

The Burbank Police Department is aware of a video circulating that shows Burbank police officers dropping off an individual on a sidewalk in North Hollywood.

The Burbank Police Department initially responded to a call for service on June 6, 2024, at around 8:45 am, regarding a naked individual sitting at a bus stop near Buena Vista Street and Alameda Avenue, just outside Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center.

Responding police officers located the individual and found him lucid and communicative, and offered him clothing. The individual refused to accept the clothing as he had his own, and after a brief conversation, the individual got dressed.

Officers asked the individual if he needed assistance. The individual said he was homeless and had been transported to the hospital from the Sunland / Tujunga area. The individual said he had a leg injury he had suffered many years ago, and officers learned he had left the hospital voluntarily prior to the officers' arrival. Upon inquiry, the individual declined any medical service(s).

As the individual did not appear to have transportation, and to gain cooperation for the individual to put on clothing, the officers offered to drive the individual to a place of his choosing. Initially, the individual asked to be taken to Sunland / Tujunga and ultimately agreed to be transported to the Metro Red Line in North Hollywood. He voluntarily got into the patrol vehicle and was driven towards the Metro Red Line station. Along the way, the individual asked to be let out of the patrol vehicle to get coffee. The officers complied immediately with his request, pulled over, and let the individual out of the patrol vehicle in the 5200 block of Lankershim Boulevard.

The Burbank Police Department is currently conducting an in-depth investigation into this incident, including the actions of the involved police officers. The investigation will include a review of all available body worn and in-car camera footage, interviews with witnesses, and any other relevant evidence.

The Burbank Police Department remains committed to treating the unhoused community with compassion and respect, and thanks Los Angeles City Council President Paul Krekorian for bringing this matter to our attention.