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LAPD Dumping In Arts District

Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers are seizing personal belongings from homeless individuals in the Skid Row district of Downtown and dumping them under the 6th Street Bridge in the Arts District, according to the Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN), which says it has film to back up its allegations.

The *Garment & Citizen* recently reviewed an edited version of the film, which shows LAPD officers arriving under the 6th Street Bridge in a city-owned truck full of items ranging from the milk crates that are popular carry-alls for homeless individuals to chairs, blankets and other items.

The film shows officers calling on homeless individuals camped under the bridge to unload the truck. The officers then allow a small crowd of homeless individuals to pick through the load and carry off any items they want. One man is seen carrying a load of items to a tent set up just a few feet from the dumping site.

The film also shows an LAPD officer calling two of the men who helped unload the items over to the cab of the truck. The officer is seen reaching into the cab of the truck and handing each of the men an unknown object. Both of the men turned their backs to the camera when receiving the respective items, keeping them from view.

A man recorded on the film said that the arrival of trucks has been a regular occurrence in recent months, with LAPD officers alerting homeless individuals under the bridge when a load is coming.

LA CAN representatives said that the film also records discrepancies between explanations for the seizure of milk crates from homeless individuals, a crackdown that has taken on the form of a public campaign by LAPD in Skid Row.

An officer overseeing the seizure of items from homeless individuals on the streets of Skid Row is recorded on film saying that the milk crates are returned to their rightful owners—an apparent reference to the dairies of other companies that deliver goods in the thick plastic boxes. He said that more than 1,500 crates have been returned to their rightful owners in recent weeks.

The film recorded another officer overseeing the dumping of items under the bridge—including

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some milk crates, according to LA CAN—saying that anyone who wanted to claim them was free to do so.

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The area under the 6th Street Bridge is home to community of longstanding homeless campers and vagabonds. The site is less visible than the groups of makeshift campsites in Skid Row, but has long been an area of concern for residents of the Arts District on Downtown's northeastern edge.

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The apparent program of dumping items seized from homeless individuals in Skid Row under the bridge comes at a time when Central Area Captain **Andrew Smith**—who oversees LAPD's operations in both areas—has publicly criticized other law enforcement agencies, area hospitals and other institutions for “dumping” troubled and troublesome individuals in the Skid Row district. Smith has repeatedly complained that other agencies transport indigent, mentally ill, drug-addicted, and recently paroled individuals from outlying areas to Skid Row, compounding problems in the hardest pressed precincts of the central city.

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Word of the LA CAN film was “the first I've heard of” any allegations about dumping under the bridge, said Smith.

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“If for some reason an officer had a truck full of stuff and took it over there, I'd very much like to know those circumstances.”

The film of alleged dumping in the Arts District also surfaced as city officials and representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) have been meeting in attempts to work out some new protocol to address the large numbers of individuals who sleep on the streets of the Skid Row district. A recent ruling by a federal court struck down a city ordinance that allowed LAPD to arrest individuals for sleeping on the street. The court ruled that such action amounts to cruel and unusual punishment—a violation of the U.S. Constitution—as long as there is an insufficient number of beds available in appropriate shelters for homeless individuals.

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LA CAN representatives said they planned to show edited versions of the film—shot in recent weeks—during a press conference that was tentatively scheduled for August 24, as of presstime. Representatives of the non-profit group, which acts as an advocate for poor and homeless individuals, said they also have unedited versions of the film. Staffers of the group shot footage showing LAPD officers gathering up the belongings of homeless individuals on Skid Row, while an independent filmmaker captured the images of the dumping under the bridge.

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