

**SHADES** Case Summaries and Outcomes  
(2012-2016)

**In re Efrain L.**

**Case Summary:**

The offending minor, Efrain L., kicked a ball at the victim and struck the victim in his right eye. Three days later, the offending minor once again attacked the victim by throwing a ball and striking him in his left eye. The victim did not inform school staff of the incident out of fear of retribution and instead, but his mother requested an administrative meeting with the school to resolve the bullying. The victim stated that “Efrain and his friends has been bullying me, calling me a faggot, monkey, a nigger and a porn star.” Efrain L. claimed the incidents were accidents and that he is unaware of any previous bullying.

**Case Outcome:**

On 3/26/12, Efrain L. was charged with 2 counts of battery and was found guilty. He completed community service at “El Centro del Pueblo” where he performed maintenance duties. He also submitted letters of apology to the victim and his parents and wrote an essay on the consequences of bullying. The Probation Department also ordered Efrain L. to participate in a tutoring program, obtain satisfactory school grades, and attend anger management counseling. Efrain L.’s parents also completed a parenting program and family counseling on 8/6/12.

**In re Silverio F.**

**Case Summary:**

The victim reported that as he was walking on campus, he felt a small rope getting pulled around his neck and that the force momentarily restricted his breathing and slightly pulled him backward. When the victim turned and saw the minor possessing the rope, he asked, “What’s wrong with you?” The offending minor, Silverio F. responded, “I didn’t want you to die, I only wanted you to feel like you were about to die.” The victim states the minor has called him “faggot” on a couple of prior occasions. Silverio F. admitted to calling the victim a faggot in the past, but denies any animosity toward homosexuality.

**Case Outcome:**

On 3/26/12, Silverio F. was charged with battery on school grounds and was found guilty. The minor completed anger management counseling at “LA Life Center.” He also completed 20 hours of community service at “St. Paul’s Religious Education Center.” Silverio F. also participated in the Museum of Tolerance 8 hour remediation program and wrote an apology letter to the victim.

### **In re Catherine W., Sarah M., McKennah L.**

#### Case Summary:

Three middle school teens (Catherine, Sarah, and McKennah) vandalized two different homes. The three girls are being accused of toilet-papering the victims' yards and by using syrup and feces to deface the victims' vehicles, porches, and/or residential walkways and driveways. The three girls also drew swastikas and wrote the word "Jew" in syrup on one of the victim's property. On the night of the incident, all three girls slept over at the home of Catherine W. Catherine's mother, also named Catherine, initially denied being involved in the incident. However, once she was informed that a video surveillance camera may have captured the incident, she admitted that she drove the girls in her car to both locations where the vandalism took place.

#### Case Outcome:

On 7/20/12, Catherine W. has charged with vandalism with hate crime allegation misdemeanor and terrorism by symbol. She was found guilty of all charges. She successfully completed the Museum of Tolerance 8 hour remediation program and attended the Building Bridges youth camp. Catherine's experience at the camp was very positive and she decided to become a youth leader to mentor others at the camp. In addition, she wrote an apology letter to the victim and her family and attended family counseling.

McKennah L. was charged with vandalism and found guilty. She completed all probation conditions successfully, including attendance at family counseling, the Museum of Tolerance remediation program, and the Building Bridges camp. She also wrote an apology letter to the victim and her family.

Sarah M. charged with vandalism with hate crime allegation misdemeanor and terrorism by symbol. She was found guilty of all charges. She completed all probation conditions successfully, including attendance at family counseling, the Museum of Tolerance remediation program, and the Building Bridges camp. She also wrote an apology letter to the victim and her family.

### **In re Devante F. and Alex G.**

#### Case Summary:

On Wednesday, November 7, 2013 Dominguez High School administrators radioed Campus Security about a fight on the north side of campus. According to witness statements, a fight took place between a group of African Americans and Latino male minors and the fight was over race. When Campus Security arrived at the scene, staff members had detained the

students who were involved in the fight. School police was notified, and the minors (Devante and Alex) were transported to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Century Station where they were booked, cited, and released to their guardians.

**Case Outcome:**

On 2/21/13, Devante was charged with assault, battery, and disturbing the peace: fighting in public space. He was found guilty of all charges. As of November 25, 2013, Devante had 20 more hours of community service to complete. The supervising Probation Officer also decided to keep his file open in order to encourage him to get his grades up.

Alex G. was charged with battery and disturbing the peace: fighting in public space. He was found guilty of all charges. Alex completed the Museum of Tolerance remediation program, Building Bridges, and his community service. He dropped out of school in order to work and provide for his new baby. His supervising probation officer and mentor judge (Judge Michael Carter) agreed to close his case.

