



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: June 4, 2013

Case : 13-1874
13-1749

Location: 101 E. Nicolet Street

Incident: Multiple burglaries at local schools.

On 05-21-13, about 5:04 am, officers responded to a report of an audible alarm at Central Elementary School in Banning. Upon arrival, officers found a broken classroom window. Upon closer inspection, they noticed a subject inside the classroom. The subject (later identified as Rafael Arnold Loya) fled, but was apprehended.

On 05-23-13, Loya pled guilty to a misdemeanor count of Burglary and was sentenced to 90 days in jail (BAF1300339). Investigators believed Loya was also responsible for additional burglaries at Central Elementary School, Coombs Intermediate School, Nicolet Middle School, and Hemmerling Elementary School. Evidence and stolen items were later found that linked Loya to burglaries at some of the schools.

On 05-31-13, Loya was arrested and charged with two additional counts of felony burglary for previous burglaries at Central Elementary School and Coombs Intermediate School (BAF1300357). The cases involving Nicolet Middle School and Hemmerling Elementary School are still under investigation.

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Rafael Loya, 07/07/1994