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Introduction

Sergeant Steussie retired from the Los Angeles Police Department in September of 2024. His last assignment was as a supervisor for the Los Angeles Police Department assigned to Central Traffic Division (CTD). Sergeant Steussie was the Officer in Charge (OIC) of CTD Deuce Watch, which targets DUI related crime including DUI probation, Ignition Interlock Device compliance, impairment by drugs and/or alcohol. Prior to this assignment, Sergeant Steussie has worked as an administrative assignment as well as Field Sergeant Positions.

As an officer, he worked on the Driving while Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement Team at South Traffic Division (STD). Officers assigned to this detail rely on observation arrests and are free from handling radio calls. Officer Steussie is also an Impaired Driver Apprehension Program (IDAP) instructor and a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) instructor for LAPD. As an Officer, Steussie was also selected and worked on periodic citywide task forces for targeted DUI enforcement through Emergency Operations Division. Officer Steussie has received several resolutions from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) for DUI arrests made in Los Angeles and in Orange County. Officer Steussie was part of a pilot program sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to allow for oral fluid collection for DUI drug toxicology.

Prior to be selected into the South Traffic Division, Officer Steussie worked patrol in Newton Area as a Field Training Officer (FTO). As an FTO, Officer Steussie trained probationary officers in tactics, report writing, interpersonal skills and LAPD procedures. As an FTO, Officer Steussie wrote reports on the probationary officer's performance and met with supervisors discussing these results.

Officer Steussie also worked 13FB7 which is a uniformed assignment that targets narcotics violations within the transient population in the northern part of Newton Area. Officers assigned to this detail rely on observation arrests and are free from handling radio calls. Arrests are made for possession, sales, possession for sales, and under the influence of a variety of controlled substances.

Officer Steussie is a 26-year veteran of law enforcement. Officer Steussie worked as an officer for the Los Angeles PD for over five years and left to go work as an officer for the Placentia PD. After five years he returned to the Los Angeles PD where he continues to work.

When Officer Steussie went to the Placentia PD, he regularly made arrests for 11550(a) H&S in Orange County. In 2004 Officer Steussie received a resolution from the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) "Deuce Awards Committee" for the number of DUI arrests made in Placentia. During his tenure at the Placentia PD Officer Steussie was one of the top producers of DUI arrests.

During Officer Steussie's previous tenure at the Los Angeles PD he was assigned to Central Division where he made numerous narcotics-related arrests. Officer Steussie was later selected to work Operation Central Bureau CRASH. It was here that he worked with an officer who had previous experience working in the Hollywood Division Hype Car. Officer Steussie received on the job training and made multiple arrests for under the influence of a controlled substance, 11550(a) H&S

(Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance). During this time Officer Steussie attended the Los Angeles PD school for 11550(a) H&S. Officer Steussie went on and continued making arrests of gang members for 11550(a) H&S.

Officer Steussie is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations from San Francisco State University and has completed course work towards a Master's in public administration from California Lutheran University. Officer Steussie has completed the P.O.S.T. certified Institute for Criminal Investigations (ICI) and holds a specialty for burglary.

Courses Taught:

- **Drugs in Society**
- **CNS Stimulants**
- **Narcotic Analgesics**
- **Inhalants**
- **Cannabis**
- **Dissociative Anesthetics**
- **Report Writing**
- **Eye Exams**
- **Vital Signs Practice & Exams**
- **Psychophysical Tests**
- **Overview of DRE Procedures**
- **Case Preparation and Testimony**
- **Field Certifications**

Law Enforcement Experience

11/2017 to 09/2024	Motorcycle Sergeant, Central Traffic Division Traffic Enforcement OIC Deuce Watch OIC Off Road Unit Los Angeles Police Department Los Angeles, CA
06/2017 to 11/2017	Collision Investigator, Central Traffic Division Los Angeles Police Department Los Angeles, CA
06/2016 to 06/2017	Adjutant to the Area Captain, Newton Area Los Angeles Police Department Los Angeles, CA
06/2015 to 06/2016	Field Sergeant, West Los Angeles Area Los Angeles Police Department Los Angeles, CA

