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Brothers arrested for vehicle theft

Vehicle theft investigation includes arrest of sexual assault suspect.

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Wednesday, October 15, 2008, the East Neighborhood Policing Center (East NPC) Investigations Unit arrested two suspects for vehicle theft and a third suspect for sexual assault.

The investigation began with an October 13th report of a vehicle theft and identified two suspects, who were found to be brothers living with their parents in the city of Riverside. A search warrant was served at the parents address in the 5100 block of Hedrick Avenue and the younger brother, suspect Dennis VILLALPANDO, 28, was taken into custody. Following the arrest, a search of the property found an unrelated reported stolen vehicle, assorted engine parts and a transmission taken from other stolen vehicles. Officers learned that the other brother, Jesse VILLALPANDO, 36, was visiting his girlfriend at an apartment in the city.

Officers went to the apartment in the 7400 block of Magnolia Avenue and took Jesse VILLALPANDO into custody, where he was in the company of his girlfriend and another male adult. The other male companion initially gave a false name, but his true identity was eventually obtained. In the course of the investigation, it was discovered the other male subject; Anthony GILL, 28, of Riverside, was wanted in connection to a sexual assault involving a 15-year-old female, which had occurred in the City of Riverside. The case is being investigated by the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit, and is on-going.

Both brothers were booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for vehicle theft, possession of stolen property and possession of narcotics. The third suspect was booked into jail for sexual assault involving a juvenile.

Anyone with information about the vehicle theft investigation or information related to the other case is encouraged to call Detective Charles Payne at (951) 351-6289

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