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Students Arrested in School Campus Burglary Series

Riverside, CA –Riverside Police Department investigators arrested four students and two adult volunteer band instructors in connection with a series of burglaries which occurred on six Alvord Unified School District campuses. All six suspects lived in Riverside and were members of the Norte Vista High School Band and Jazz Team.

Since October 31, 2010, buildings at Norte Vista High School, Twinhill Elementary School, Arlanza Elementary School, Foothill Elementary School, Collette Elementary School, and Wells Middle School were burglarized resulting in the loss of approximately \$12,000.00 worth of musical instruments, computers, and other electronic equipment. School officials estimated property damage to the buildings involved in the burglaries to be in excess of \$20,000.

The most recent burglary occurred just before midnight on Friday, January 21, 2011, at Norte Vista High School located at 6585 Crest Avenue. While in route to the school after a security alarm activation, Officer Ryan Wilson detained two juveniles walking in a nearby neighborhood. During the subsequent burglary investigation, School Resource Officer Jesse Castro gained incriminating evidence against those two juveniles and four other suspects. Investigators later recovered some of the stolen property at two of the suspect's homes but most was recovered at a relative's home in Los Angeles. Some of the stolen property had already been sold over the Internet.

The adult suspects were identified as 19 year-old Saul Pacheco and 18 year-old Ricardo Barajas. The identities of the other suspects are not being released due to their age.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is urged to call School Resource Officer Jesse Castro at 951-353-7958 or Detective William Rodriguez at (951) 353-7956

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