



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release*

**Date:** May 23, 2008

CASE #08-2044

**Location:** AM /PM Store, 2228 W. Ramsey Street, Banning

**Incident:** Suspicious Circumstances

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#### **Incident:**

On May 23, 2008, at approximately 1508 hours, Banning Police Officers responded to the AM / PM Store, located at 2228 W. Ramsey Street in reference to a report of a kidnapping in progress. Dispatch received information from Brigido Riviera Ibarra, informing police his juvenile son (17 years) was just abducted by two Hispanic males in the parking lot of the AM / PM Store. Ibarra stated the two males pushed his son into their burgundy late model vehicle and drove away southbound on 22nd Street.

After conducting further follow-up investigation, detectives and officers discovered that the two suspects that reportedly kidnapped the juvenile male were "Coyotes" that were hired by Ibarra to smuggle his son into the United States, from Mexico. Ibarra agreed to meet the smugglers at the AM / PM, but did not have the agreed payment of \$3000.00. After determining that Ibarra did not have the \$3000.00, the smugglers pushed the juvenile back into their vehicle and drove away. Ibarra, concerned for his son's safety, provided officers with a cellular telephone number for the suspects. Banning Police Officers called the suspects and by doing so, were able to obtain the location of the suspects in the City of Palm Springs.

Officers from the Banning Police Department responded to the location, recovered the juvenile and arrested one of the suspects. The other suspect was never located. The juvenile and suspect were transported back to the Banning Police Department. Because this incident involved federal violations, the United States Border Patrol responded to the police station and assumed control of the investigation. The suspect, the juvenile and Ibarra were turned over to Border Patrol pending federal charges.

#### **Suspect Information:**

**Jose Luis Flores**, D.O.B. 04/04/1966, 5'7", 180 pounds, black hair, black eyes, CA drivers' license# D1259962.

#### **Father's Information:**

**Brigido Riviera Ibarra**, D.O.B. 03/06/1947, 5'3", 180 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, CA drivers' license# A4665616.

For further information pertaining to this incident please contact the Banning Police Department on-duty Watch Commander at (951) 922-3170, or the United States Border Patrol at 1 800-973-2867.