

Residential Burglary Arrests



On 12/21/12 at approximately 1113hrs, officers conducted a routine traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Sherwood / Palmas. The description matched an earlier report (0930 hours) of a suspicious vehicle parked on Wilson Ave., which was occupied by a male Hispanic.

Upon making contact with the driver, the officers noticed a large amount of wrapped Christmas gifts and other miscellaneous items strewn about the interior of the vehicle. During the traffic stop, dispatch advised of a residential burglary which had just been reported by a resident in the 1600 Block of West Dr. The resident identified many of the items taken as wrapped Christmas gifts. The occupants of the vehicle were unable to account for the wrapped gifts in the vehicle. After a consent search of the vehicle, the officers located several items of stolen property and burglary tools. All the wrapped Christmas gifts were positively identified by the resident (victim) on West Dr.

A total of five suspects were arrested in the vehicle on charges of residential burglary, receiving stolen property, and burglary tools. Jose Vargas (18 yrs. old), Julio Ahumada (19 yrs. old), Christian Flores (19 yrs. old), and two juveniles were among those taken into custody. The adults are being held at Alhambra Jail, and the juveniles have been released to their parent.

At this time the San Marino Police Department is looking for the public's assistance with identifying additional victims. Among the wrapped Christmas gifts (returned to victim) there were also several other items of unclaimed stolen property. These items include miscellaneous electronics (cell phone, digital camera, etc.), miscellaneous jewelry (watches, bracelets, etc.), clothing, and a large amount of loose change.

Victim's and potential witnesses with questions related to this case are encouraged to contact Detective Susana Franco (626)300-0726 sfranco@smpd.us.

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