



GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Social Distancing Violation Leads to Gun Arrest

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Glendale, CA:

On March 26, 2020, Glendale PD Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of E Garfield Avenue regarding a group of males causing a disturbance in a residential parking lot. This call was especially sensitive in light of the social distancing regulations set in place by the Los Angeles County Public Health Department.

Upon arrival, officers observed a group of six males huddled around a vehicle, some of whom were holding beer bottles and wearing gloves.

The group separated as officers approached, and one of the individuals was recognized as a known gang member.

All of the males were detained and warned regarding their social distancing behaviors.

As a result of further investigation, a black case containing a .22 caliber pistol with a full magazine was found.

Ultimately, it was discovered that the case containing the pistol and magazine belonged to 23-year-old Jonathan Esquivel of Glendale. Esquivel was subsequently arrested for carrying a loaded firearm in public.

Glendale, known as the "Jewel City," is one of the largest cities in Los Angeles County. With a population of over 200,000, Glendale is a thriving cosmopolitan city that is rich in history, culturally diverse, and offers limitless opportunities. It is the home to a vibrant business community, with major companies in healthcare, entertainment, manufacturing, retail, and banking.

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