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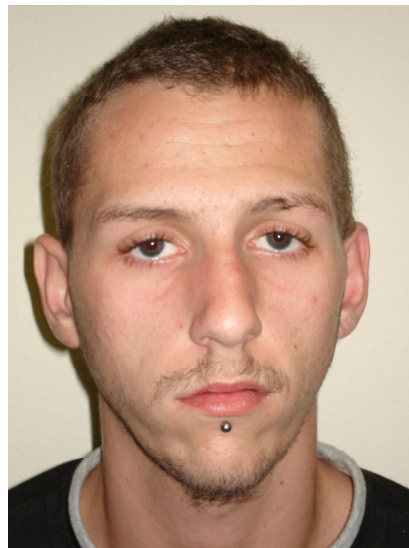
Press Release

Date: November 19, 2008

CASE #08-4214

Location: 321 W. Ramsey Street, Banning

Incident: Carjacking and Assault with a Deadly Weapon



Joseph Edward Thompson

On November 19, 2008, Banning Police Detectives arrested Joseph Edward Thompson for carjacking and assault with a deadly weapon. Thompson and a male juvenile carjacked and assaulted City of Beaumont resident, James L. Tompkins, on November 18, 2008, in the 4000 Block area of W. Jacinto View, in the City of Banning.

The carjacking occurred after the victim refused to give Thompson and the juvenile suspect money. They ordered Tompkins from the vehicle and physically assaulted him by kicking, punching and whipping him with an unknown object. Thompson and the juvenile suspect then drove away in Tompkins vehicle, leaving him unconscious in the street. Tompkins' 1997, Ford Explorer was later recovered in the unincorporated area of Riverside County, on San Timoteo Road. The vehicle was wrecked and damaged. This case is still on-going. The identified juvenile suspect has not yet been arrested.

Tompkins' was transported to the San Geronio Hospital for treatment of lacerations and bruising over his head and torso. Tompkins was later released.

Thompson was later booked into the Smith Correctional Facility in the City of Banning for 215 (A) PC, Carjacking, 245 (A) (1) PC, Assault with a Deadly Weapon and 211 PC, Robbery, 594 (b) (1) PC, Felony Vandalism, 182 (A) (1) PC, Conspiracy and 10851 (A), Vehicle Theft.

The Banning Police Department urges citizens to contact the police department with any information involving this case. For further information pertaining to this case please contact the Banning Police Department Detective Bureau at (951) 922-3180.

Suspect Information:

Suspect# 1: Joseph Edward Thompson, W/M, D.O.B: 08-13-1990, 510/140, Brown / Hazel. City of Residence: Beaumont.

Suspect# 2: Hispanic male Juvenile. City of Residence: Beaumont.