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Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: January 31, 2014

TYPE OF INCIDENT: CVC 10851(a) – Vehicle Theft, PC 3056 – Parole Hold, PC 148(a)(1) – Resist/Obstruct Officer, PC 496(a) – Possession of Stolen Property, CVC 10852 – Tamper w/ Vehicle and PC 466 – Possession of Burglary Tools.

LOCATION: 700 block of W. Sydnor Ave. – City of Ridgecrest

SUSPECT: Jonathan Stanley-Ratto – 21 yoa.

RESUME OF INCIDENT

On 01/31/2014, at approximately 0810 hours, Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 700 block of W. Sydnor Ave. regarding a stolen vehicle report. The victims stated their 2012 Mitsubishi Eclipse had been stolen during the morning hours between 0600 and 0800 hours. There was no suspect information at the time of report and an extensive area check was conducted, but the vehicle was not located.

On 02/01/2014, around 0615 hours, Officer Shane Joseph was patrolling the neighborhoods near the area of the stolen vehicle report. He observed a male subject, later identified as Jonathan Stanley-Ratto walking in the 1200 block of N. Downs St. Officer Joseph attempted to speak with Stanley-Ratto about the recent crime in the area, but he fled on foot. Officer Joseph caught Stanley-Ratto and a struggle ensued before he was handcuffed/ arrested. Stanley-Ratto possessed random property (women's sunglasses, women's style ring, women's earrings, Dodge keys and a large amount of loose change). Investigation confirmed that Stanley-Ratto had been walking around several northwest Ridgecrest neighborhoods, breaking into vehicles (primarily unlocked vehicles) and taking property. Some victims were located and the property was returned.

After being arrested, Stanley-Ratto led officers to the 1800 block of W. Burns Ave. Officers recovered the stolen Mitsubishi which was hidden inside a garage of an abandoned property. The owner of the vehicle was notified and the vehicle was returned. Stanley-Ratto was booked locally at the Kern County Jail for the listed charges and held with no bail per the Parole Hold.

The Ridgecrest Police Department asks that you secure your vehicles and **DO NOT** leave your keys anywhere inside of the vehicle. Also, please do not leave valuables in view, as it makes you and your vehicle a target for thieves.

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