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Mr. John Lusardi  
Police Executive Research Forum  
1120 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 930  
Washington, D.C. 20037 -

Dear Mr. Lusardi:

It is my pleasure to nominate Detective Art Daedelow for the Herman Goldstein Excellence in Problem Solving Award. Detective Daedelow is a 23-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department and has been assigned to one of the busiest and highest crime areas of the country for over 20 years. He identified himself within an entire community in South Central Los Angeles and became a stakeholder.

Detective Daedelow was not satisfied with reacting to the crime that plagued the community in his assigned area, and set out to make a significant impact through creative problem solving efforts. As described in the enclosed pages, Detective Daedelow's problem solving efforts centered around the criminal enterprises of a violent street gang responsible for over 80 percent of the violent crime in a 30 by 30 block area. After six months of intensive investigation, Detective Daedelow completed a search warrant totalling 800 pages which resulted in the largest crime suppression operation in the history of the Los Angeles Police Department. The results of Operation Sunrise have been drastic reductions in crime, with a 57 percent decrease in Violent Part I crime in the targeted area during the two months following the April 1, 1995 operation.

Thank you for your consideration. If you should have any further questions, please contact Lieutenant Mike Downing, Operations-South Bureau, at (213) 485-4252.

Very truly yours,

  
**WILLIE L. WILLIAMS**  
Chief of Police

**Enclosures**

# DETECTIVE ffl ARTHUR J. DAEDELLOW

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**OBJECTIVE:** To 'Protect and Serve' the citizens and communities of the City of Los Angeles.

**PROFESSIONAL** I pride myself on being a dedicated and loyal member of my Department. I am professional and approach each assignment with emphasis on professional work ethics.

**PROFILE:** I am sympathetic to the needs, problems, and concerns of the community I serve and the challenge of creating innovative methods to address these areas.

I have been described as a "bulldog" detective because of my tenacity and unwillingness to let go of an investigation until it reaches a successful conclusion. I am, and have been, willing to make personal sacrifices to insure maximum effort is given to each investigation I am involved.

## **EXPERIENCE:**

- **Court qualified expert on criminal street gangs.**
- **Court qualified narcotics expert**
- **Experienced interviewer/interrogator.**
- **Expertise in area of writing Search and Arrest Warrants.**
- **Experienced complex homicide investigator.**
- **Experienced gang investigator.**
- **Experienced in the detection and solution of community crime problems.**

During my 23+ years of law enforcement experience I have investigated over 200 homicides and over 1,000 shooting incidents, many of which were committed by street gang members. I have been assigned to one of the busiest and highest crime areas of the country for over 20 years. I have worked this area's homicide unit for approximately 10 years. I proposed and coordinated a specialized unit (acronym of P.A.T.R.I.O.T.) with the goal of identifying and investigating crime problems and arresting institutional repeat offenders as perpetrators of those crimes. I identified a specific criminal street gang responsible for the commission of approximately 80% of the crime in a small area. I identified many of the perpetrators and prepared Arrest Warrants for their arrests and Search Warrant, totaling 800 pages, for 75 residences to obtain evidence of those crimes.

## **EDUCATION:**

**El Camino Junior College, Torrance, CA**  
Police Science,

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

**Police Officer, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, CA March 1972/1**

**ASSIGN-  
MENTS:**

Detective HI - Federal/local task force on violent crime	November 1993/Present
Detective III - Coordinator/Investigator "Reginald Demy Beating Case" (L.A. Riots)	May 1992/November 1993
Detective HI - Coordinator, Crimes Against Person Unit	October 1991/May 1992
Detective IH - Coordinator, P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Unit	March 1991/October 1991
Detective HI - Coordinator, Crimes Against Person Unit	October 1989/March 1991
Detective II - Investigative Control Unit (7.CU.) Adjutant to Detective Commanding Officer	April 1988/October 1989
Detective VE - Homicide Investigator (77th Street Division)	October 1983/April 1988
Detective I - Narcotics Investigator (West Bureau)	November 1982/October 1983
Detective I - Homicide Investigator (77th Street Division)	May 1982/November 1982
Detective Trainee - Burglary, Auto Theft, Robbery, Juvenile Investigator	March 1978/May 1982
Police Officer - Patrol Duties/Training	March 1972/March 1978

**AWARDS:**

- 1 - Police Commission Unit Citation
- 2 - Bureau Commendations
- 2 - Letters of Commendation from other police departments
- 1 - Letter of Commendation from Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 2 - Letters of appreciation from citizens
- 1 - Los Angeles City Council "Officer of the Month"
- 4 - "Class D" Commendations
- 48- Intradepartmental Commendations

**HERMAN GOLDSTEIN EXCELLENCE IN  
PROBLEM SOLVING AWARD**

Following the 1992 civil unrest in Los Angeles, a joint Los Angeles Police Department/FBI task force was initiated to investigate the crimes that occurred at the flash point of the riots, Florence and Normandie. Detective Art Daedeiow was assigned as the primary investigating officer, responsible for directing and coordinating the efforts of the task force. The Eight-Trey Gangster Crips were identified as having a major role in the riots. Throughout the investigation and prosecution of these violent crime cases, Detective Daedeiow became an expert with regard to the organization, identification and criminal enterprises of this violent street gang.

