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Colleen: Right now got to get into watching your video there it's amazing. They've arrested dozens of people, it looks like

Gadi: About 15 minutes ago we saw people starting to come down to Third Street promenade starting to make their way into that action, and for a good 10 minutes It was basic. It was a free for all people were going in and grabbing everything they could. And they were going down to some of the cars that were parked that way. And they were getting in their cars and they were leaving so we saw, maybe 60-70 people do that and then all of a sudden you had police from LAPD the sheriff's department. You've got the Santa Monica police and we're gonna just walk through this way. You've got so many of them that are now appears to be in custody. And they were all told to lay down. These ones that you're seeing here complied, a lot of other ones just totally just scrambled and they made their way towards cars and many of them probably most of them got away but this is just a small segment of the people that were looting probably for about a minute, again this was going on on set for about 10 to 15 minutes.

So let's just take a look here, you've got people that are now being written tickets. Again, this is a mix of LAPD Santa Monica police, the sheriff's department got left less lethal ammunition. They came there were none of those. None of those weapons were deployed from what we saw. Most of this was compliance from the individuals that you see here. And then there are backpacks and merchandise that are screwing around but this was an area where no one was allowed in this was supposed to be blocked off. There was a moment in which we saw the Santa Monica police have to fall back for some reason, we imagine that there was some sort of skirmish in two different locations.

And then colleen, while this was going on there was about a dozen officers that were rescuing people, people were still sneaking past them and looting the foot action in view of these officers so there were some officers that were coming around the side, they saw what was going on they rushed inside foot action, and they took the first group of people that were looting so this is what we're starting to see happen here in Santa Monica after hours and hours and hours of people that have been committing what appeared to be crimes of opportunity thinking that they can continue to do so with impunity.

And now again Colleen, he got to make the distinction that this was happening on check on this side of Santa Monica while the protests and peaceful protest. People were taking a knee, giving moments of silence and expressing their outrage as to what was happening but it almost appears as though there are different entities and different operations all happening in the same area, many of them look the same because they're wearing masks but really, there are routers, there are peaceful protesters which is the majority of the people that we saw today. And then there are agitators and those three seem to be taking the bulk of the attention from the police down here. Now that most of those protests have been cleared out.

Now that the curfew is in effect here in Los Angeles, as well as Santa Monica, or some of the looters that are popping up all across Santa Monica.

Colleen: That's exactly what we've heard from the mayor Gadi they're really two stories out there. One is the peaceful protest, and they want to let that play out. The other one is the looters. We also heard from the chief that additional squads were moving in, I believe the last time we talked to you, there was a whole group of squad cars that went by, they were moving in, she said they were definitely going to make arrest. She had also talked about additional resources you mentioned that. Have you seen National Guard members out there?

Gadi:We have not seen National Guard members out here but we have heard, local business owners down here and local residents asking where is the National Guard.

Again, we knew there were about 1000 National Guard members that were here in Los Angeles, we knew that they were taking up defensive positions. However, there are a lot of people that saw this happening for over two hours, and we're wondering where are the police, we know that the resources are spread throughout the county right now, but they are not here, where there is active looting and as you saw that was why villages kept coming so there are a lot of questions that residents here are asking but it appears as though just this block and again this is a prominent This is the area where we find people really protected earlier in the day and they did so that started to see looting later this afternoon.

Now, a substantial police presence, a substantial amount of people that appear to be in custody. But this is just the beginning of the evening, the sun hasn't even gone down, Colleen.

Colleen: You know I know you spoke with one of the protesters out there, a legitimate protester who'd been there all day and I want to get to that in a minute, but give us an idea walk us through what's going to happen to these folks sitting on the curb there are they being taken in, are they being cited in release Do you know have police been able to share that information with you.

