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Subject: Urgent Coordination Needed: Fire Hazards Near Shell Fuel Refinery at 8100 N Haskell

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Dear City and State Officials,

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Arson Counter Terrorism Section was notified of multiple fires being set near the 405 Southbound Freeway at Roscoe and Raymer. The fires are occurring along the freeway embankment behind the Shell fuel refinery (8100 N Haskell, Los Angeles, CA).

Shell USA Inc. Security Advisor, Ana Chevez, has provided documentation, including images and records of multiple fire incidents, as well as her extensive efforts to engage Caltrans for encampment removal. These fires have been started by multiple unhoused individuals camping on state property, posing an imminent threat to the refinery, infrastructure, and public safety.

To date, Shell USA Inc. has absorbed significant costs to facilitate the removal of encampments on several occasions, including securing services through Caltrans and the Inside Safe Operation, which conducted the latest removal on March 7-8, 2025. However, this remains a temporary solution, and a long-term strategy is critical given the magnitude of risk involved.

Dates of Recorded Fires:

January 31, 2025

February 4, 2025

February 8, 2025

February 22, 2025

February 24, 2025

February 26, 2025

February 27, 2025

LAFD Arson has determined that this area falls outside our jurisdiction, and thus, we are not the overseeing agency responsible for mitigation. However, given the hazard posed to a critical fuel facility, we strongly urge Caltrans, CHP, Inside Safe, and the appropriate city entities to come together in a coordinated effort to implement a lasting resolution. Reiterating that if a fire extends to the Shell fuel refinery, the consequences could be catastrophic.

The LAFD remains available to provide emergency service; however, this location falls under state jurisdiction.

We appreciate your prompt attention and ask for an urgent response on the next steps.

