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Takeover robbery at Riverside store

Riverside, CA -- On January 12, 2008, at about 7:30 pm, the Riverside Police Department's Communications Center received a 911 call from an employee of the Staples Office Supply Store located at 3750 Tyler Avenue. According to the employee, the store had just been robbed by two (2) men who were masked and armed with handguns.

RPD Officers arrived on scene within one minute only to discover the suspects had fled the store prior to their arrival. The subsequent investigation has revealed that two unidentified male adult suspects confronted employees as the employees prepared to leave the store after closing for business at 7:00 pm. There were no customers present at this time. The employees' wrists were bound and they were prevented from leaving while the store manager was forced to hand over cash to the suspects. The suspects were last seen leaving the store through the rear door on foot. After a short period of time, one of the employees managed to free himself from his restraints. The employee then freed the other employees before calling 911.

Riverside Police are actively investigating leads in this case and anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the General Investigations Division at (951) 353-7100 or RPD Dispatch at (951) 787-7911.

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