

Santa Ana Public Library

April 2016 to December 2016 Needle Report

Documented needle incidents reported by staff.

Summary for the year: 85

Lugo-Rios, Milly
11-20-2017

Needle related incidents at the Santa Ana Public Library and Surrounding Area

April 25 2016 to December 31, 2016

04/25/2016

Monday

2:05:00 PM

1 needle

S/O Miguel Verdejo received a call from Lupita Arroyo telling me that there was a needle behind a planter by the 616 book stack.



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April 25 2016 to December 31, 2016

04/27/2016

Wednesday

12:15 PM

3 needles

On 4-27-16 at 1215 I (S/O Miguel Verdejo) was called to the reference desk by Zulma Zepeda. Upon arrival, a patron by the name of Daniel Ani told me that he had found a green plastic container that resembled a trash can with the following contents: 3 Syringes (1 unused), Plastic vial of "sterile water," 1 lighter and tooth paste. Using a pair of gloves I inspected the syringes and found traces of blood and one with a clear liquid. I threw the syringes in the bio-hazard canister in the staff lounge and threw the other contents in the trash.



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April 25 2016 to December 31, 2016

May 9, 2016

Monday

10:43 a.m.

1 needle

I was told by Irene that cleaning crew member Lizbeth Peralta found a syringe behind the 795 books, 3rd row from the bottom. The syringe was a regular diabetic syringe which contained remnants of clear liquid. I took pictures and used gloves to remove and dispose of syringe in bio-hazard container in the staff lounge.



5/18/2016

Wednesday

11:30:00 AM

1 needle

During patrol of SAPL (Santa Ana Public Library) I noticed a syringe inside the white dumpster lift points. The syringe was left with needle unsecured.



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5/18/2016 **Wednesday** 5:33:00 PM **4 needles**

CPO Perez called me to tell me that he found a syringe at the North East Corner adjacent to windows. Upon investigating the syringe was found without a needle. We further investigated the area heading west going around the exterior premises.

The following was found:

- 3 dry syringes

- One syringe with residue

- Candle

- Bag with two syringes (one with substance)

- A spoon with liquid residue in cup end and burn marks on the other end and tied rubber band

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6/6/2016 **Thursday** 5:10:00 PM **1 needle**

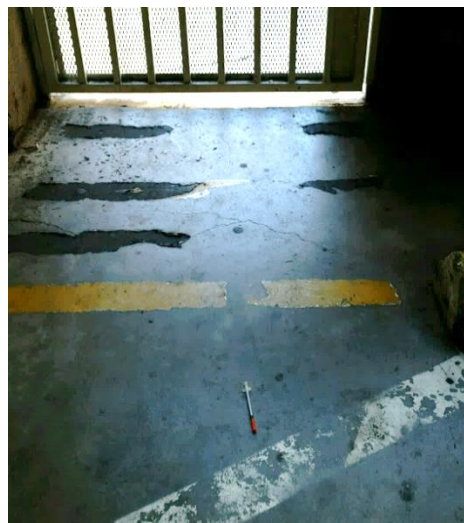
CPO Perez called me to inform me of a syringe outside of the children's patio gate. The Syringe contained residue.



6/14/2016 **Tuesday** 4:45 pm **1 needle**

Found by employee, Carl J. Marek, when entering the City Parking facility that is located under the Plaza of the Flags.

Note: Rosie Fernandez and colleagues from the OC Health Care Agency who visit the Civic Center and the library Monday through Friday have mentioned that they have seen great many needles in the area but they are not allowed to take pictures, so I only have their verbal information.



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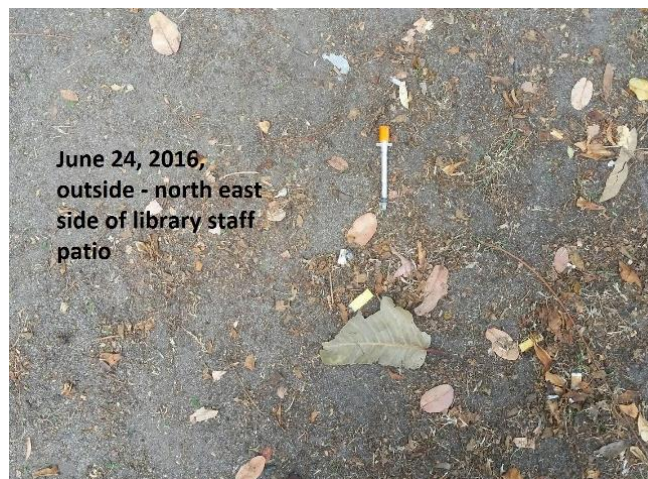
6/20/2016 **Monday** 3:22:00 PM **1 needle**

I was told by Milly Lugo-Rios that a phone and another device were found left unattended. Upon removal of the item's, I happened to notice a syringe inside the bag and upon further inspection I also found burnt foil wraps, a broken glass pipe, and a bottle cap with dry substance. I returned the phone and the device to lost and found. The bag was confiscated for meeting with SAPD Sergeant Gonzalez.