Regards,



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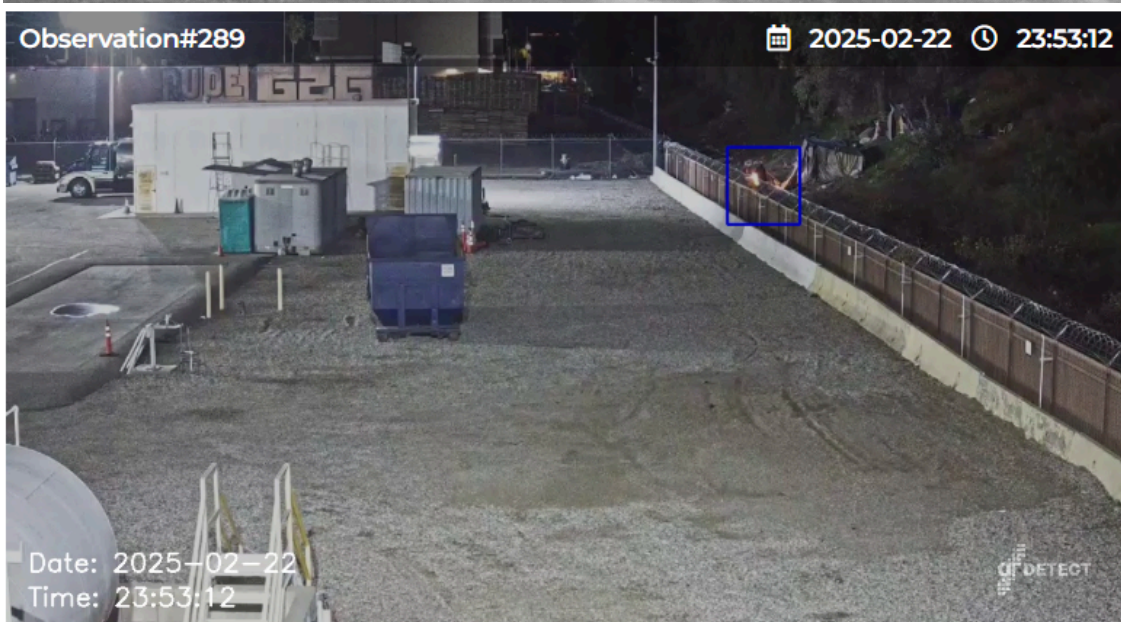
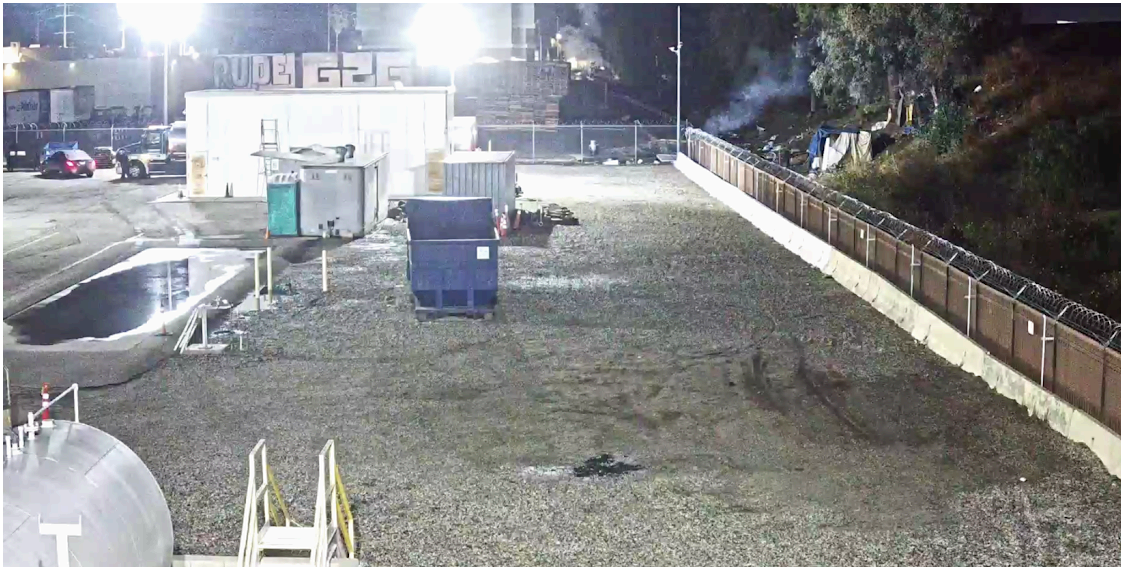
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