

San Jacinto Police Department case Study – Mid October 2007 Population 35,000

Issues – Anti social behavior and other issues around the town that require urgent attention.

Past issue. - Random acts of vandalism, impossible to police

Own – 10 Tripwire Units Various deployments

Reference to one camera unit – A few days.

About the location - Soboba Mansion

It is over 100 years old (probably more like 150) and has been abandoned for at least 50 years. It is on the eastern edge of town (inside the city limits unfortunately) and has been a problem for years due to illegal dumping, drug usage, and a place for drug users to meet and exchange stolen property for drugs. There are four dirt roads that lead to it, however they all join at the entrance you see in the photos. We setup one unit and it has worked well at notifying us of when people go there. The owner is less than cooperative on fencing it off, so the cameras have worked out well at cutting down on the complaints from the neighbors about things that go on there. We have learned that some transients live there, so that was a problem we were unaware of also.

To date 7 arrests have been achieved from the couple of weeks at this one site with one unit in operation.

On Friday, October 12, 2007 at 8:30 PM. Officers conducted an area check of the Soboba Mansion on Soboba Road for illegal trespassers and vagrants. Officers located Ladislau Inzunza in the olive grove that surrounds the mansion. The investigation revealed Inzunza had a felony warrant for drug violations. Inzunza was arrested and booked into Smith Correctional Facility

On Saturday, October 13, 2007 at 7:00 AM, Officers returned to the Soboba Mansion on Soboba Road in search of more trespassers and vagrants. Officers located a 27 year-old female and a 42 year-old male at the mansion. Both subjects were arrested for trespassing and placed into custody. During the investigation officers located methamphetamine and other illegal contraband in the male's possession. The male suspect was further charged with felony drug possession and was later booked into Smith Correctional facility.



Tactical information from this particular unit is sent through immediately with each image

Unit deployed 092607. Unit located at soboba mansion located southeast of the intersection chabela and soboba in olive tree grove to monitor hs activity and illegal dumping. Unit is on fence post near asphalt driveway. Set for 24 hr. Unit deployed with external battery and solar panel.



Comments from the Chief of Police

Lt Kevin Vest

“ The units have been fantastic. There is no possible way our members would have any idea these offenders were on site unless they were actually sitting and waiting for them”.

“The Patrol guys love them”



Lt. Kevin Vest is more than happy to talk to other Police or cities about the use of tripwire in his city.

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UPDATE – FEB 08.

THIS ONE SITE HAS NETTED A TOTAL OF OVER 20 ARRESTS FROM ONE CAMERA PLACEMENT IN SEVERAL MONTHS.