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COMMERCIAL BURGLARY ARREST

Riverside, CA – On Saturday January 14 just after 6am, Riverside Police Department patrol officers were on an unrelated call on Magnolia Avenue when they heard an alarm activate at the Big 5 sporting goods store at 10251 Magnolia Avenue. The officers checked the business and found two suspects wearing masks attempting to pry open the rear door of the business. One suspect fled on foot and another suspect got into a vehicle nearby and fled. The officers chased the suspect in the vehicle and there was a brief vehicle pursuit, which concluded with the suspect stopping and fleeing on foot and being arrested. The officers booked 35 year old Juan Carlos Duran for numerous charges including attempted commercial burglary, felony evading, possession of burglary tools, and probation violation.

On Wednesday January 18, Detectives conducted a follow-up investigation and searched a storage unit at Extra Space Storage at 6667 Van Buren belonging to Duran. They recovered a large amount of yard and maintenance equipment which had been reported stolen from a Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) storage facility at 3070 Washington on January 14, 2017 (the same night as the Big 5 burglary). The Detectives documented the stolen items and returned them to RUSD personnel on January 19, 2017.

Detectives were also able to connect Duran to an attempted commercial burglary that occurred on November 15, 2016 at Riverside Lawn Mower at 10191 Hole Avenue

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and a stolen Honda CRX which was stolen on January 10, 2017 from the 5500 block of Ellen Street.

Detectives and Riverside Fire Department Arson Investigators found that the stolen Honda CRX was used in a commercial burglary and arson to J&R Pharmacy at 8151 Arlington Avenue on January 10, 2017.

Detectives and Arson Investigators interviewed Duran on January 18, 2017 and then re-booked him into the jail for multiple new charges including the commercial burglary and arson of the pharmacy, attempted commercial burglary of the lawn mower business, commercial burglary of the RUSD facilities, and the stolen Honda.

Persons with information on this case can contact Detective Andy Cook at (951) 353 – 7953 or acook@riversideca.gov. Persons wishing to remain anonymous can email RPDTips@RiversideCA.gov or call 1-800-78-Crime.



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Stolen RUSD Equipment