



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEDIA ADVISORY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENT: April 17, 2008

- What:** Daytime Loitering Sweep in Mid City Division
- When:** Thursday, April 17, 2008 beginning at approximately 8:30 a.m.
- Where:** Mid City Division Communities
Mid City Sub Station, 4310 Landis Street
- Contact:** Sgt. Bob Tryon, Mid City Division (619) 516-3056
A/Detective Luis Roman (619) 516-3032 or (858) 337-3813

The San Diego Police Department Mid City Division is conducting a sweep for students absent from school in violation of the daytime loitering ordinance (SDMC 58.05). This area is experiencing an increase in juveniles not attending school and wandering the neighborhoods. Juveniles have been arrested for vandalizing property, burglarizing homes and soliciting prostitution.

This is a joint operation involving the San Diego Police Department, San Diego Unified School District Police Department, Juvenile Probation and San Diego City Schools Administrators.

San Diego Municipal Code Section 58.05 makes it unlawful for any juvenile who is required to attend school to loiter, idle, wander, or be in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, playgrounds, or other public grounds, public places, public buildings between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on any day when that juvenile would otherwise be required to be in school. It is acceptable for juveniles to be out if they are in the company of their parent; going to or from approved employment; going to or from a medical appointment or if the juvenile has permission to leave campus for lunch and has a valid school-issued permit.

Please keep in mind that the target of this sweep is juveniles and their faces cannot be broadcast on television or on internet news sites.

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