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MICHAEL D. AVERY, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT: May 31, 2007 –Approximately midnight

TYPE OF INCIDENT: 211 PC-Robbery-Home Invasion, 182 PC-Conspiracy, 496 PC– Possession of Stolen Property.

VICTIM: 90 yoa Female resident of Ridgecrest

LOCATION OCCURRED: 1000 blk. S. Mahan St. City of Ridgecrest

SUSPECT(s): Edgar A. Ortiz - 20 yoa , Jose D. Espinoza- 19 yoa , Briceson N Hill- 18 yoa (outstanding)

On 5/31/07 at about 0600 hours, Officers Marrone, Lloyd, Atkins and Podell responded to the report of a residential invasion robbery that had occurred in the early morning hours. The suspects made contact with the victim at her door after knocking. Force was then used to enter into the house and electronic equipment was stolen from inside and the suspects fled. The elderly female victim, waited to call Police in fear of the event, and reported it only when her grandson arrived home. She was not injured as a result of the crime.

The early investigation led Officers to a nearby suspect and other evidence of the crime. Within hours, the two suspects listed above were in custody and later confessed to the crime. The third suspect, Hill remains at large.

The group had apparently been involved in several other crimes during the night and this investigation continues.

The above suspects were booked at Kern County Jail where they remain in custody at the time of this press release on \$62,500.00 bail each.

Any persons with information on this or other related crimes or these suspects are asked to contact the Ridgecrest Police Department

MICHAEL D. AVERY Chief of Police

PREPARED BY: Sgt. Robert Obergfell

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