



WALNUT CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT
**PRESS RELEASE: Police Department to Enhance Downtown Foot Patrols
Friday/Saturday Nights**

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Walnut Creek Police Department will have extra staffing on the street this weekend, with expanded foot patrols providing additional presence in the downtown area. The extra officers will be on duty during the busiest times for Walnut Creek dining and night life.

Several recent events have prompted the extra attention in our downtown corridor. Last weekend, a man fired several gunshots after he and a companion tried to leave Modern China restaurant without paying for their dinner. No one was hurt, and investigators are continuing to review information that can help identify the suspect. Additionally, an altercation outside Dan's Irish Sports Bar between a private security guard and a patron resulted in serious injuries to the patron and the arrest of the security guard. Details of those incidents are outlined below.

While these are isolated incidents, we want to make sure Walnut Creek residents and visitors feel comfortable while enjoying our many restaurants and shops. As our community begins to feel more comfortable returning to favorite businesses, you should know that we're out there with you.

(Case #21-22397) September 5, 12:40 a.m., incident outside of Dan's Irish Sports Bar: Security guards at Dan's confronted a patron who attempted to force his way into the bar. One guard, Dante Sims, 42 (Antioch), was arrested for assault after inflicting serious injuries on the patron, who then fell and struck his head on the ground. The case will be sent to the District Attorney's Office for review. The patron is recovering from his injuries at a local hospital.

(Case #21-22476) September 5, 8:40 p.m., incident outside of Modern China: A couple left Modern China restaurant after dining without paying the bill. The business' owner followed the couple across the street, confronted them and the man paid the owner. The couple got into a black Kia sedan driven by the woman. As the car was driving away, the man sitting in the passenger seat brandished a handgun and fired three shots. No one was hit, and the investigation into the situation continues. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Detective Hall at 925-943-5899 x2405.

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