



May 16th-18th, a joint-retail blitz was conducted at Coronado Mall in Albuquerque, NM with the direct support of Albuquerque PD.



Blitz Highlights

- 38 suspects apprehended and \$5,100.00 of merchandise recovered from 23 different retailers (Vehicle Search Warrants Pending)
- Well-known booster Manuel Layba and his son were apprehended on Day 2. Both had been targeting several retailers at the mall on a weekly basis prior to the blitz. Both had multiple warrants for thefts from Gap and Express with known losses totaling more than \$12,000.00.
- Detectives were able to gather intelligence on potential fencing locations and other local ORC suspects affecting our stores in the Albuquerque area.
- Several suspects were found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and lock blade knives.

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12/25/43

Coronado Mall Blitz May 16th -18th





5/23/72



10/07/78





VW - Bug

Merchandise

APD Report # - 120045054 Hollister - \$172.00 Children's Place - \$47.56

Comings and Torres entered the affected stores and concealed merchandise into their purses as Aulet stood by acting as a look out. Comings was uncooperative during apprehension not obeying any commands given to her.



Rebecca Kersi 11/11/78 **Recovered Merchandise**

Plate

APD Report # - 120045102 Macy's - \$512.61

Kersi entered Macy's and concealed merchandise into a stroller that she had in her possession. She became very aggressive towards the Loss Prevention Agents as the apprehension was made. Kersi was accompanied by her two children.









2/11/91



7/19/85



Recovered Merchandise

Red Chevy Cavalier NM Plate (KGH-976)

APD Report # - 120045149 Sephora - \$265.00 Express - \$59.70 Victoria Secret - \$262.00 Aldo - \$50.00 American Eagle - \$79.50

11/01/77

Osvaldo and Plasercia entered the affected stores and concealed merchandise into shopping bags they had in their possession. They admitted to shoplifting on a regular basis.



Scott Johnson 3/06/88

Stewart Castillo 7/10/79

APD Report # - 120045160 Hot Topic - \$50.80 Finish Line - \$67.99 Gamestop - \$119.96

Johnson and Castillo entered the affected stores and concealed numerous items into the pants that they were wearing. Both males ran from APD Officers as they were approached. Johnson and Castillo both had prior shoplifting and theft convictions.











Angela RamirezChastity Baca3/20/791/20/87

Recovered Merchandise

APD Report # - 120045200 Shoe Department - \$72.99 Fredrick's of Hollywood - \$50.00 Journey's Kidz - \$9.95 Van's Shoes - \$22.00 Express - \$59.90

Baca approached the Security desk and asked that they hold her bag so that she was not mistaken for a shoplifter. Upon being told that they would not hold her bag she exited, hiding her duffle bag in the bushes. After checking the bag, it was found to contain Narcotics, Narcotic Paraphernalia, and stolen items. While inside the Mall, both Baca and Ramirez concealed items from all affected stores. Narcotics Paraphernalia was found on both Baca and Ramirez.







Fernando EcheverriSteven Leewright4/01/805/01/69

ght Recovered Merchandise

Drug paraphernalia and Knife found in backpack

APD Report # - 120045124 Children's Place \$42.00

Leewright concealed merchandise into his pants and exited the store. Leewright was followed and was observed meeting with Echeverri, who was waiting outside the mall entrance. As they were approached by APD Officers, Leewright was observed removing the concealed merchandise and placing it into a backpack carried/held by Echeverri, Both were arrested. A large knife and drug paraphernalia were found in the backpack.









APD Report # - 120045031

Payless - \$29.99

Three Juvenile males entered Payless Shoes and concealed a pair of shoes. The males were able to board the City Bus where they were apprehended by APD Officers.



Dustin Yatsayte 5/25/91

APD Report # - 120045538 Coronado Center – Shoplifting Warrant

Yatsayte was stopped when he was observed to be carrying brass knuckles. He was found to be in possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia and to have an outstanding warrant for shoplifting. Yatsayte stated that he was involved with a local gang and carried the brass knuckles for personal protection. When he found that they were illegal to carry he stated that he would start carrying a knife.









