



**NEWS
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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: Hate Speech Fliers

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On June 27th at about 9:45 p.m., the Martinez Police Department responded to the report of fliers containing hate speech left on the sidewalk near downtown. The offensive fliers made threats of harm to those supporting the Black Lives Matter movement in the name of an organization called "White Pride World Wide".

At this time, we do not have any leads on who left them on the sidewalk. The fliers were deplorable, filled with hate, and have no place in the City of Martinez. The language was threatening, offensive, and goes against everything the City values in terms of diversity, inclusion, and acceptance.

Please contact our Dispatch Center at 925-372-3440 in the event you have any information on this case. Detectives have been assigned to investigate this incident as a Hate Crime and the investigation is ongoing.

The City of Martinez does not tolerate hate related crimes and as a community we need to stand together to promote unity and acceptance for all people. This hateful, hurtful, and offensive act does not define our City and we must all do our part to identify those responsible, so they can be brought to justice.