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Suspicious Backpack Found on Metrolink Train

Riverside, CA – On May 2, 2011, at approximately 7:52 am, the Riverside Police Department Communications Center received a call from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department regarding a suspicious backpack in a restroom on the Metrolink train at the Vine Street Metrolink station, 4066 Vine Street, Riverside, CA. The backpack had been discovered by the Metrolink conductor during a routine security check.

Members of the Riverside Police Department, Riverside Fire Department, and additional personnel from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene. Approximately 50 passengers were removed from the Metrolink train and sequestered for approximately one hour in a safe area away from the tracks.

Metrolink train traffic into the Vine Street station was shut down as a precautionary measure, while the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department used a bomb certified canine (K-9) dog for bomb detection on the backpack. The backpack was found to be safe and passengers were allowed to board the Metrolink train for travel.

"Most of the passengers on the train understood the need for law enforcement to ensure that the train was safe for travel and they were appreciative of the quick resolution to this incident," said Lieutenant Jaybee Brennan of the Riverside Police Department.

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