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Surveillance Cameras Help Police Prevent Crime In Valley Neighborhood

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MISSION HILLS (KTLA) -- The LAPD has a new tool to help cut down on crime in one valley neighborhood: a \$360,000 high-tech surveillance camera system.

Police say the cameras are so powerful, they can zoom in on pedestrians and license plates up to two blocks away.

Nine cameras were installed in Mission Hills -- a high crime area in the North Hills/Panorama City area -- and police say the cameras have already led to the arrest of a gang-related graffiti suspect.

The system was funded by the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency.

There is a similar system in Redlands that's credited to helping the city's police force after a quarter of their officers were laid off. The department says there has been a dramatic change in nuisance crimes in Redlands, ever since the cameras were installed.

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VIDEO: The LAPD announced a brand-new high-tech surveillance camera system in the Mission Hills area and they say the cameras