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Purse Snatch Suspect apprehended – 92 year old victim

Riverside, CA – On August 18, 2009 at 1220 PM, Officer Phil Fernandez and his Police Trainee Karla Corbett were transporting a prisoner to the Riverside County Jail. While driving in the area of Central and Magnolia the officers saw a male adult running across the roadway carrying a woman's purse. They chased the man until they lost sight of him as he ran into an alley in the 6600 block of School Circle.

Simultaneously, Riverside Police Communications received a 9-1-1 phone call of a robbery of a 92 year old female which had just occurred. The victim was walking out of the Walgreens at Central and Magnolia when the man approached from behind, knocked the victim down and took her purse. Initially the elderly victim was unconscious and non-responsive. Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response came to her aid and transported her for medical attention. No major injuries were reported and she is expected to be treated and released.

Additional officers surrounded the area and found witnesses who pointed out a house the suspect may have run into. The house was surrounded, Public Address announcements were made for the occupants to come out, and several did so. The occupants told officers that there was a man inside the house who matched the suspect's description and granted officers consent to enter and search. A Riverside Police Service Dog located the suspect hiding inside a bedroom and also found the woman's purse hidden in the fireplace.

"This was excellent work by the initial two officers and fantastic teamwork by the responding officers from several divisions of the department. Obviously anyone who would target a 92 year old woman needs to be taken off of the street and in this case we were happy to oblige!" said Lt Chuck Griffiths.

The suspect arrested was identified as **Delvin Brown**, 39 years old of Riverside. He will be charged with Robbery by Force and Elder Abuse.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should call the Watch Commander at the Riverside Police Department at (951) 353-7900.

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