**In re Matthew D. and Arwin V.**

**Case Summary:**

The victim was on the pool deck getting ready for swim class. Minor 1 asked the victim if he was Jewish and the victim replied that he was. Minor 2 asked again "You're Jewish?" in disbelief. Minor 1 then said, "You're people killed my people!" Minor 1 stated he was Arab and asked the victim's nationality. The victim stated he was he was from Iran, and Minor 1 then asked "Then how are you Jewish?" The victim replied "I don't know. I just am Jewish." Minor 1 shoved the victim against a wall and held the victim's arms behind his back. Minor 2 then struck the victim on his bare legs with the victim's belt. After the incident, both minors walked away as they chanted, "Jew! Jew! Jew!"

**Case Outcome:**

On 2/21/13, Matthew D. was charged with battery and hate crime allegation misdemeanor. He was found guilty of all charges. Matthew successfully completed all probation conditions, including attending the Museum of Tolerance remediation program, Building Bridges camp, and family counseling. He wrote an apology letter to the victim and his parents. As of December 2013, Matthew had applied to college and wrote about his SHADES experience in his personal statement. He has also participated as a panelist with Judge Wesley for Beyond the Bench XXII. In June 2014 he will be attending the California Association of Youth Court's annual conference to participate on a second panel.

Arwin V. was charged with battery and hate crime allegation misdemeanor. He was found guilty of all charges. Arwin successfully completed all probation conditions, including attending the Museum of Tolerance remediation program, Building Bridges camp, and family counseling. He wrote an apology letter to the victim and his parents.

### **In re Jay K.**

#### Case Summary:

A female student from Arcadia High School created a private “invite only” Facebook chat group to discuss her 6th period class assignments and homework. That class was taught by Mrs. Bishop. Dustin M. was a part of that class and the Facebook group. Dustin M. and a few other classmates used the chat group to talk about non-academic things, such as Mrs. Bishop. In the chat group conversations, Dustin M. referred to Mrs. Bishop as a “stupid Jew.” He also engaged in a conversation with another classmate in which they both discussed methods by which they should kill Mrs. Bishop. Dustin M. stated “We should try something more interesting and enjoyable to watch. Let’s gas her.” He also stated that they should “brand her with hot iron” using “everyday regular quarters.”

#### Case Outcome:

On 6/21/13, Jay K. was charged with use of electronic communication to instill fear or harass and hate crime allegation misdemeanor. He was found guilty of all charges. Jay successfully completed his probation conditions on 12/16/13. He wrote an apology letter, brought up his GPA, went to 10 hours of counseling, attended Building Bridges camp, and the Museum of Tolerance remediation program. He is interested in pursuing automobile mechanics.

### **In re Dustin M.**

#### Case Summary:

The victim was in class and was stretching on a stool when the minor, Jay K, took a picture of the victim. The picture captured what appeared to be the victim falling off the stool with his buttocks off the chair and his left leg (thigh area) still on the stool. The picture was then posted on Instagram by the minor. Instagram is a social networking website that allows you to post pictures that can be viewed by others. The posted picture had a caption that read “Gay niggas be like.....” on the top of the picture and “Took it to hard in the ass” at the bottom of it. The picture was liked by 38 users on Instagram, 12 of which are believed to be Redondo Union High School students.

#### Case Outcome:

On 6/21/12, Dustin M. was charged with making criminal threats and a hate crime allegation misdemeanor. He was found innocent of these charges but guilty of a hate incident. Dustin

successfully completed his probation conditions. He completed 20 hours of community service at the LA Museum of the Holocaust. He wrote an apology letter, attended Building Bridges camp, attended the Museum of Tolerance remediation program, and wrote an essay reflecting on his actions and experiences at camp and at MOT.

### **In re Boris P. and Christian C.**

#### Case Summary:

On August 27, 2013 the victim, who has Down 's syndrome, was in the boy's restroom at Stevenson Middle School. Subjects, Minors 1 and 2 entered the restroom and started harassing the victim. The Minors told him to put his shirt up and victim got scared and replied, "Stop, no!" Minors 1 and 2 threw and hit victim with wet toilet paper smeared with feces. Minor 1 punched victim in the face one time with his fist, causing victim to hit his head against the soap dispenser and wall behind him. Two student witnesses observed the incident and told subjects to stop. Minors 1 and 2 laughed and ran out of the restroom.

#### Case Outcome:

On 11/22/2013, Boris P. was charged with battery on school grounds, a hate crime allegation misdemeanor, and a hate incident. He was found guilty of battery on school grounds and hate incident. Boris is currently serving six months of informal probation and must complete 20 hours of community service, attend the Museum of Tolerance remediation program, write letters of apology, and maintain a GPA of 2.5.

Christian C. was charged with battery on school grounds, a hate crime allegation misdemeanor, and a hate incident. He was found guilty of all charges. As of 1/29/13, Christian had refused to attend counseling, was missing school more frequently, and informed his supervising probation officer that he had been using marijuana. The probation officer also found that Christian attacked his mother and suggested that Christian return to court. On 2/24/13, Judge Sotelo and Seymour Amster met with Christian at Eastlake. After a long discussion, Christian was given 30 days to show buy in.

