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Text: Residential Burglary Suspects Arrested in Covina

On November 24, 2011 at approximately 0730 hours the Covina Police Department received a call of a possible burglary in progress in the 900 block of North Bender Ave., Covina. The incident began when a relative of the vacationing residents went to the house to feed the residents animals. As the relative approached the house, he noticed an unfamiliar vehicle parked to the front of the residence and the front door had been obviously forced open.

The relative left the house and while driving to the police station came across, two Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies meeting in a parking lot and notified them of the possible burglary in progress. The deputies drove to the residence and once they determined the house was in the City of Covina, they notified their desk to call the Covina Police Department.

Upon receiving the call from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, Covina Police Department dispatchers put the call out to Patrol personnel. Covina Police Department personnel began responding and almost immediately after the call was broadcast, the suspect inside the residence exited with property from inside the residence and was taken into custody by the deputies who had contained the residence. It was later discovered that the suspect had a portable police frequency scanner tuned to the Covina Police Department frequency and heard the call being dispatched.

Taken into custody was Thomas Gordon Dandurand, 32 years of age, from Pomona. Arriving Covina Police Department patrol personnel recovered property from the burglary, both on Dandurand's person and inside his vehicle.

Covina Police Department detective personnel began conducting follow-up and subsequently identified Dandurand's crime partner for the Bender Ave. burglary, Anthony Ray Arce, 27 years of age, from Baldwin Park who is wanted for burglary but, has not been taken into custody.

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Detectives developed information that led them to serve search warrants at two locations in Pomona, one in Duarte and one in Baldwin Park. Detectives also conducted consent searches at several other residences in Baldwin Park. From these searches, detectives recovered suspected stolen property from other burglaries in Covina, San Dimas and Glendora.

Detectives also arrested Susana Chaidez, 28 years of age, from Pomona. Chaidez is the wife of Thomas Dandurand and she was arrested for being an accessory after the fact in regards to the burglaries committed by her husband. Additionally, detectives arrested Phillip Gordon Dandurand 18 years of age, from Pomona for assisting his uncle (Thomas Dandurand) in disposing of property from the burglaries, Henry Arce, 21 years of age, from Baldwin Park and brother of Anthony Arce for possession of stolen property and Thomas Arce, 42 years of age, from Baldwin Park and also brother to Anthony Arce for possession of methamphetamine.

During interviews with Thomas Dandurand, he admitted to committing at least 20 burglaries in the Covina area over the last couple of weeks and detectives are currently completing follow up on these burglaries and attempting to identify property seized from Dandurand's home.

In addition to property from previously committed burglaries being found in Thomas Dandurand's home, detectives found a list of potential future burglary victims that Dandurand had compiled. Dandurand had compiled this list and obtained personal history information from the Internet in regards to these people's family members and residences. Amongst the list of potential victims were the names of local public officials which the department is not prepared to release in order to protect their personal safety.