

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMAND

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Commanders Corner:

As we anticipate the cooler temperatures as fall arrives we see crime numbers decreasing across the board. We recently scored a victory for one of our chronic drivers of crime in the University Area Command with the District Attorney's Office holding Michael Garcia. Michael Garcia who has frequented the Nob Hill area for years, was arrested by the University Area Command's PRT officers yesterday for kicking and breaking a window at Boba Tea Company, located at 3339 Central Ave SE. Mr. Garcia has been arrested by APD 63 times and has 151 cases filed in our records division. Mr. Garcia was deemed incompetent to stand trial in 2021 and all criminal cases filed against him since then have been dismissed citing competency. Last week the DA's office successfully filed preventative detention on Mr. Garcia, who will now be sent to Santa Fe for a full evaluation at the state's mental health institution.

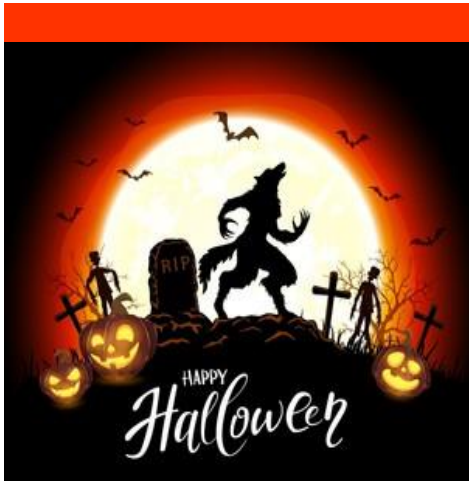


If anyone in the area command has experienced an incident with Mr. Garcia and not reported that to APD, please call (505) 242-COPS and have a report filed concerning your encounter so we may add those incidents to his file which will aid in prosecution.

As always please contact us if you have questions comments or concerns, Ray



~ Commander Ray Del Greco





Message from Chief Medina



Hello Albuquerque! The fall season is upon us and Balloon Fiesta is right around the corner. We have plans in place to help keep the park safe as well as all those attend both near and far.

I hear there are some new balloons this year as well as improvements to the park itself, so I hope everyone takes some time to get out and enjoy our city's largest event.

I would like to share more about an announcement regarding Campus Crime Stoppers getting back into the school system. Our Crime Stoppers Liaison was a driving force in getting this partnership with APS back up and running, and we are grateful for the district allowing students to have a tool at their fingertips to be able to report crime anonymously.

Students are able to report either on the website at p3tips.com or they can also text "ABQCS" to 738477. More on this announcement will be coming soon!



We recently announced some promising news over our efforts on shoplifting across our city, specifically the Northeast and Northwest Area Commands as they are home to our largest shopping districts.

2024 SHOPLIFTING OFFENSES									
	Southwest	Valley	Southeast	Northeast	Foothills	Northwest	University	NULL/OOJ	Total
Jan	29	30	5	445	191	163	13	8	884
Feb	19	24	8	342	143	157	14	7	714
Mar	21	25	6	245	150	167	6	11	631
Apr	15	20	5	300	126	187	28	12	693
May	11	19	5	299	159	139	14	9	655
Jun	12	16	3	263	100	136	22	4	556
Jul	11	28	1	229	73	119	15	13	489
Aug	19	31	2	213	44	97	23	15	444
Total	136	193	35	2,336	986	1,165	135	80	5,066

APD Proactive Response Team officers in the Northeast and Northwest Area commands have shifted focus to property crimes, specifically shoplifting, in the areas of Cottonwood Mall, Coronado Shopping Center and Uptown. APD has seen a decrease in citywide shoplifting from 884 reported incidents in January 2024 compared to 444 incidents in August 2024.

PRT officers and Organized Crime Unit detectives have worked joint operations in the busier shopping districts, identifying and arresting repeat known offenders. Business owners throughout the city are encouraged to join the Albuquerque Retail Assets Protection Association (ARAPA) to connect with local law enforcement and share trends, help identify repeat offenders and build lines of communication. Businesses can register [here](#).

As always, thank you for your continued support!



