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In Fresno, a community-policing ethos builds ties between officers and residents

by Wesley Lowery

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Fresno Boys and Men of Color leader says relationship with Fresno PD improving

By Brian Johnson

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by Jerry Dyer

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Fresno police crackdown on gang violence fails to reach root of problem, critics say

by Andrea Castillo

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Fresno Protest Shuts Down Blackstone Ave., Chief Of Police Threatens Jail Time

Floyd Harris Jr.

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by Gene Robinson

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by Clive Crook

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by Chase Madar

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by David G. Savage

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China’s clampdown on lawyers and activists draws concern of UN human rights chief

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By Justin Jouvenal

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Anonymous targets city of Fresno over John Lang

Dylan Donnelly

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Brian Sumner

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Pablo Lopez and John Ellis

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ACLU Sues Fresno County Over Lacking Public Defense System

Magill and Guzman Magill

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"Of those arrested in Fresno, approximately 70% are minorities. The ACLU claims that immigrants are often instructed to plead guilty without being told how it might affect their immigration status, even though the U.S. Supreme Court held in 2010 that this violates the Constitution."

Fresno police join group of officials monitoring #BlackLivesMatter hashtag, labeling a peaceful movement a threat

Shaun King

New York Daily News

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By Sontaya Rose

ABC TV

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Megan Ginise

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Public safety boost in Fresno County budget bonanza

Corin Hoggard

ABC TV

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30% increase over last years budget

$370M of $2.6B goes to law enforcement

Adds 58 new Sheriffs staff

High crime, public scrutiny challenge Fresno PD recruitment push

by Rory Appleton

Fresno Bee

July 19 2015

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"And some applicants, Dyer said, simply are turned off by the national media focus on cases of brutality."

"Dyer said. "California decriminalized things like possession with Prop. 47, but we want officers who don't agree with this idea"

Activists stands trial for chalking Fresno police memorial

by Pablo Lopez

Fresno Bee

July 11 2015

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Fresno's Police Chief Jerry Dyer talks about his Israel visit

By Jessica Peres

ABC TV

November 19 2014

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"Dyer also checked out Israel police weapons, training and their video surveillance system. "In fact I picked up a few ideas on things we could do with our system that they currently do."

Homeless Advocates Are Targeted by Fresno Police

Street spririt

July 2014

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"Pastor Chris Breedlove and other homeless advocates have been publicly smeared by the Fresno Police Department."

Hearings on Fresno County's $2 billion budget get underway

Gene Haagenson

ABC TV

June 9 2014

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Fresno grew budget $100 million

Fresno county pursuing a total ban on medical marijuana growing

Joe Klare

San Francisco Chronicle

December 12 2013

Fresno county bans all medical marijuana growing although legal in CA since 1996

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by Joe Libertelli

University of the District of Columbia, David A Clark Law school

September 03 2013

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He says this could lead to increased racial and class profiling as well as pat-downs and arrests that otherwise would have been perceived as unwarranted."

Civil Rights Groups & Pastors Rally against Police Brutality

Reverend Floyd D. Harris Jr

Central Valley Solidarity

April 21 2013

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Fresno state student government first to pass a no drones resolution

Beverly Fitzpatrick

Community Alliance

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By United Nations, Sixty-seventh General Assembly, Third Committee 41st & 42nd Meetings

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No Medical Marijuana permits in Fresno County

Fresno cannabis

May 13 2012

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Fresno Cops Involved in Repeat Shootings Still on Duty: Our joint investigation with The Nation Institute's Investigative Fund finds that 25 police officers remain on active duty despite mutliple incidents of violence against civilians.

Ali Winston

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“Until then, Fresno was the only one of California's five largest cities without some form of independent police oversight.”

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Fresno DA stops automatic review of police shootings

George Hostetter

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Strapped Police Run on Fumes, and Federal Pot-Fighting Cash

Wall Street journal

Justin Scheck

July 3 2010

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"In Fresno County, it's an easy call for Sheriff Margaret Mims: She views her $275,000 or so in annual federal funding for anti-pot efforts as a clear good, "a force multiplier" that "adds to our ability to fight marijuana, especially when it's on public lands." Far from being seeing the money as skewing her law-enforcement priorities, Sheriff Mims says it allows her to put more effort into pot investigations she would try to do "even if we didn't get this money.""

Four California Police Officers Indicted for Civil Rights Charges

Department of Justice

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By Andres Araiza

ABC TV

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Future fuzzy for government use of public surveillance cameras

Demian Bulwa

SF Chronicle

July 23 2006

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“But there's a simpler reason why Clovis is a surveillance leader: Its biggest employer is Pelco, the world's largest supplier of the cameras,

The crime-fighting capacity of the cameras has not been proved anywhere, according to some experts. A 2005 study of 14 systems for the Home Office in Britain, where surveillance has been widespread for years, concluded that "most systems revealed little overall effect on crime levels."

Clovis, where there are few qualms about cameras, is not San Francisco. Located northeast of Fresno, the city is conservative, with nearly twice as many registered Republicans as Democrats. It is relatively affluent and safe; there have been no homicides this year. Mayor Nathan Magsig, who has a master's degree in criminology, said residents "just don't tolerate crime."”

Fresno, California cracks down on drunk drivers: city pushes the legal limit when it comes to catching and tracking offenders

Keith Morrison

NBC TV

November 22 2006

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“Fresno, with its 500,000 people, has more DUI checkpoints than any other city — more than New York, L.A. or Chicago.”

Figueroa out as a 'person of interest'

by Eiji Yamashita

Sentinel

August 26 2006

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"Investigators recently interviewed associates of 25-year-old Joaquin Maltos Figueroa, a Fresno gang member accused of shooting and critically wounding Fresno police Officer Brian Nieto on July 31. Even though he was unarmed at the time, Figueroa was shot and killed by police Aug. 4 after allegedly trying to flee from a Fresno neighborhood."

Drunken Driver roundup may threaten civil liberties

Garance Burke

Associated press

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William Wan

Los Angeles Times

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by Stefanie Olsen

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Soldiers of the Drug War Remain on Duty

By Timothy Egan

New York Times

March 1, 1999

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"War is the word most often used in Fresno, a depressed city of about 400,000 people in the San Joaquin Valley. In Fresno, more than in any other city, paramilitary police have become a part of everyday life."

"Now. in Meriden, as in Fresno, the team arrests people for minor offenses, attacking small crimes as a way to send a larger message about who is in control."

"Over all, crime is down about 30 percent in the past five years, Lieutenant Lagere said. But when asked if the original purpose of establishing the paramilitary unit had been met -- to reduce heavy drug use and dealing, by maintaining a heavy show of force -- he said he was less sure."