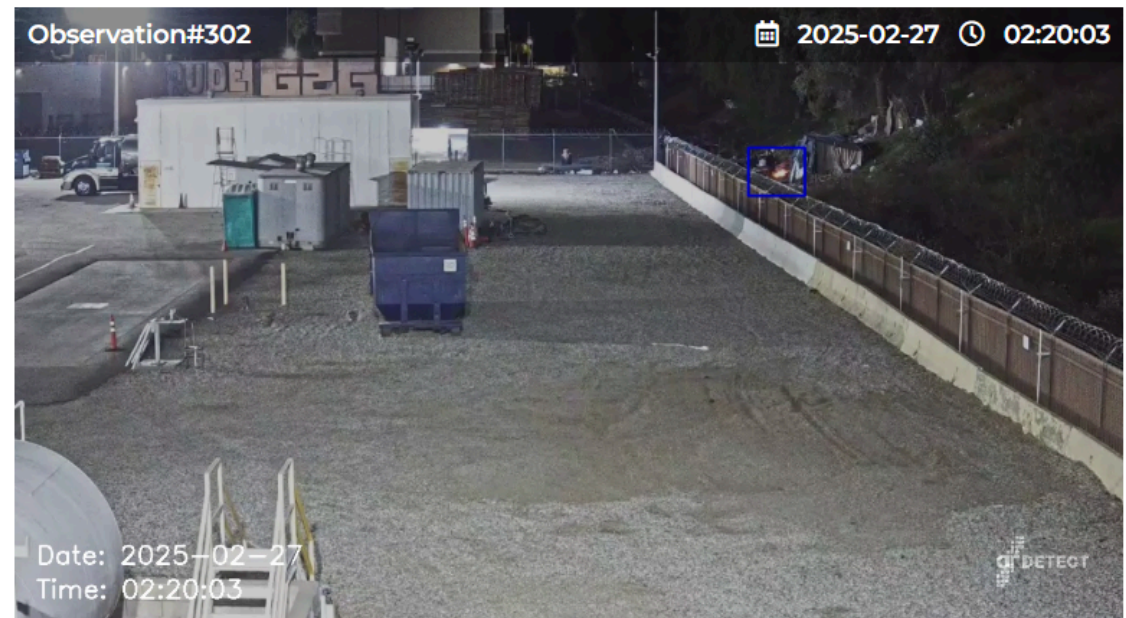
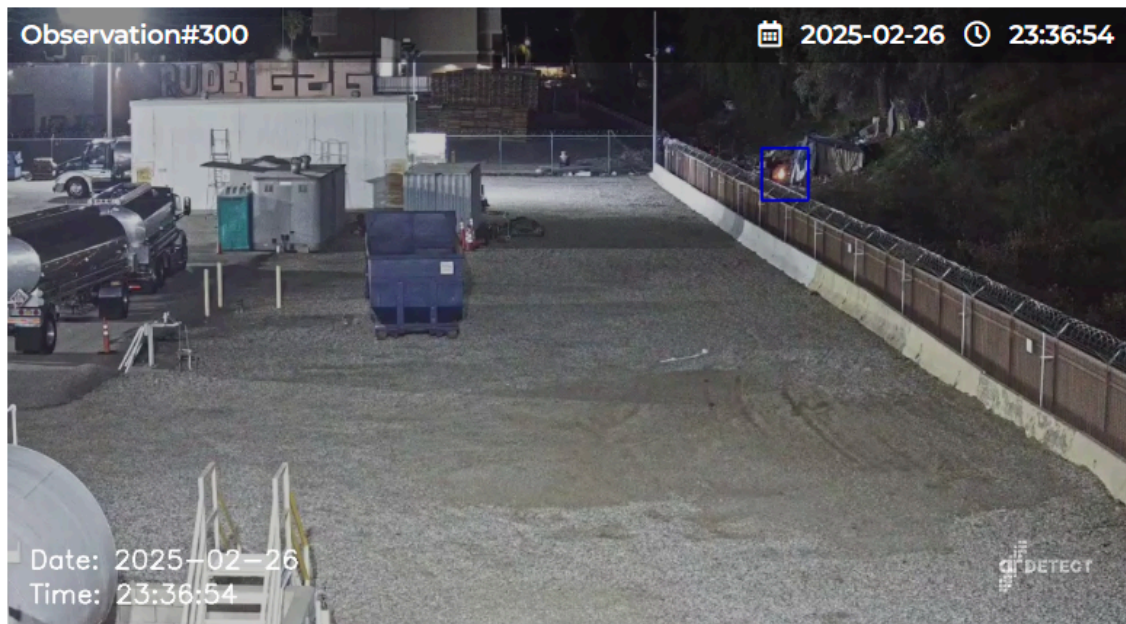
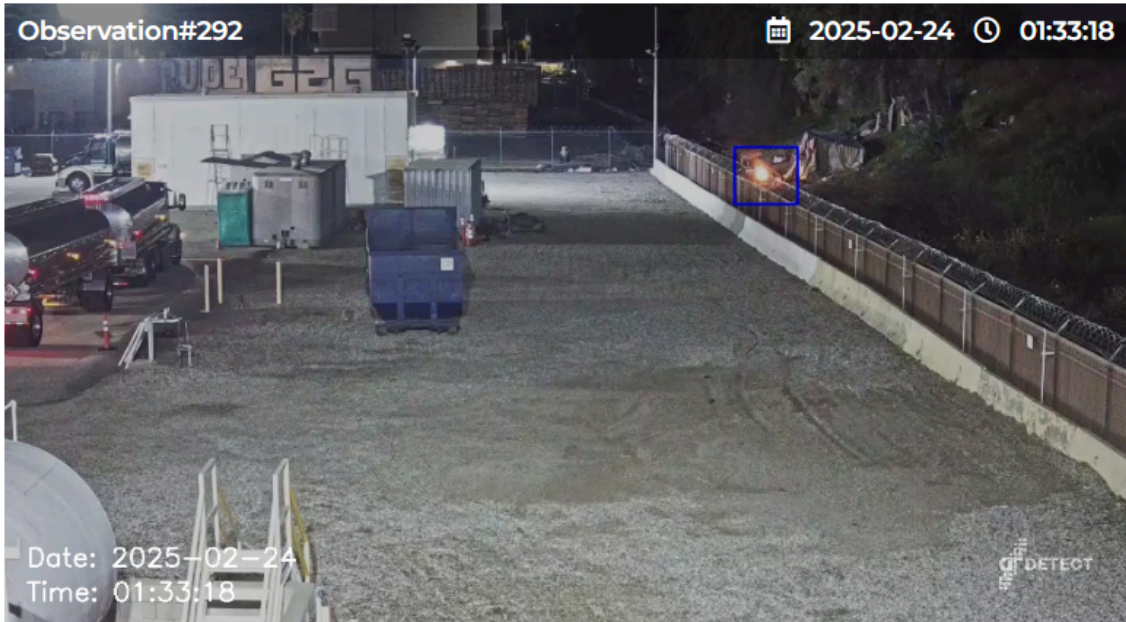
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