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Graffiti of Postal Vehicles and Adult School Results in the Arrest of Four

Riverside, CA - On October 4, 2007, at 7:00am, Detectives and Officers from the Riverside Police Department served search warrants at several locations in the city of Riverside as part of an ongoing tagging investigation.

Riverside Police took a report on September 26th regarding extensive graffiti at the Post Office on Arlington and the Adult Education Center on Magnolia. Graffiti Detectives and Officers followed up to identify a suspect / student who attends Ramona High School. Through the follow up investigation and interviews they identified 3 additional suspects. The investigation led to the issuance of a search warrant and followed with several added consent searches, all of which yielded numerous evidence items linking these suspects to a number of tagging incidents in the surrounding area.

The 25-year-old adult was booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center on charges of felony vandalism and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The 3 juvenile suspects were released to their parents pending charges for felony vandalism. The investigation is ongoing as additional suspects have yet to be contacted.

The City Attorney's Office actively pursues recovery for damages caused by graffiti vandals. In these types of cases, a minor's parents may be civilly liable for payment of damages, including property damage, police investigative costs and other court awarded damages.

Anyone with information regarding the tagging incidents and arrests is urged to call Graffiti Detective Cathy Nelson at 951-353-7131.

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