



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release*

**Date:** 07-07-10

**Location:** 583 West Ramsey Street, Banning

**Subject:** Bus Passenger Arrested

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On 07-07-20, at 1023 hours, Banning Police Officers responded to the Crucero/Greyhound Bus Stop at 583 West Ramsey Street, Banning, regarding information received from an out of state police agency that a passenger traveling on a Crucero bus from Arizona, had two stolen firearms in his possession.

Officer's waited for the bus to arrive and when it did, they contacted and detained the suspect along with his 17 year old son. Officers searched the suspect's belongings, but were unable to locate any firearms. To insure the safety of the bus driver and remaining passengers, a search was initiated for the outstanding firearms. The passengers were allowed to disembark while the interior and baggage compartments of the bus were searched. The bus was delayed for approximately 45 minutes while the investigation, search, and arrest took place.

Officers identified the suspect as Michael Armas of Hemet, 41 years old. Armas had an outstanding felony warrant for an unrelated charge and was later booked at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning. His son was later released to a family member.

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