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### News Release

**Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff**

Classification : Hate Crime

Incident Date : Sunday, June 26, 2011

Deputies went to the 44200 Block of 10th Street West, Lancaster, at 9:54AM, Sunday, June 26, 2011, in response to a vandalism call.

When they arrived, they found several pieces of anti-gay graffiti spray painted on the walls of three local businesses. The graffiti advocated the killing of gay people.

The suspects are currently unknown and the investigation is continuing.

A hate crime occurs whenever a crime is committed, in whole or in part, because of specified characteristics of the victim. Sexual orientation is one of the listed characteristics (Penal Code section 422.55).

The Sheriff's Department has joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in a joint Hate Crime Human Trafficking Task Force. The mission of this Task Force is to identify hate crimes that should be prosecuted federally.

Persons having any information concerning the identity of the suspects are requested to contact Lancaster Sheriff's Station detectives at (661) 948-8466. For additional information contact Sgt. Husbands (661) 940-3842

Partner to prevent or report crime by contacting your local Sheriff's station. Or if you wish to remain Anonymous, call "LA Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>

S.H.A.R.E. (Stop Hate and Respect Everyone) Tolerance Program

S.H.A.R.E. (Stop Hate and Respect Everyone) Tolerance is an award-winning program created by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to educate members of the community regarding the dangers of hate and intolerance. It was conceived and developed by deputy sheriffs who care about the problem and wanted to do something effective about it.

Utilizing a custom-built mobile theater, uniformed deputies show a 35-minute documentary film

about hate crimes to groups of up to 24 people at a time. Afterwards, the deputies facilitate a 60-90 minute discussion about the film, the issues it presents, and the challenges of combating hate and intolerance.

Sheriff Lee Baca said, "Deputy sheriffs and police officers have the public's trust, they have leadership skills, and they care. S.H.A.R.E. Tolerance is a great example of our Department's Core Values that each of us displays the courage to 'stand against racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, and bigotry in all its forms.

See the S.H.A.R.E. Tolerance website including a 2-minute video, details about the program, facilitators, and photos:

<http://sharetolerance.com/>

<http://la-sheriff.org/sharetolerance/program.html>

For Additional Information Contact:

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