



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: July 18, 2009

Case #09-2502

Location: 2100 Block of West Victoria Avenue, Banning, CA

Incident: False Report of a Bomb to the Police

On 07/17/2009, about 1015 hours, members of the Banning Police Department responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in the middle of the roadway in the 2100 block of Victory Avenue which was occupied by a Hispanic male. Upon arrival, officers contacted the occupant, Manuel Alfaro, 32 years old from North Hollywood, sitting in the driver's seat of the vehicle. Alfaro told officers there was a bomb in the trunk of his vehicle. Alfaro was removed from the car; the area was evacuated, and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hazardous Device Team (HDT) was contacted. HDT searched the vehicle with a remote operated robot and determined there were no explosive devices present. Alfaro was interviewed and later arrested for violating Penal Code 148.1(b) False Report of a Bomb to Police, Vehicle Code 23152 (a) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs, and Health and Safety Code 11550 Under the influence of a Controlled Substance.

For questions or additional information regarding this incident contact the Banning Police Department Watch Commander (951-922-3170 x2).