Manuel Leyba 7/15/93 2/15/74





Previously posted on ARAPA for thefts from Gap Kids

APD Report # - 120045435 JC Penney's - \$ Unknown Vehicle Seized and Towed Children's Place - \$522.00

Leyba had been issued a Criminal Trespass notice in 2009 and has several cases currently being worked by APD Officers for Commercial Burglary affecting many stores in the Albuquerque area. Leyba was accompanied by his son Leyba Jr. He was stopped by APD after shoplifting from JC Penney's and Children's Place, the vehicle was sealed, towed, and seized.



Geneva Anaya 2/14/79

APD Report # - 120045460 JC Penney - \$281.41 Anaya who had been Criminally Trespassed from Coronado Center previously was charged with Commercial Burglary for the theft from JC Penny's













Sylvia Escarsega 3/28/80

Mercedes Escarsega 12/21/51 Black Chevy Impala

NM Plate HYS-422

APD Report # - 121380824

Express and Justice - Vehicle sealed, towed, and merchandise seized (Estimated Value \$1200.00)

Both females were observed entering Express. After exiting the store they moved their vehicle to another location in the parking lot and re-entered the Mall. They entered Justice. They placed a large Gap bag full of stolen merchandise into the trunk. They were stopped by APD Officers and admitted to selling the stolen items for profit. Sylvia had been convicted in the past for Trafficking.



6/24/85



John Paul Marrah

4/22/75

Needles/Cutters



Merchandise Recovered

APD Report # - 120045592 Claire's - \$49.18 Victoria Secret - \$118.00 Shoe Department - \$26.99







Ortega and Marrah were observed removing large amounts of jewelry items from their pockets and using clippers to cut off the tags. They were then observed entering The Shoe Department and Victoria Secret where they concealed additional items. They were stopped by APD Officers and had prior shoplifting offences. Both were in possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia. Marrah was found to have an outstanding felony warrant.



Jared Chavez 8/04/83

Anna Frangia 12/16/87

APD Report # -Suspicious Activity-Drug paraphernalia

Chavez and Frangia were stopped by APD Officers for attempted to sell merchandise credits in the Mall. It is believed that Chavez and Frangia were at the Mall with Ortega and Marrah. They had been inside of the Mall for the majority of the day with out making a legitimate purchase. Chavez was found to be in possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia.



Ezaelia LorencoGabriela Estevan4/22/200012/06/95

Merchandise

APD Report # - 120045543 Victoria Secret - \$9.50 Forever 21 - \$1.21 Hollister - \$71.50







Two female Juveniles entered Forever 21, Hollister, and Victoria Secret, concealed items and departed the mall. They were stopped by APD Officers and stated that they shoplift on a regular basis.



APD Report # -

Sears - \$117.70 (Juan)

Sears - \$14.00 (Curtis)

Valencia and Holmes entered Sears and concealed several items. Valencia had been issued a Criminal Trespass previously and was charged with Commercial Burglary.





Charles Barela 10/11/71 **Recovered Merchandise**

APD Report # - 120045760 Victoria Secret - \$150.00

Barela was apprehended after entering and concealing merchandise inside of Victoria Secret. Barela had a Criminal Trespass in place from 2010 and was charged with Commercial Burlary.









Joseph Castillo 3/03/75 Brenda Castillo 7/29/72

APD Report # - 120045938 Sears - \$120.00 Castillo entered Sears and concealed merchandise. They were taken into custody by APD Officers with out incident.



Joseph Ortega 6/08/79

James Crespen 6/15/72 Jewelry found on suspects

APD Report # - 120045963 Coronado Center - Acting Suspicious

Both Ortega and Crespen were inside of Coronado Center's common area acting suspicious. Due to their crazy behavior they were stopped by APD Officers. They were found to be in possession of many items that are suspected of coming from an unknown residential burglary. Both males were found to be in possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia (Needles) and advised the APD Officer that they did not have any sharp objects on them when asked. Crespen had a needle uncapped facing up that pricked the APD Officers finger when checking his pockets. Ortega was charged with Aggravated Battery on a Police Officer and Ortega was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia, and had a Felony Warrant placed by Probation and Parole.









4/16/95

Pills/Pipe/Lighter

APD Report # - 120045892

Coronado Center – Dealing Narcotics

Tilleerg and Mayo were stopped after being observed passing prescription pills to each other. It was determined that the pills in question were Valium that Tilleerg had gained from an unknown source. Both Tilleerg and Mayo were charged with Possession of Prescription Narcotics.