### **In re London M.**

#### Case Summary:

On September 28, 2015, the victim, Isaiah H., was walking on the physical education field with friends, when he was approached by the offender, London M. The offender asked Isaiah H., "Are you gay?" Isaiah H. ignored London M. and walked away. Again London M. approached Isiah H., and ask again "Are you gay?" Isaiah H. responded "No, and it's none of your business." London M. responded something along the lines of "On neighborhood, I'll get my cousin on you." London M. left but returned to the group with his cousin. London M.'s cousin asked Isaiah

H. what he said, and Isiah H. repeated his answer. The cousin asked London M. what he should do. London M. instructed his cousin to beat up Isaiah H. A fight ensued that resulted in Isiah H. receiving multiple contusions on his facial and chest region.

Three student witnesses corroborated Isaiah H.'s story.

#### Case Outcome:

On February 25, 2016, London M. was found guilty of PC 242 Battery by Aiding and Abetting. London M. was also found guilty of PC 422.6(a) Hate Crime Allegation: Misdemeanor. London M. is ordered to serve six months of informal probation. The conditions of probation include: Museum of Tolerance 8 Hour Remediation Program, Curfew, 40 hrs. of Community Service, Counseling, Letter of Apology to his mother and to the victim, The minor must attend school every day and attend tutoring, the minor will be placed on CDP (Community Detention Program), the minor is to watch the movie "Valentine Road" and write an essay on what he learned from watching the movie. Assigned Mentor: Judge Michael D. Carter

#### **In re Connor N.**

##### Case Summary:

According to Ian C., Connor N. belongs to a small gang called "Geaux" (which may hold white supremacist values) and said that Connor N. was interested in starting a "race war" at Palisades. Ian C. stated that on the night of March 13, 2016, Connor N. dared him to spray paint-racist statements on the campus to prove his loyalty to the group. Ian C. stated that he agreed to go through with Connor N.'s dare. Ian C. stated that he and Connor N. walked down Palisades High School to vandalize the school with racist slogans. Ian C. admits to spray painting a majority of the racist slogans, but that Connor N. also tagged the school with "Ku Klux Klan," "Fuck Chinks," and "No Spics/Coons".

According to Connor N., he was not involved in vandalizing the school. Connor N. reported that everyone who returned to his mother's home began talking about tagging the school to start a race war by spray painting KKK on the school grounds. Connor N. stated that he specifically directed Ian C. to go tag the school which would start a race war. However, Connor N. argued that he told Ian C. to tag the school in a jokingly manner. Connor N. stated that he was in the garage of his mother's house when Ian left to go vandalize the school. Connor N. stated that when Ian C. returned from vandalizing the school, he and several people including Ian C. got into his vehicle and began to drive to the school. Connor N. said that he was able to see the vandalism that Ian C. had done. While in the car, Connor N. stated that he watched a video of Ian C. vandalizing the school. According to Connor N., after he viewed the video he was angry at what Ian C. had done. Connor N. believes that Ian C. committed the vandalism in order to impress everyone.

**Case Outcome:**

On July 1, 2016, Connor N. was found guilty of PC 242 Aiding and Abetting, PC 594 Vandalism, and PC 422.6 (b) Hate Crime Damaging Property. Connor N. is ordered to serve six months of informal probation including attending the Museum of Tolerance remediation program, Building Bridges Human Relations camp, 50 hrs. of community service, letter of apology to school, community and City of Pacific Palisades, participate in substance abuse counseling, submit to substance abuse testing, no driving, no alcohol/drugs.

Judge Mentor: Judge David Sotelo

**In re. Ian C.**

**Case Summary:**

On March 14, 2016, Ian C. was taken into questioning after Detectives Angert and Hopkins reviewed video surveillance and anonymous tip information that implicated Ian C. as a suspect in the vandalism of Palisades High School. Ian C. was read his Miranda Rights verbatim to which indicated he understood. During the interview Ian C. denied any involvement, but after being shown still photographs and videos, he admitted that he was the individual depicted. He also admitted that he had used spray paint to vandalize the school with racial epithets but blamed peer pressure as what motivated him to do so.

In a follow up interview, Ian C. stated that he vandalized the school after being dared by his peer Connor N., who Ian C. believes wanted to start a race war at Palisades High School. Ian C. admitted to spray painting a majority of the racial epithets, however, says that Connor N. also tagged the school. Connor N. admits to daring Ian C. to tag the school, however says he did it in a jokingly manner. Connor N. denies all other involvement.

**Case Outcome:**

On July 15, 2016, Ian C. was found guilty of PC 594 Vandalism, and PC 422.6 (b) Hate Crime Damaging Property. Ian C. is ordered to serve six months of informal probation including attending the Museum of Tolerance remediation program, Building Bridges Human Relations camp, 50 hrs. of community service, letter of apology to Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce, Read "Night" by Elie Wiesel and submit a book report, write a paper on all the derogatory words and symbols that he used to graffiti and explain what they mean.

Judge Mentor: Judge Gregory Alarcon