08/2010 to 06/2015	Motorcycle Police Officer, South Traffic Division Traffic Enforcement Los Angeles Police Department Los Angeles, CA
01/14/2011 to Present	Instructor D.R.E. Cadre Certified to instruct D.R.E school and I.D.A.P school.
04/2009 to 08/2010	Motorcycle Police Officer, South Traffic Division DUI Watch Los Angeles Police Department Los Angeles, CA
01/2007 to 04/2009	Police Officer, Newton Area, 13FB7 Los Angeles Police Department Los Angeles, CA
12/2004 to 12/2006	Private Investigator, Investigations With Integrity (IWI) Providence, Rhode Island
07/2000 to 12/2004	Police Officer / SWAT Officer Placentia Police Department Placentia, CA
09/1998 to 07/2000	Gang Officer, Operation Central Bureau C.R.A.S.H. Los Angeles Police Department Los Angeles, CA
12/1996 to 09/1998	Police Officer / Gang Officer Central Area Los Angeles Police Department Los Angeles, CA
<u>Special Police Training</u>	
08/09/2019-08/12/2019	2019 Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving Conference. -24 hours International Association of Chiefs of Police
05/31/2019	Cannabis & Driving: Untangling a complex problem. -8 hours Marylin Huestis
01/2019	How to Testify About Marijuana – Orange County District Attorney’s Office – 8 hours
04/2018	Dual Purpose Motorcycle (Off-Road) – 40 Hours
11/01/2013	Oral Fluid Collection and DUI-D, Drager

05/10/2013 **Bath Salts and Synthetic Drugs** – 8 Hour CNOA Course

11/30/2012 **Oral Fluid Collection** and DUI-D, Drager

06/29/2011 **Marijuana** from the Streets to the Storefronts – 8 Hour CNOA Course

11/2010 DRE- **Instructor School** – 40 Hours

09/2009 DRE - **Drug Recognition Expert School** – 55 Hours

04/2009 Los Angeles Police Department **Police Motorcycle Riding** – 80 Hours

02/2007 IDAP – **Impaired Driver Apprehension Program** – 40 Hours

11/2004 California Commission Police Officer Standards and Training
Golden West College – **SWAT Basic Course** – 80 Hours

01/2002 California Commission Police Officer Standards and Training
Robert Priestly Institute for Criminal Investigation (ICI)
Specializing in **Burglary Investigations**

01/2002 California Commission Police Officer Standards and Training
Sacramento County Sheriff – **Interview and Interrogation** – 40 Hours

03/2001 Orange County Sheriff – **Basic Traffic Collision Investigation** – 40 Hours

02/2000 California Commission Police Officer Standards and Training
Robert Priestly Institute for Criminal Investigation (**ICI**)
Core Course – 81 Hours

12/1999 Department of the Treasury – Drug Enforcement Training Program
Drug Identification and Recognition

07/1999 California Gang Investigators and U.S. Dept of Treasury
California Commission Police Officer Standards and Training
Street Gang Training

01/1999 Los Angeles Police Department **Narcotics School** – 40 Hours

10/1997 Los Angeles Police **11550(a) H&S School** – 8 Hours

Professional Organizations

Member of the California Narcotic Officers Association Since 2011-2019

Court Qualification Record

Officer Steussie has been involved in 100's of narcotics related arrests including possession, possession for sales, sales and under the influence of narcotics including, cocaine, cocaine base, heroin, PCP, methamphetamine and marijuana. Officer Steussie has interviewed 1000's of arrestees who have been

candid in their usage of narcotics and the ways it is packaged. Officer Steussie has testified as a narcotics expert in court on numerous occasions for the recognition of rock cocaine and possession for the intent of sales of rock cocaine.

Expertise Recognized:

12/18/2013 – Judge Hobbs – Division 75 – 1945 S. Hill St, Los Angeles CA 90007

-04/25/2013 – Judge Orozco – Division 73 – 1945 S Hill St, Los Angeles CA 90007

-07/30/2018– Judge Perry – Division 104 210 Temple St., Los Angeles CA 90012

-07/10/2019 – Judge Carolina V. Lugo – Department A-6, 42011 Fourth ST W, Lancaster, CA 93534

Guest Lecture:

-06/23/2012 – Orange County District Attorney Association – I gave a presentation on oral fluid collection and DUI drugs in relation to the Drager Device.

-01/22/2013 – East Los Angeles College – Officer Steussie gave a two-hour presentation on DUI enforcement including symptomologies for both alcohol and drug use.