6/24/2016 **Friday** 11:10:00 AM **1 needle**

During patrol of SAPL exterior, I found a used syringe with left over liquefied substance.



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6/27/2016 **Monday** 7:11:00 PM **1 needle**

CPO Perez, was doing his external patrol check around the building when I noticed a needle with residue in one of the planters near the exit doors.



7/01/2016 **Friday** 10:29 AM **1 needle**

During patron of the exterior of the premises, I saw a syringe on the north east outside corner of the staff patio.



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7/6/2016

Wednesday

5:05:00 PM

1 needle

S/O Verdejo found and disposed of a syringe that still had an exposed needle outside the library by the Alex Odeh statute



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7/8/2016

Friday

11:30:00 AM

1 needle

During Patrol of SAPL, Security Officer Miguel Verdejo found a syringe hidden in the bushes adjacent to the public telephone outside of the south entrance to the library. The syringe also contained heroine residue and needle was bent.



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7/14/2016

Thursday

6:46:00 PM

1 needle

CPO Perez, was doing an exterior patrol around the building when I found a syringe behind the patio. The syringe was located on top of a bush. I quickly reported it to TSO Verdejo who took pictures and safely disposed of it in the hazardous bucket the library has.



7/28/2016

Thursday

10:15:00 AM

1 needle

CPO Lopez, while on patrol was notified by the groundskeeper, that there was a syringe in the bushes located on the south side of the library.



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8/4/2016

Thursday

10:50:00 AM

3 needles

Syringes found outside on the east side of the Main library facing Ross St.



8/8/2016

Monday

3:29:00 PM

1 needle

During Patrol, CPO Perez found a syringe with a bent uncapped needle on top of the bushes next to the book dumpster. He notified me and I (S/O Miguel Verdejo) to pictures and discarded the syringe in the bio hazard container.

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8/9/2016

Tuesday

AM

6 needles

Found in City Hall – First Floor Women’s Restroom.



8/16/2016

Tuesday

10:27:00 AM

1 needle



During a training patrol of SAPL exterior, Officer Raymond Perez noticed a syringe on top of the adult patio wall at the north east end. Upon inspecting the syringe before disposal, it was found that it contain a thick and clear substance.

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8/18/2016

Thursday

1:30:00 PM

1 needle

A known former transient approached Security Officer Verdejo and handed him a sandwich bag that contained a syringe. She stated "ever since that needle exchange program came here I keep finding this B.S." I took the syringe and disposed of it in the bio-hazard container. I asked the female if she I could get her name should we need a statement. She said "no I just want to keep away from here as much as possible. "



8/25/2016

Thursday

10:43:00 AM

1 needle

Outside the library, North West area outside window. Hispanic Male late 60's with a hunched back left after noticing library security approaching the area during their routine patrol of library perimeter. Upon inspection of the area by CPO Raymond Perez and Beatriz Valdez found a Syringe with an exposed needle.



Needle related incidents at the Santa Ana Public Library and Surrounding Area

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9/9/2016

AM

1 needle

Ladies public bathroom at City Hall found by porter, Angel Lopez, during routine maintenance cleaning.



9/15/2016 1:20:00 PM

1 needle

CPO Raymond Perez was conducting a south entrance patrol (Parking lot area) and found a syringe next to the small palm tree in-front of the pay-phone. I radioed it to supervisor Verdejo who gave approval to safely dispose of it using the needle kit.

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9/16/2016

11:48:00 AM

1 needle

CPO Perez was doing an outside patrol at approximately 11: 48am in the exterior of the children's area patio when I saw a stuck syringe in ivy wall. I notify supervisor Morpew who took a picture.



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9/20/2016

2:00:00 PM

1 needle

Found by janitor, Angel Lopez, in the ladies bathroom at City Hall.



9/23/2016

4:20:00 PM

1 needle

Cleaning employee Angel called CSO Beatriz Valdez to the library's women's restroom. A syringe was found in the handicap stall sanitary pad dispenser.



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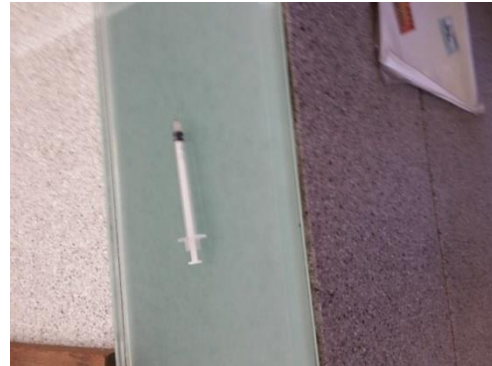
April 25 2016 to December 31, 2016

9/24/2016

11:00:00 AM

1 needle

It was brought up to CSO Ivan Ortiz' attention, by USO Jose Rodriguez, that a patron handed him a needle. I was able to speak with the patron and he stated to me, that he found the needle inside one of the planters located at the south exit/entrance to the library.



