

Updated Information Related to Occupy Berkeley Gathering

Occupy Berkeley: Calls to Police, 12.12.11

This is not a comprehensive list of all the calls for BPD services related to the Occupy Berkeley gathering, just the most notable cases:

BPD officers conduct daily checks and monitor the site for community/public safety and participant safety. There have been 24 reported calls for BPD services related to the Occupy Berkeley Gathering since October 23, 2011, 16 of which can be classified as crimes. During some of the investigations at the scene, victims did not wish to cooperate with BPD officers. There are crimes and other incidents that may be unreported, thus are not documented by BPD. There has been an increase in calls for police services over time. There have been cases involving violence in the Occupy Berkeley Gathering such as batteries and assault with deadly weapons.”

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“10/23/11 2325 Hrs – Battery Did not wish police services x

10/24/11 1111 Hrs – Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Felony) – a Stick, Brandishing, Treats, Battery x

10/25/11 0033 Hrs – Threats, Vandalism x

10/25/11 1122 Hrs – Mental Health Related

10/15/11 2127 Hrs – Battery x

A male victim reported that a suspect he knows punched him three times in a dispute over a mutual girlfriend. They claim no affiliation with the Occupy Berkeley protest. The suspect had fled prior to BPD arrival.

10/30/11 1230 Hrs – Battery x

A victim came to the Public Safety Building (PSB) to report a battery in Civic Center Park by unknown suspect. Both the suspect and victim were gone when BPD officers arrived. No further leads.

11/1/11 0000 Hrs – Suspicious Circumstance

11/3/11 1048 Hrs – Animal Bite

11/15/11 2011 Hrs – Suspicious Circumstance (regarding a dispute)

11/26/11 0137 Hrs – Lewd Conduct, False Imprisonment, Possession of a Prohibited Weapon x

A male suspect, a camper at the Occupy Berkeley gathering, entered a woman's tent (uninvited) at the Occupy Berkeley gathering and began masturbating in front of the victim while preventing her from leaving. Incident to the suspect's arrest, the BPD Officer found that the suspect had a dagger in his possession.

11/27/11 1801 Hrs – Brandishing a Firearm, Battery x

The victim, a camper at the Occupy Berkeley gathering reported his tent had been torn down and urinated on earlier in the day. Someone in the camp pointed out the individual who was responsible to the victim and the victim confronted him about the incident. The victim told the suspect to leave the park. The suspect pulled out a handgun and pointed it at the victim. The suspect's friends surrounded the victim and one of them struck him over the head several times with a blunt object causing an injury to his head.

11/30/11 1746 Hrs – Theft, Possession of an Unlawful Weapon (Crime did not occur in the Park)

A suspect stole a bottle of alcohol from Trader Joe's at University Avenue and MLK Jr. Way. The suspect fled from store security into the Occupy Berkeley gathering and disappeared. A witness said that the suspect was armed with a machete, but there was no report of him brandishing the weapon.

12/01/11 10:45 p.m. – Advice

12/02/11 8:01 a.m. – Battery x

12/02/11 2:04 p.m. – Animal Bite

12/03/11 8:22 p.m. – Battery x

BPD Officers responded to a report of a fight in progress in the area of the Occupy Berkeley gathering. When BPD officers arrived, the individuals still fighting, but separated and one party fled the scene. The other party declined any police service. Many people witnessed the fight, but no one chose to cooperate with the BPD officers regarding the incident.

12/03/11 9:42 a.m. – Battery x

Nobody in the Occupy Berkeley gathering chose to assist BPD and no witnesses were located or came forward. The victim left before the investigation was complete and refused to cooperate any further.

12/04/11 10:58 a.m. – Resisting Arrest, Probation Violation, Foot Chase x
A suspect was spotted by a BPD officer in the Occupy Berkeley gathering and matched the description of a suspect from a battery the day prior (12/03/11 0822). (see above) When the BPD officer attempted to stop him, the suspect fled on foot. The officer detained him after a brief foot chase. The BPD officer arrested the suspect for the previous battery as well as resisting arrest and a probation violation.

12/04/11 8:20 p.m. – Disturbance

12/05/11 4:32 p.m. – Assault with a Deadly Weapon, (Felonies) Battery, Criminal Threats x

Victim was accosted by the Suspect in Civic Center Park (they have had ongoing problems). Suspect 'sucker-punched' the victim, knocking him to the ground, began making threats, and subsequently began strangling the victim until he could not breathe. Bystanders pulled the suspect off the victim. The suspect then attacked the victim again, striking him in the head. BPD arrested the suspect, a 58 year old Berkeley man. The victim had a scratch to his throat, pain in and around his throat that made it difficult to swallow, a large bump on his forehead and complained of pain to his jaw.

12/06/11 9:55 p.m. – Suspicious Circumstance

Officers responded to a report of a 'brawl' with approximately 30 subjects yelling at each other and dogs barking. Upon arrival officers saw several individuals involved in a verbal dispute. Subjects inside the camp began chanting "f*#k the police". The disturbance apparently stemmed from an earlier fight between a man and a naked woman, where the man dragged the naked woman out of his tent and slammed her on the ground (though she apparently left unhurt). The man and woman involved were not located.

12/06/11 10:30 p.m. – Alcohol Offense, Resisting Arrest, Parole Violation (Felony) x

An anonymous person to call BPD to report a fight at the corner of Shattuck and Kittredge. In process of checking for the involved parties, the suspect was spotted as a possible suspect by BPD officers. When officers attempted to detain the suspect, he attempted to spit on officers and yelled "No! I am not going to show you my f*#k' hands, I am with Occupy!". The suspect was clearly intoxicated. He

continued to attempt to resist arrest, but was eventually taken into custody. A records check revealed that he was active to parole for robbery out of Los Angeles.

12/06/11 11:45 p.m.– Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Felony), Possession of Methamphetamine, Probation Violation x

An unknown party called the police to report an assault via a two-by-four piece of lumber at the Occupy Gathering in Civic Center Park. BPD Officers arrived and located the victim, who had a large abrasion on his forehead. The suspect was detained and positively identified. The suspect had methamphetamine in his possession and is active to probation for possession of methamphetamine.

12/07/11 5:17 p.m. – Battery x

Victim, a female juvenile, reported being victim of battery in Civic Center Park. An adult male Occupy Camp member confronted the victim about something she said and when she told him to mind his own business he stated he was going to get his wife to beat her up. He then went to his tent, got his wife, and she came out and pushed the victim. Parties were separated by friends. No prosecution requested. No witnesses would corroborate either party's statement.

12/10/11 6:56 p.m. – Possession of a Deadly Weapon, False Identification to a Police Officer, Probation Violation, Theft x

Three members of the Occupy Berkeley Gathering attempted to steal alcohol from Safeway. When BPD officers detained them, one of the detainees lied about his name. Once his true identity was discovered, a records check revealed that he had an outstanding warrant for possession of a controlled substance and was on probation for possession of a controlled substance and battery. When BPD searched him incident to arrest for the warrant, officer found a machete, a hammer, a gas mask and a BB gun. (replica gun that is very realistic looking)