



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: March 6, 2014

Case #14-714

Location: 700 Block 10th Street

Incident: Dumping of Hazardous Substance

On March 6, 2014, at about 5:35 p.m., Banning Police Officers responded to the 700 block of 10th Street, regarding a report of a neighbor dumping fuel from a gas tank into the ground and gutter, causing a strong odor of fuel in the area. Officers arrived and contacted Brad Ward (age 56) as he was siphoning diesel fuel from the fuel tank of a 1978 dump truck into the gutter. Upon further investigation, it was discovered Ward had been draining the fuel tank and used his garden hose to wash the fuel down the gutter. The fuel spilled down to George Street, and continued eastbound to the 800 block of west George Street.

A Cal-Fire team (Station 89) responded to the location and immediately began mitigating the spillage by shoveling dirt along its route. Both Cal-Fire Haz Mat and Riverside County Environmental Services Haz Mat teams responded the location to assess the damage. The City of Banning Public Works Department and a private Hazardous Waste Transport company later responded to complete a thorough clean-up of the fuel. Additionally, Banning Police towed the dump truck from the location.

Ward was subsequently arrested for a felony violation of dumping a hazardous substance into the roadway. He was later booked into the Larry Smith Correctional Facility in Banning.



Brad Ward, age 56, resident of Banning

For further inquiries, please contact the Watch Commander at (951) 922-3170.