10/2/2016

Sunday

3:20:00 PM

2 needles

It was brought to Ivan Ortiz' attention, by USO Ibarra and USO Rodriguez of two (2) needles on the north-west exterior of the library by the Children's Library side. Upon arriving to the location, both officers pointed out where the needles were located and I proceeded to collecting them and disposing of them properly



10/3/2016

Monday

2:16:00 PM

3 needles

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Guard Miguel Morphew was notified by USO Nazaria Ibarra that she had found several syringes by the southeast area in front of the dumpster. I pick up and disposed of 3 easy touch syringes. All looked unused as the still contained the protective caps and were new.



10/6/2016

Thursday

12:05:00 PM

1 needle

During routine patrol of south exterior of the library, Security Guard Nazaria Ibarra, found a syringe outside by the main entrance at the bushes.

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10/7/2016	Friday	11:00:00 AM	1 needle
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USO Rodriguez, while conducting patrol of the South exterior of the library, found a syringe that was placed in between the bushes and flowers of the small flower bed that is located in front of the payphone on the south exit door.

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10/10/2016	Monday	10:45:00 AM	1 needle
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During Jose Rodriguez' first patrol he found one at floor grounds inside of the garden just in front of the payphone at the South Side Exterior entrance of library building .

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10/10/2016

Monday

11:05:00 AM

1 needle and 1 glass pipe

Guard, Jose Rodrigues was patrolling the Southside exterior of the library. Found a syringe over the bushes and a glass pipe on the floor just to the left side of the payphone.



10/10/2016

Monday AM

2 needles

Found by orderly, Angel, when cleaning the women's public bathroom at City Hall.

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10/10/2016	Monday	11:40:00 AM	1 needle
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While, Guard Rodriguez continued patrol of South Exterior, he found a syringe outside the library, next to the circulation office stair emergency exit door.

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10/10/2016	Monday	12:13:00 PM	5 needles
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Upon checking women's restroom, Guard Beatriz Valdez found 5 syringes in sanitary pads disposal.



10/10/2016	Monday	8:54 PM	1 needle
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On patrol, Guard Robert Contreras found 1 needle inside the trash can next to the sink in the men's bathroom.



10/12/2016

Wednesday

11:45:00 AM

1 needle

At approximately 11:30 USO Valdez notified lead guard Miguel Morpew, that a female who is suspected of leaving syringes in the restroom arrived. At 11:45 after the female exited the restroom. Morpew and USO Beatriz Valdez entered to check for syringes. One was found in the sanitary pad dispenser. The syringe contained traces of blood. Valdez disposed of the syringe properly while I began to check the camera system for entry time. I found that the female entered at 11:20. Twenty-five (25) minutes after Angel the day porter was done cleaning the restroom. Officer Valdez informed me that she had found the restroom empty several times before the female entered the restroom.



10/12/2016

Wednesday

12:10 PM

1 needle

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When patrolling exterior South entrance guard Beatriz Valdez saw a syringe on the floor behind the pay phone. She advised Supervisor Miguel Morphew about it he took a picture and syringe was disposed of properly. The syringe contained a jelly like liquid.



10/12/2016	Wednesday	4:00 PM	1 needle
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Guard Ivan Ortiz was advised by janitor, Angel, of a needle found in city hall's women's public restroom in the handicap stall.



10/15/2016	Saturday	10:45 AM	1 needle
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Guard Jose Rodriguez first patrol about perimeter of library building found a syringe that was over the bushes at the corner next to cable box; immediately reported it to on duty supervisor Ivan Ortiz, who disposed of it properly.



10/17/2016	Monday	2:08:00 PM	1 needle
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During patrol of exterior of library at west side corner north exterior, Guard Jose Rodriguez found a syringe on the grass. It was reported to PC Verdejo and disposed it properly.



10/18/2016	Tuesday	4:15 PM	1 needle
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Reported by city employee, Renee Hernandez; found at Santa Anita Park by the south brick wall under a tree

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10/19/2016	Wednesday	3:40 PM	4 needles
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USO Beatriz Valdez informed Lead Guard Miguel Morpheu that the day porter Angel found 4 syringes of different but consistent make and burnt foil in the library women's restroom.



10/19/2016	Wednesday	5:02 PM	1 needle
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During patrol of library perimeter, Guard Jose Rodriguez found a syringe on the floor of corner East Side of Emergency exit Stairs door.

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10/22/2016

Saturday

1:30:00 PM

1 needle

While on patrol guard Jose Rodriguez and Nazaria Ibarra found a syringe between dumpsters South East side at library corner building, inside gardens ground.



