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School bus sustains two broken windows while en route to school

Riverside, CA -- On Friday April 17th, 2009, officers from the Riverside Police Department responded to the area of 12th Street and Victoria Avenue in the city of Riverside, reference a call of possible shots fired at a school bus. Officers arrived on scene and contacted the school bus driver and sixteen elementary age children who were en route to Pachappa Elementary School on Riverside Drive.

Officers learned that the bus was traveling westbound on 12th Street near Bermuda Avenue when the driver heard a loud “pop” from inside the bus and discovered two broken bus windows. For safety reasons, the driver continued out of the area and stopped on Victoria Avenue south of 12th Street where he checked the children to see if any were injured and in need of medical attention. None of the children or the bus driver was injured from the broken glass.

Detectives from the Investigations Bureau and personnel from the Forensic Evidence Unit responded to the scene. A crime scene was located in the 2500 block of 12th Street where shards of glass, believed to be from one of the bus windows, were found on the driveway of a residence. A canvas of the surrounding streets by officers and detectives was conducted.

Based on statements provided by the bus driver, children on the bus and home owners that were contacted in the neighborhood, none of the persons interviewed heard a gun shot in the area at the time of occurrence and it is unknown at this time what caused the school bus windows to break.

The students on the bus were transported to Pachappa Elementary School where their parents / guardians were notified of the incident by school officials.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Detective Dave Smith at (951) 353-7103.

