Arduino "Dino" Luger

Report Summary: According to Mr. Luger, the District 8 Court had ordered Gregory Mauser to disclose information to the Law Offices of Hapsburg, Dampierre, and Partners via a "Motion to Compel". Mr. Luger had filed a civil suit against Mr. Mauser over the "permanent desecration" of Mr. Luger's "brand-new flagstone walkway." Mr. Luger showed Officer Quimper court documents compelling Mr. Mauser to deliver a Deposition to Mr.Luger's legal team revealing the identity of a "Balkan or Chechen" and the contents of "wood crates" that had been delivered by aforementioned "Balkan or Chechen" on the morning of 18-Apr-2007. Mr. Mauser had not disclosed this information to Mr. Luger's legal team. Mr. Luger stated he was "90% sure" that the unidentified man was "a black market animal dealer," and that the crates had contained "feral weasels" which had "spread death and dismay," and ruined Mr.Luger's "expensive flagstone

walkway." Upon reviewing the offered court documents, Officer Quimper informed Mr. Luger that Mr. Mauser's legal team had fourteen days to comply with the motion, and that Mr. Mauser had not violated any court order.

Report Number: 2007-0000199

Report Date/Time: Thu, 17-May-2007, 09:30

Incident Date/Time: Mon, 14-May-2007, 12:00

Incident(s): CRIMINAL HARASSMENT

Incident Location: 1415 N Shawcross Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Corduroy Davenport

Victim(s): Gregory Mauser

Report Summary: Mr. Mauser reported having clear evidence of criminal activity committed by Arduino "Dino" Mauser. I arrived at the Mauser residence and found Mr. Mauser and Tatsuko Richtofen, who was representing Mr. Mauser in his civil dispute with Mr. Luger. Ms. Richtofen and Mr. Mauser showed me footage from video tapes Mr. Mauser had taken of his backyard. Several instances on the tape clearly showed Mr. Luger discharging a firearm and yelling "[expletive] you, Greg!" or some other such vulgarity disparaging Mr. Mauser. Mr. Mauser stated that he feared for his and Mrs. Mauser's safety. Another clip from Mr. Mauser's tapes showed Mr. Luger flinging multiple animal carcasses over the property-dividing fence with a shovel. Mr. Mauser claimed he felt threatened by the willful discarding of dead animals onto his property. Mr. Mauser offered me a glass of Riesling. As the evidence presented constituted criminal harassment, I called the

station and requested that an arrest warrant be obtained from the District Court. Officer Quimper arrived at the Mauser Residence at 12:45 and took the tapes for submitting to the Court. Mr. Mauser requested that I remain at his residence "for his safety." An arrest warrant for Aduino Luger was issued at 16:15, and brought to me by Officer Quimper. Officer Quimper and I proceeded to the Luger residence, where we placed Mr. Luger in custody. We placed Mr. Luger in the rear seat of Officer Quimper's squad car, and informed Mr. Luger that he would be detained in the holding cell at Station 19 until he posted bail.

Report Number: 2007-0000200

Report Date/Time: Thu, 17-May-2007, 09:30

Incident Date/Time: Mon, 14-May-2007, 16:30

Incident(s): ESCAPE FROM JAIL, DEFENESTRATION, DEATH

Incident Location: 11950 Sundown Blvd.; 1385 N. Shawcross

Dr.

Census Tract: 19.3

District: 8

Area Command: VH

Investigator Assigned: Officer Brittany Quimper

Victim(s): Verdugo Police Department, Station 19; Gorp
Menlo

Report Summary: Officers Quimper and Davenport were escorting Arduino Luger to Station 19, where he would be held awaiting charges for Criminal Harrasment. Mr. Luger was detained in the rear seat of Officer Quimper's Squad car, while Officer Davenport followed behind. Parking the car at the station, Officer Quimper waited for Officer Davenport to assist in moving Mr. Luger, who was inebriated and hostile. Upon arriving in the station, Officers Quimper and Davenport found Officer Smoutebollen asleep at his desk. Officer Davenport handcuffed Mr. Luger to his desk. Mr. Luger yelled, awakening Officer Smoutebollen. Second Lieutenant Side, and First Officer Quimper were not in the station, and Officer Smoutebollen indicated they had headed home for the day. Officer Davenport began to fill out

