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Graffiti vandals arrested at drive-in

Riverside, CA -- Riverside Police officers detained six persons and arrested two juveniles for felony vandalism after they were discovered marking up the Van Buren Drive-In theater property late Tuesday night.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., Tuesday, PACT Officers (the Police and Corrections Team, made up of Riverside Police, County Probation, State Corrections and the federal ATF) were on patrol at the time and responded to the Van Buren Drive-In reference a just-occurred 594 PC Tagging call. The reporting party advised that four subjects had tagged numerous locations at the drive-in and were last seen on foot within the drive-in theater space.

PACT Officers contacted six persons and detained them for investigation. At least two of the juvenile subjects, both 16, were involved in the tagging of the drive-in and were in possession of numerous items related to the tagging. They were arrested on juvenile petition. The other four subjects (two male adults, ages 19 and 21; and two more juveniles) were present; their level of involvement is being determined. Further investigation will be referred to detectives.

Paint and marker damage to the theater property, including graffiti on the bathrooms, walls, fences, the movie screen structure and pavement, is estimated to be several thousand dollars.

The Riverside Police Department aggressively combats graffiti vandalism crime. The City of Riverside offers a \$500 reward, authorized by the City Council, for calls that lead to an arrest for vandalism or possession vandalism tools.

Graffiti in progress can be reported to the police non-emergency dispatch line at (951) 787-7911. To report other graffiti, call the city call center at (951) 826-5311.

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