



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: 12/02/09

Case: 09-4066

Location: 729 North San Gorgonio Avenue, City of Banning

Incident: Felony Vandalism Arrests

On 11/27/09, about 1810 hours, officers from the Banning Police Department responded to a report of a group of juveniles vandalizing the Banning Skate Park, located at 729 North San Gorgonio Avenue, in the City of Banning.

Upon arrival, officers contacted five male juveniles ranging in age from 12 to 16 years. Through an investigation conducted on-scene, the officers suspected the juveniles had broken the chain link fence and spray painted graffiti throughout the park. All five juveniles were detained and later released to their parents, pending additional investigation.

On 12/02/09, investigators arrested four of the five juveniles detained in the initial investigation for felony vandalism. Felony vandalism occurs when the damage exceeds \$400. The damage to the Banning Skate Park was estimated in excess of \$450, with additional damage estimates still pending. All four juveniles were booked into the Riverside County Juvenile Detention Center in Riverside, California.

The Banning Police Department Detective Bureau is investigating additional vandalism cases, possibly involving the same suspects. The Fox Theater located at 60 West Ramsey Street was vandalized on 11/25/09 and the Haven Art Center located at 33 South San Gorgonio Avenue was vandalized on 12/02/09. Both of these incidents are still under investigation and anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Sergeant Alex Diaz at (951) 922-3170.