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# Four More Arrested in Connection to the **Americana YSL Flash Mob**

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**Glendale, CA** – The Los Angeles Organized Retail Theft Task Force and the Glendale Police Department announced the arrest of four suspects connected to the YSL Flash Mob and other "smash & grab" robberies in the region.

Ziona Famoso (18) of Compton, Alana Hart (18) of Los Angeles, Jordan Harris (18) of Los Angeles, Jason Smith (18) of Los Angeles

Charges filed by the California Attorney General's Office include Organized Retail Theft, Grand Theft, Robbery, and felony Vandalism.

The YSL Flash Mob occurred on August 8th at the Americana at Brand. In that incident, at least 30 suspects flooded the store, smashing items, stealing property, and fleeing in vehicles. One suspect, 23-year-old Ivan Isaac Ramirez, has already been arrested in connection to the YSL thefts. The Glendale Police Department also has an active warrant for 21-year-old Brianna Jimenez of Los Angeles.

These arrests were made mainly due to the collaborative efforts of the Organized Retail Crime Task Force and the Glendale Police Department Crime Analysis Unit.

The Organized Retail Crime Task Force is a collection of agencies combining resources to eliminate this plague that has taken over the region. LAPD, LASD, the Glendale Police Department, and other agencies have formed this coalition of regional law enforcement partners to arrest those who have taken part in these retail robberies, burglaries, and acts of vandalism. The task force will work to proactively end these types of crimes, develop leads, and make arrests.

The Organized Retail Crimes Task Force is a specialized team dedicated solely to combating this growing problem. Their mission is multi-fold: to eliminate the recent incidents of violent robberies at

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retail establishments, reduce incidents of organized retail theft, foster a safer shopping environment, and bring suspects to justice.

These arrests mark a significant step forward in curbing the alarming trend of flash mob / smash-andgrab robberies affecting the retail landscape of Southern California. The collaboration between law enforcement agencies and the exchange of vital intelligence highlights the commitment to ensuring public safety and security.

The Glendale Police Department asks anyone with information to assist in this case contact us immediately by calling 818-548-4911.

To remain anonymous, call the L.A. Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to <u>www.lacrimestoppers.org</u>

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