

January 20, 2025

Attached is my statement regarding the Hi-Lite Motel.

Southeast Vice Officers have made numerous prostitution related arrests at the Hi-Lite Motel located at 10321 S. Broadway. While conducting prostitution enforcement along the Figueroa corridor, Officers have followed the commercial sex workers with the "Johns" from Figueroa St. into the Hi-Lite Motel. Officers have made arrests for 647(b) PC, 647(a)PC, and 653.23 PC. Vice Officers have also made arrests for Pimping and Pandering while at the HI-Lite Motel as the commercial sex workers meet with their pimps to give them the money that was paid for their sexual acts conducted with the Johns. Officers have had contact with management during our investigations who have been uncooperative and unwilling to provide information for the rooms in which they rent. After numerous arrests and investigations at the location, management expressed that just because the females are scantily dressed bringing multiple people in and out of the room for minutes at a time, they aren't aware of what is happening, claiming there is no issue. Management and workers at the motel have yelled at officers instructing Officers how to do their job while stating they are correctly running their motel. At times, management and their workers decline to speak with Officers and state due to the language barrier they aren't sure what is being said. As a Vice operator we conduct motel checks which include verifying the registration of each room being utilized at the Hi-Lite Motel. During these motel checks, management has been reluctant to show the information and again claim they don't know what Officers are talking about. We have conducted undercover operations with Gang and Narcotics Division, where we send an informant to purchase narcotics in the motel parking lot. Those selling the narcotics park inside of the parking lot on property and conduct the sale from their vehicles. Management has seen the interactions and fail to act. Prostitution and Human trafficking activity at this motel are very prevalent. This motel has since had restrictions, but Officers are aware of activity still occurring at the location both inside of the motel rooms as well as on property within the parking lot. The Hi-Lite Motel should not run as a motel and should no longer be in Operation.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Jen Cohen", written over a circular stamp or mark.