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Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: JUNE 26, 2008
TYPE OF INCIDENT: BURGLARY/ FELONY VANDALISM
LOCATION OCCURED: 235 N. CHINA LAKE BLVD.
VICTIM: CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUSPECTS: 2 MALE JUVENILES – 15 & 16 YEARS-OLD

On June 26th, 2008, two male juveniles forcibly entered Crossroads Community Church during the early morning hours. The suspects broke a large glass window, damaged several items in the church, and defaced a large area of the main sanctuary by throwing food against the walls and the carpet. The suspects also stole several pieces of electronic equipment valued at several thousand dollars.

The investigation led by Officer Aaron Miller and assisted by Detective Kristen Hanley and Officer Travis Gillette, revealed sufficient evidence to quickly identify one of the suspects. This suspect was determined to be a 16-year-old male juvenile who lived near the church. This juvenile was located at his residence along with the other perpetrator of the crime, a 15-year-old male juvenile. The stolen property was located near the residence and returned to the church with only some minor cosmetic damage. The two suspects were arrested and initially transported to the Ridgecrest Police Department.

The two suspects were subsequently transported to Juvenile Hall in Bakersfield, CA with criminal charges of burglary and felony vandalism being requested through the Kern County District Attorney's Office.

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