Finding aid for the Los Angeles Police Department crime log book 7063

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Abstract: LAPD log book with handwritten entries detailing the work assignments, crimes covered, and property recovered for and by a few patrolmen for the year 1925. The log book begins with an alphabetical index, listing individuals from whom property was recovered, and ends with logs of expenses incurred. The bulk of the log book is daily entries on preprinted pages that allow the officers to identify captain, date, cases assigned, title and character of cases, cases closed, arrests, and to include a narrative account of their shift. The last page of the log book is made up of 5 preprinted columns: "White/Negroes/Mexicans/Japanese/Chinese", presumably to log arrests in each of these ethnicities; this page was not filled in. The officers who kept the log are identified only by last names: McGowan, Marden, Mortensen, Gillett.
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