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Police Recover 25K in Stolen Merchandise

Riverside, CA -- On Wednesday, May 13, 2009, Riverside Police arrested two suspects in connection to internal thefts from the Anheuser-Bush Distribution center located in the City of Riverside. One of the suspects is a current employee and the second is an ex-employee of Anheuser-Bush.

Detectives from the North-NPC Investigations Unit began an investigation after employees at the distribution center, which is located at 1400 Marlborough Ave., suspected that an employee was possibly stealing numerous expensive commercial type neon lighted bar signs. The investigation discovered that a former merchandiser was taking the signs and selling them via Internet classified sites such as EBay and Craig's List. A second suspect who was determined to be a current employee at the distribution center and a friend of the ex merchandiser was also involved with the scheme.

Detectives subsequently served two search warrants in the City of Rialto, a search at a location in the City of San Bernardino and a search at a location in the City of Highland looking for stolen property. As a result, approximately \$25,000.00 in stolen Budweiser vendor merchandise to include, neon signs, lamps, and framed sports memorabilia was recovered. The volume of recovered stolen property was so much that it filled a 34' semi-trailer.

Two suspects have been arrested; they are Joshua Steve DELGADO, 23, of San Bernardino and Daniel Jeremiah BLACKWOOD, 29, of Rialto. Both suspects were booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for the crimes of grand theft and criminal conspiracy.

The public is urged to be cautious when purchasing such items via classified ads because the items listed could be stolen. If a citizen is interested in safely purchasing these types of items they are urged to deal with a legitimate business or visit the beer distributor's web site for directions on how the items can be purchased.

Anyone with information pertaining to this investigation is asked to contact Riverside Police Detective Eric Detmer at (951) 826-8719.

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