10/24/2016

Monday

3:50:00 PM

1 needle

Tony Ochoa (Technology staff) found a syringe at the center mound entering the roundabout and reported it to Lead guard Miguel Verdejo.



10/25/2016

Tuesday

4:15 PM

3 needles

Found by Renee Hernandez' staff on Santa Anita Center roof.

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10/26/2016

Wednesday

3:10:00 PM

3 needles

Janitor, Angel, found syringes in the trash can in the Men's restroom handicap stall. Reported the incident to Miguel Morpew.

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10/27/2016

Thursday

3:27:00 PM

1 needle

Janitor, Angel, found syringe in the sanitary pad dispenser bag in the women's restroom. Reported to lead guard Miguel Morpheu.



11/03/2016

Thursday

3:25:00 PM

1 needle

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Janitor, Angel, found syringe in public restroom toilet in the first stall and reported to lead guard Morphew. The syringe was barely showing under a wad of paper. Morphew used the plastic pliers provided by the sharps kit to take it out. The needle was bare and straight. The syringe was used for drugs.



1:50:00 PM

1 needle



11/04/2016

Friday

Employee, Doria Ramos approached the information desk and asked Jaime to lead guard, Miguel Morphew. Doria directed Morphew to the North West exterior where she found a syringe on the grass.

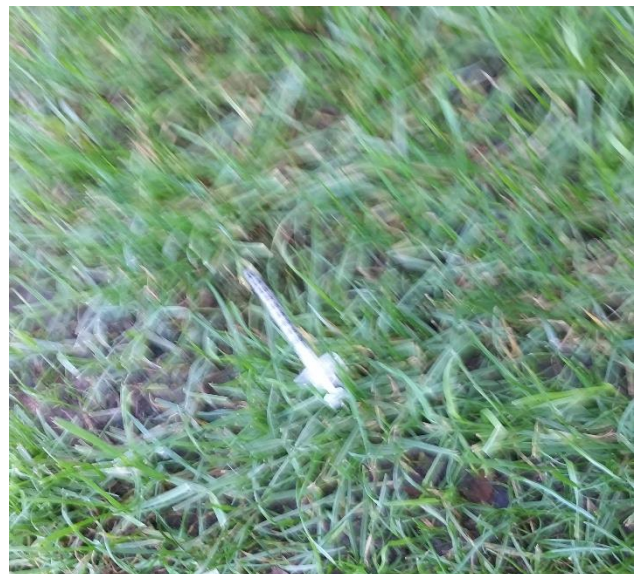


11/09/2016

Wednesday

11:10:00 AM

1 needle



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Security Miguel Morphew found, during patrol of exterior south of library a syringe outside the patio.



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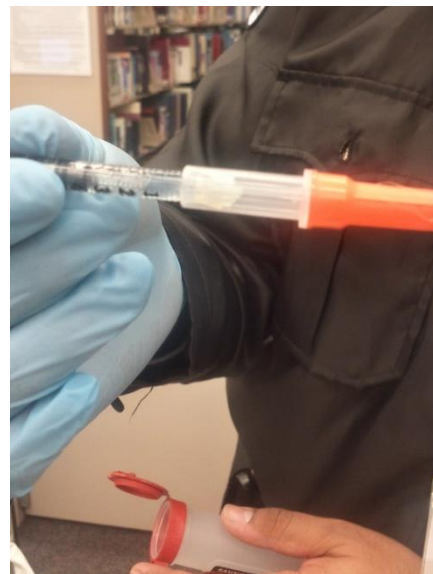
1 needle

11/21/2016

Monday

8:40:00

Guard Nazaria Ibarra, during routine patrol of outside of the library in the south exterior, found a syringe containing a light blue liquid outside by the main entrance at the bushes. Photos were taken and Supervisor was notified.



11/28/2016

Monday

6:15:00 PM

2 needles

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Guard Nazaria Ibarra, during routine patrol of women's restroom found in the handicap stall small pieces of dark brown glass on the floor. She checked the sanitary wipe trash bin and saw 2 syringes.



11/29/2016

Tuesday

11:35:00 AM

1 needle

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Principal Librarian, Lynn Nguyen, reported that “As I came out of the elevator on the fourth floor Courthouse Parking Structure, I accidentally kicked on a syringe outside the elevator (almost stepped on it). The syringe was right outside the elevator door (4th floor). I didn’t see it when I stepped outside of the elevator so I accidentally kicked it. Being 8 months pregnant, I am grateful that the needle wasn’t exposed and I didn’t step on it.”



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April 25 2016 to December 31, 2016

12/05/2016

Monday

2:27:00 PM

1 needle

During routine patrol of public female restroom, USO Ibarra found a syringe in a trash can in one of the stalls.

