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MICHAEL D. AVERY, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT: March 30, 2007 07:00-0900 hrs

TYPE OF INCIDENT: 460(a)PC Residential Burglary, 496.1PC, Possess Stolen Property, 182 PC, Conspiracy

LOCATION OCCURRED: 1200 Blk. N Wayne St..

SUSPECT: #1) James R. McDonald, 42 -#2) Paul Gac, 41- #3) Tiffany Muchulski, 36 #4) Billy J. Gannon 43 (Outstanding at time of release)

On the above date at about 0930 hours Officer Mike Atkins responded to a report of a residential burglary in the 1200 blk. of N. Wayne St.. The investigation revealed that a safe containing a large sum of cash and personal items had been stolen by thieves.

Officer Atkins, through the investigation, determined that several suspects were involved in the theft. He contacted S/1-McDonald at his home at 203 N Helena St. There, Atkins assisted by Ofc. Gillette, found evidence of the crime, and McDonald was arrested. Detective Richard Smith arrived to assist in the extensive investigation. This led to the recovery of approx \$50,000.00 of the property hidden inside the house where McDonald was located. A countywide BOL was placed on the outstanding suspect and vehicles.

A short time later CHP Officers Viera and Simmons located suspect S/2, Gac in the Pearsonville area, and detained him. Det. Smith responded and evidence recovered at the scene of the stop, led him and assisting CHP and KCSO Deputy to the recovery of the safe buried in the desert nearby.

Further investigations led RPD Officers and Detective to a residence in the 200 blk. of W. Alene Ave, where they located a large sum of money taken from the victim.

After an extensive search, S/3, Mochulski, was located at her home in the 700 blk. of S. Silver Ridge St. At her home additional property was recovered totaling in excess of 15,000.00.

The search for S/4 Gannon continues. He remains at large at this time and is suspected to be in possession of additional property.

The public is asked to assist in the location of suspect Gannon and recovery of additional property. Any information can be reported to the Ridgecrest Police Department.

Charges-S/1 **McDONALD**-460(a)PC, 496.1PC, 182PC remains in custody at KCJ. Bail \$37,500.00

S/2 **GAC**-460(a)PC, 496.1PC, 182PC, Taken into custody, booked at KCJ and later released on bail.

S/3 **MOCHULSKI**-Pending Charges

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PREPARED BY: Sgt. Robert Obergfell

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