

Police on trail of group which posted racist stickers

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Glendale police are investigating a group suspected of plastering Brand Boulevard this week with scores of stickers containing racial and ethnic slurs.

The 120 stickers, measuring about 10 square inches each and bearing the name of the National Socialist White American Party,

were posted Tuesday evening. The message spread on buildings and utility poles demanded either the deportation or death of blacks, Jews and Latinos.

Three variations of the stickers were affixed along Brand Boulevard, said John Bingham, administrative analyst for the Glendale city manager's office. The stickers had different racist messages, but each had a swasti-

ka, the party name and a Pacific Palisades post office box number, said Scott Cooper, one of the merchants whose business was hit.

Police were notified and are trying to trace the group through its mailing address, Officer Don Ross, assigned to the case, said Friday. Although the stickers are highly offensive to minorities, the group's only vio-

lation involves a city ordinance restricting the placement of signs, said Ross.

Glendale, he added, might have been targeted by the party because the city has a predominantly white population. Ross said Friday he will follow a lead from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that North Hollywood streets were deluged by stickers early this

month in a similar campaign.

Cooper, who notified police and the Anti-Defamation League, said Friday that the stickers were placed haphazardly on buildings and poles along both sides of Brand between Colorado Street and Lexington Drive.

When Cooper spotted the racial slogans pasted outside his Pollo de Oro Mexican restaurant,

he had his employees remove all the stickers from his side of the street. City workers, Bingham said, removed the remaining stickers with a solvent used to detach wallpaper. If those responsible are identified, they could be ordered to reimburse the city for the cleanup costs, an estimated \$100, said Bingham.

"The city," he added, "really detests that kind of activity."

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