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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: Thursday, August 13, 2009**  
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### **Police Recover Approximately 100 Stolen Purses and Wallets**

Riverside, CA – On Sunday, August 9, 2009, Officer S. Tedesco initiated a traffic enforcement stop in the downtown area of Riverside. During the course of the stop, the officer observed possible stolen property inside the vehicle. This led to a probation search at a residence. As a result of this investigation, Ronald BROWNING, 37, Marlene BROWNING, 36, of Riverside, were arrested and booked into Robert Presley Detention Center for possession of stolen property.

On Monday August 10, 2009, detectives from the Riverside Police Department North-NPC Investigation Unit continued this investigation and subsequently arrested James PENA, 26, of Riverside for narcotics possession for sale, possession of stolen property, violation of parole, and vehicle burglary

Detectives have been investigating a series of vehicle burglaries that occurred near Mt. Rubidoux and the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

The detectives subsequently conducted probation searches at two locations in the City of Riverside. As a result, approximately 100 purses, wallets, cameras, cellular telephones, computer equipment, keys, methamphetamine and counterfeit U.S. currency were recovered. Approximately twenty-three victims have been identified thus far, and detectives are continuing their investigation to identify additional victims.

The public is urged to not leave any valuables visible from the exterior, if placing items in the trunk, do so prior to driving to your destination and remember to lock your vehicle.

Anyone with any information pertaining to this investigation is asked to contact Detective Johnson at 951-826-8716 or Detective Payne at 951-826-8717.

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