-Chief Harold Medina



APD Provides Public Safety Tips During Balloon Fiesta...

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – As the Albuquerque Police Department prepares to keep the public safe during the New Mexico State Fair and next month's Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, APD is providing tips for residents and visitors to take to keep themselves and their belongings safe.

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta runs from Oct. 6 – 14.

- Always roll up windows, lock the doors and take the keys even if you will be away for a short time.
- Remove ALL items from your vehicle whenever possible, but at the very least remove items from view – even items that might have the perception of value. Don't give a car thief a reason to break in.
- Do not leave unsecured firearms in your car. Thieves know that some people travel with firearms for safety, and historically, they have targeted visitor's at large events like the State Fair.
- Some auto burglars break-in to steal your identity – consider removing your registration and insurance paperwork from the glove box. Put them in your pocket with your driver's license. The law only requires the paperwork be in the vehicle when it's being operated.
- Park your vehicle in an area with adequate lighting and good natural surveillance. You want your vehicle to be easily seen.

APD is implementing tactical plans for the Balloon Fiesta. The Traffic Division will focus on both pedestrian and increased vehicle traffic around the fair, while the DWI unit will be on alert for drunk drivers. There are also plans for sobriety checkpoints during the fair to keep streets safe.

APD's Auto Theft Unit will aggressively work to keep visitors' vehicles safe from theft and burglaries, continuing a successful partnership with the New Mexico State Police, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office and the New Mexico Auto Theft Prevention Authority. During last year's Balloon Fiesta, a tactical plan resulted in no break-ins or auto thefts at the main hotels where visitors stayed.

The State Fair has almost half a million visitors during its run. With such large crowds, parents should take extra precautions to ensure children are within eyesight at all times. Look for the New Mexico State Police Mobile Command Unit on Main Street to Tag Your Tot.





**JOIN THE ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIVERSITY
AREA COMMAND OFFICERS FOR NATIONAL COFFEE WITH A COP!**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 2024, 11:30-12:30pm

**It will be hosted by the Starbucks Coffee Company located at
4407 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110**

Additional parking: 4401 Lomas Blvd.

**This is your opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns and get
to know the Police Officers in your community**

University Area Command Events

Public Safety ECHO

Please join us for
NOB HILL & UNIVERSITY AREA PUBLIC SAFETY ECHO

Campus Safety
With the UNM Police Department

Wednesday, October 16th - 1:00-2:30 pm

Facilitation by
University Area Command

Case:
TBD

Information about the City of Albuquerque's Public Safety ECHO program.

Upcoming Sessions:

- Nob Hill and the University Area sessions -
- First Wednesday; [Join the Nob Hill - University Public Safety iECHO](#)
- Third Wednesday; [Join the Nob Hill - University Public Safety iECHO](#)

Contact Us

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National Coffee with a Cop Day >>>: Date: October 2, 2024

Address: Starbucks >>> 4407 Lomas Blvd NE

Time: 11:30am -1:00pm

HALLOWEEN SAFETY BINGO

	EXAMINE ALL TREATS BEFORE EATING	FLASHLIGHTS & GLOWSTICKS FOR VISIBILITY		USE TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND CROSSWALKS
REMEMBER TO LOOK BOTH WAYS WHEN CROSSING STREETS	STAY ON SIDEWALKS WHEN POSSIBLE	TRICK OR TREAT IN GROUPS OR WITH AN ADULT	MASKS AND COSTUMES SHOULDN'T BLOCK VISION	WALK IN WELL LIT AREAS
USE NON-TOXIC MAKEUP		FREE SPACE	NEVER GO INTO A STRANGER'S HOME OR CAR	DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY
COSTUMES SHOULD FIT WELL AND BE FLAME RESISTANT	AVOID DARK HOUSES	WALK DON'T RUN	BE ALERT	
	STAY IN GROUPS	BE AWARE OF SURROUNDINGS	PLAN YOUR ROUTE	PHONE DOWN, HEAD UP

How many safety squares can you fill this Halloween?

University Area Command Coffee with a Cop



**National
Coffee with
a Cop Day
2024**

*Thank you,
Starbucks!*

