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LA Fashion District BID Safe Team Working with LAPD and City Attorney on Horlings Family Case Investigation

LOS ANGELES May 29, 2013 – The LA Fashion District is working with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Los Angeles City Attorney on an ongoing investigation regarding the March 9th, 2013 incident where a family was attacked by illegal animal vendors after the family reported the illegal vendors to LAPD for animal abuse.

The LA Fashion District Business Improvement District (BID) is appalled at the violence the Horlings Family endured while visiting the Fashion District. We applaud the courage the family showed in contacting police to report the animal abuse and condemn the actions of their attackers. We strive to keep the LA Fashion District clean and safe and it is unfortunate that this happened in the district.

On March 9th, the day of the attack, the Fashion District BID Safe Team aided in the arrest of Pluma Mena who fled the scene and was located by BID Officers hiding in a parking lot, shortly after the attack was reported. BID officers also assisted LAPD in locating and arresting known illegal animal vendor Juan Mena, who was later linked to the March 9th incident. We are currently working with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the City Attorney in the investigation of this case.

If you have information related to this or any other crime in the LA Fashion District, please contact our 24-hour response team at 213-741-2661. The LA Fashion District BID does not condone the illegal sale of animals in the district. We will continue to work with LAPD and the City to stop illegal vendors and maintain the district as a clean and safe environment to shop and do business.

About LA Fashion District

The LA Fashion District is a 100-block district in Downtown Los Angeles and the hub of the apparel industry on the West Coast. The Fashion District caters to the wholesale and retail communities, with apparel and accessories for the entire family, textiles, flowers, and live/work lofts. The LA Fashion District Business Improvement District (BID) is a non-profit organization, funded by over 500 property owners, dedicated to making the community a clean, safe and friendly place to work, shop, do business and live through maintenance, security and marketing programs. For more information, visit www.fashiondistrict.org.

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