Gadi: What we've seen is bands starting to arrive, big bands from what appears to be the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. However, that's a really good question and we're hoping to get answered because if you think about it, the way that I understand it right now a lot of the misdemeanors are released on their own recognizance or no bail, because of the COVID-19 pandemic we've seen a lot of people over 5,000 people. Early on in this pandemic that were released as non violent offenders so you would imagine that a lot of these people that are being taken into custody today just like we saw yesterday, are going to be released, extremely quickly.

And if you got. Police spread out in all different directions tonight and you've got hundreds and hundreds of people that we've seen successfully loot. We don't know where in the city,

things like this are going to happen but resources are going to be stretched extremely thin, so I think, again, this is just the beginning of what we're seeing tonight.

Colleen: You were speaking to a protester when we tried to take you live just a couple of minutes ago. What did he tell you.

Gadi:He seems to be out here. He wants to document what the police are doing he's a Santa Monica resident, he told us that he actually is happy to see that people are being held to account for the looting he doesn't see this as what the protests are going on but he was also saying that he understands why people are frustrated why this rage and anger exists. So there probably is some overlap when it comes to certain individuals, but again, by and large, I think most protesters would be absolutely horrified to see let's just take a look over here, just a little while ago this was inside of a store.

And this isn't a protest, this is people stealing. So, that was on the other side of Santa Monica morning happening over here. And at this point, a lot of the protesters are horrified at this

Jonathan: this is Jonathan here and and you know we appreciate your coverage there on the ground and what we saw on Fourth Street is clearly not what we're seeing here right i mean the level of damage on Fourth Street doesn't compare to what what we're seeing here, luckily right it seems like the police got there in time.

Gadi:Absolutely. So that's what we're seeing on those sides that side of the problem and on this side of the problem and I've done a lot of boarding up, and we saw that in other places we've actually seen a lot of stores that were spared if they put up something that said Black Lives Matter or something that said we are an immigrant own business. But we've got places like this is one that was just a little while ago you could see, at some point they weren't going to try to board it up. I just took a look over here.

All it took was one smashed glass window. Quickly. You've got complete disarray inside of the store so that's what police were concerned about and again it doesn't take very long all it takes is somebody walking down the street with a hammer, making their way in somebody seeing that there's an opportunity and crowds rushing in for now we're seeing police move in to make arrests and then just about 20 minutes ago 30 minutes ago, we saw people walking around with hammers in Santa Monica, we saw a man with an icepick walking around Santa Monica so that element, still exists out there.

Jonathan:And at this point it's just a game of cat and mouse, and I was going to ask you. You had mentioned with the distinction between the looters and the protesters but earlier you did mention that third group that was agitators, albeit small weaponize for sure I mean an icepick That's unbelievable to hear.

Gadi:Right. And you don't know if I mean, this is Santa Monica the Rei was always alluded so we don't know if that was somebody that was carrying around an icepick because they brought it here to inflict damage or that was somebody that went inside. Rei took inside

particularly, that was something that was being used to to break glass but as you can imagine. Oh my gosh. This is trash can, with Nike Air Force ones that was left here by somebody they did

Colleen: Is that empty boxes or not?

Gadi:No, no, no colleen they're there. They've got Air Force ones that are inside that thing is, unfortunately you got police over here so it's unclear what's going to happen to a lot of this merchandise because the store is not boarded up, but you've got stuff like that, that it's thrown around all throughout this area, particularly on Fourth Street.

So here's where the police the Santa Monica police, as well as the sheriff's department had built a line. An extensive police presence now you've got officers that appear to be at ease. There, do not appear to be any protesters any crowds in that direction. And really it comes down to the street the thoroughfare down the way that was able to get in and get out and all it took was just a little bit of a breach in our perimeter for people to go in to people to get away with merchandise.

Colleen: Gadi we want to get back to you in just a second on one let our viewers know it's eight o'clock. You're watching our extended coverage of the protests following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, as we've been telling you all day long curfew went into effect for all of the LA County a couple of hours ago, 6pm, it went into effect in Santa Monica four o'clock this afternoon.

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