Over the next two years, gang-motivated crime increased severely in this particular area. Some of the violent crimes were solved but it was rare when evidence of the violent crime, specifically weapons, would be recovered during subsequent search warrants.

Due to the manner in which the gang was structured, evidence was transitory in nature, being passed up and down the organizational structure. Detective Daedeiow believed the only way to impact the rising violence in the area and to recover the weapons used to perpetrate the violent crime was to serve

massive search warrants, linking associated involved in criminal enterprises. Hence, was born OPERATION SUNRISE. Extensive crime analysis was done in the specific target area and Detective Daedetow developed a state of the art investigative strategy utilizing internal and external resources and technology in an effort to manage an extensive data base of gang intelligence.

Operation Sunrise was a gang suppression operation targeting one of the most violent street gangs in Los Angeles. The Northside faction of the Eight Trey Gangster Crips, approximately 355 members, claimed a 30 by 30 block territory (Reporting Districts 1243,1245,1253,1255,1263 and 1265) with the following boundaries: 62nd Street on the north, Manchester Avenue on the south, Van Ness on the west and Vermont on the east. Crime analysis revealed that 792 violent crimes were committed in the identified area in 1994. Further analysis revealed a population of approximately 44,000 people in the affected area. Gang experts opined that based on crime location, modus-operandi and suspect description, the Northside faction of the Eight Trey Gangster Crips was responsible for committing over 80% (633 crimes)

of **the** violent crime. Additionally, there were 24 murders committed in the affected area in 1994. Overall, gang-motivated crime within the City of Los Angeles increased 21.5% during January 1995; in 77th Area, gang-motivated crime increased 41%.

NOTE: Less than 1 % of the population was responsible for committing over 80% of the violent crime. The older gang members, "Original Gangsters," were recruiting 12-15 year old youths, teaching them to commit crimes as a way of entry into the gang.

### **Investigative Strategy**

Due to the transitory nature of evidence used to commit violent crime, information was developed through **investigative means** in an effort to identify the most violent part of the population and develop prosecutable cases, both federally and through state prosecutions. The recovery of contraband, especially guns and other weapons used to commit violent crime, and the restoration of order in the community were primary goals of Operation Sunrise.

Search and Arrest Warrants, both federal and state, were utilized to search for evidence of violent crime and arrest violent crime offenders. State Parole, California Youth Authority Parole, and Adult and Juvenile Probation were utilized, taking advantage of search and seizure conditions for targeted subjects.

Operation Sunrise launched on April 1, 1995 with:

75 State Search Warrants

5 Federal Search Warrants

69 Parole, CYA and Probation Searches

30 State Arrest Warrants

Federal Arrest Warrants

### **Tactical Strategy/Criteria for Searches**

FBI and LAPD conducted sequential execution of search warrant locations.

All tactical groups were instructed to rapidly deploy, contain the location, announce their presence and call out occupants. LAPD detective teams conducted the searches after the location were made safe by the tactical

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team. LAPD served a supporting role at search locations dealing with Parole, CYA or Probation. **Each location was photographed prior to the search and after the search.**

Approximately 600 LAPD officers and 200 FBI agents completed all tactical coordinated searches by 1500 hours on April 1, 1995.

### **Results of Operation**

As a result of Operation Sunrise, the following seizures and arrests were

made:        Property Seized

67 firearms

1,988 rounds of ammunition

12 cloned cellular phones

\$17,457 U.S. currency

2 kilos of Methamphetamine, rock cocaine

### **Arrests**

Violent felonies: 23

**(robbery, attempt murder, rape, kidnap, aggravated assault,**



assault with a deadly weapon)

Narcotic felonies: 10

Parole or Probation Violations: 8

Felony possession of cloned phones: 2

Misdemeanor warrant arrests: 15

#### Results of Crime Picture

The crime picture in the six reporting districts has had dramatic changes since Operation Sunrise culminated on April 1, 1995. Part I Crime has **decreased** 48% during the period of April 1 to June 1 compared to the same period in 1994 (258 crimes compared to **500** crimes). Violent Part I Crime has decreased 57.2% during the period of April 1 to June 1 compared to the same period in 1994 (**112** crimes compared to 262 crimes). Year to date, Part I Crime has **decreased** 33% (**764** crimes compared to **1146** crimes). Violent Part I Crime, year to date, has decreased 29% (**356** crimes compared to **499** crimes). In 1994, 24 murders were committed in the six reporting districts. Year to date, four murders have been committed in two of the six reporting districts.

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With few exceptions, the community feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Community feedback can be summed up in one person's comment:

"Thank you so much; it's been a long time coming."