



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: 12/10/09

Case: 09-4236

Location: 100 West Westward Street (Banning High School)

Incident: Felony Vandalism Arrest

On 12/10/09, about 1321 hours, the school resource officer assigned to Banning High School responded to a report of a vandalism that occurred in the boy's restroom, located on the north end of the campus.

Upon arrival, the officer contacted school personnel who reported extensive vandalism to the boy's restroom. The damage to the restroom was estimated by school staff at over \$1,000. Through an investigation conducted on-scene, the officer learned that a Hispanic male juvenile entered the restroom, and quickly exited after a few minutes. A check of the restroom by school personnel revealed the damage consisted of damage to several ceramic wall tiles (from being kicked), along with red and black marker writing on walls.

The Hispanic male juvenile was identified through video surveillance as a student previously arrested for vandalism at the Banning Skate Park on 11/27/09. The student was detained and a check of his person revealed a red marker matching the one used in the restroom vandalism. The juvenile was 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 suspect. 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.