an incident report and an arrest report, while Officer Quimper went to the holding cell to check on Gorp Menlo, who had been detained following the Defenestration incident described in report 2007-0000189. The holding cell no longer contained Mr. Menlo, who had apparently broken through the small safety-glass window at the back of the cell. Officer Quimper alerted Officers Smoutebollen and Davenport of Mr. Menlo's escape. Officer Smoutebollen was instructed to take blood-covered glass and scraps of Mr. Menlo's clothing and skin into evidence. Officer Davenport was instructed to put out a bulletin for Mr. Menlo. Officer Quimper contacted Second Lieutenant Side, via his personal phone number. Officer Side suggested that Officers Quimper and Davenport search Mr. Menlo's residence. Mr. Luger remained handcuffed to the desk. Officers Smoutebollen and Davenport moved Mr. Luger to the holding cell, and handcuffed him to the bench so that he could not escape through the now-open window. Mr. Luger informed us that since he could not access the toilet, this was an unreasonable imprisonment and he would be pressing charges. Officer Smoutebollen moved Mr. Luger so that he could access the toilet, while Officers Davenport and Quimper set off to the Menlo residence.

Upon arriving at the Menlo Residence, Gregory Mauser who lives in the adjacent house, left his residence to meet Officers in the street. Mr. Mauser was carrying a glass of Riesling in one hand, and a bottle in the other. Mr. Mauser, who was flush,

and likely innebriated, politely thanked Officers for arresting Mr. Luger, and offered Officer Davenport "another glass of Riesling." Mr. Mauser was informed that drinking in public was criminalized in Verdugo, and was asked to return to his private residence. Mr. Mauser obliged, and Officers proceeded to the Menlo residence. A gate on the side of the residence, which led the the backyard of the Menlo residence was open. Officers could see what appeared to be an injured man crawling on the ground in the rear of the house. Officers proceeded through the open gate and into the backyard, which had been dug up, such that it looked like a quarry.

Mr. Menlo was lying prone with most of his upper torso embedded in a large hole, his legs flailing. Officer Quimper withdrew her firearm and ordered Mr. Menlo to remove himself from the hole. Mr. Menlo screamed. Officer Quimper discharged my firearm into the ground, away from Mr. Menlo, and ordered him again to remove himself from the hole. Officer Davenport observed that Mr. Menlo was in some sort of distress, and loudly asked, "Mr. Menlo, are you okay?" Officer Quimper holstered her firearm.

A creature appeared from behind me. It brushed my leg and lept onto the back of Mr. Menlo. The creature sunk its teeth into the back of his neck. Officer Davenport kicked the creature off of Mr. Menlo. Officer Quimper grabbed Mr. Menlo's right leg. I told him to help me pull. Mr. Menlo was no longer flailing.

Officer Davenport took Mr. Menlo's left leg, and we pulled him. His face and arms were covered in these creatures. I started back and withdrew my firearm again. I fell into a divot that had been dug, accidentally losing grip on my firearm. A rodent skull fell on me from the side of the divot. Officer Davenport began to discharge his firearm. I tried to get up. I placed my hand to raise myself. The divot was filled with bones. I sat up, and saw these things. I grabbed at my firearm, and fired it until the clip was empty.

Mr. Menlo's face and arms were a mess of flesh and earth. Officer Davenport stared at Mr. Menlo. I called in that we needed assistance, and requested an ambulance and additional officers. Officer Davenport remained still. I took Officer Davenport to the curb, and sat him down. I took his firearm, and placed it in my squad car. I suspected that Officer Davenport may have accidentally discharged his firearm into Mr. Menlo. I do not believe this was the cause of his death.