

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 64 in a series.



# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

## Meet Mustafa Kuffie.



**AGE:** "I'm 43."

**BIRTHPLACE:** Philadelphia.

**MARITAL STATUS:** "I'm single now."

**FAMILY:** "None."

**EDUCATION:** "I am a high school grad."

**PLAY SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL?** "I got some ribbons for football and fencing."

**MILITARY SERVICE:** "No."

**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "Right around here, on the sidewalk."

**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:** "Grand Park, up by the County buildings."

**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "Around 2000."

**WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "I needed a change of place. Times were getting tough between my wife and I so I separated and moved out here. That's when my life began trending toward the streets. I drink a little but not much."

**RELIGION:** "I'm studying to be Christian."

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "I love cowboy movies."

**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "John Wayne, and I think Mickey Rooney was great."

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "I haven't watched TV in a long time."

**FAVORITE CANDY:** "I really like peppermints."

**FAVORITE FOOD:** "I love meat. I'm definitely not a vegetarian."

**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "All pop, R&B."

**LAST BOOK READ:** "I read a spy novel."

**LAST JOB:** "I was a truck driver for 20 years."

**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** "Playing football. Those were good memories."

**DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS?** "No."

**MOST PRIZED POSSESSION:** "My education and my books."

**LAST THING EATEN:** "Coffee, and this box of cookies."

**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:** "I don't have any."

**ADVICE TO THE MAYOR TO HELP THE HOMELESS:** "I would make sure funds for the homeless were going to the right places."

**ORGANIZATION THAT'S THE BIGGEST HELP:** "L.A. Mission."

**WHERE HE WILL BE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** "Trying other places to live."

**WHAT HE WOULD DO WITH \$1 MILLION:** "I'd start all over."

**MAKE A WISH:** "I wish for understanding."

*The Club gave Mustafa a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.*

*The interview took place April 14 at Main and Second Streets. Photos by John Hawkins and Angel Gomez.*

## Buckets and Blankets!

Join us as we help those who live on the streets with Buckets and Blankets. Donate to the cause as the Club distributes food, toiletries and blankets to those in need (blankets cost \$7 each).



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