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Parks Bureau Mounted Enforcement Deputies arrest man for Assault on a Police Horse and Obstructing a Police Horse

(Photos)

On June 23, 2014, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies from Parks Bureau Mounted Enforcement Detail conducted mounted patrol in the 6900 block of Pacific Boulevard, Huntington Park. The deputies were requested to respond to the area in regards to a large group of people gathering in the street after the World Soccer Game.

When the Mounted Deputies rode toward the celebrants and instructed them to move out of the street, the crowd began to comply. However, the suspect refused to move and lunged toward the Police Horse (Name of Santana - a 14 year old Paint gelding) causing him to lift his front feet off the ground. The suspect continually jumped up and down and waived a flag in the face of the Santana striking him a few times in the face with the flag and his fist.

The suspect's action created such disorder, that it triggered other celebrants to jeer at the deputies and crowd around the horses.

With the assistance from other deputies, the suspect was detained and identified as Richard Bandala, 22 years old, resident of Huntington Park. After further investigation it was determined that Bandala was wanted on a failure to appear warrant for DUI with a \$15,000 bail. Suspect Bandala was arrested and booked at Century Regional Detention Center and later cited to court on the listed charges.

The Police Horse Santana didn't sustain any physical injuries due to the assault.

The Parks Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department polices 177 county parks, golf courses and special event venues throughout Los Angeles County.

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