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Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: 05/13/2007
TYPE OF INCIDENT: ROBBERY – STRONG ARM
LOCATION OCCURED: 200 BLOCK OF N. BALSAM ST.
VICTIM: RIDGECREST RESIDENT – 18-YEARS-OLD
SUSPECT(S): WILSON, LAREN GREGORY – 39-YEARS-OLD

On 05/13/2007, Officer A. Agostinacci contacted the victim in this case at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. The victim reported that a short time earlier, he was physically assaulted by a subject in the 200 block of N. Balsam St. The victim was approached by a subject, later identified as Laren Wilson, who asked him for change. While the victim was obtaining change, Wilson physically attacked him, knocking him off his bicycle. Wilson took the money the victim had on his person and fled the scene. The victim received minor injuries to his hands from the altercation.

On 05/14/07, while conducting follow-up investigation at an address in the 300 block of N. Alvord St., Ofc. Agostinacci and Sgt. Dampier located Wilson hiding in a shed in the backyard of the residence. Wilson was detained without incident and transported to RPD where he was subsequently arrested.

Wilson was transported to the Kern County Jail – Ridgecrest Facility where he was booked on open charges of robbery.

Prepared by Sgt. Justin M. Dampier

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