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Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: 04/23/2016
TYPE OF INCIDENT: VC 10851(A) – VEHICLE THEFT / BURGLARY
LOCATION OCCURED: 1200 BLK JENIFER CT.

SUSPECTS: JOHN TAGMAN AGE 46 – RIDGECREST RESIDENT

On 4-23-16 Officers of the Ridgecrest Police Department investigated a report of a burglary and stolen vehicle in the 1200 block of Jennifer Ct. During the investigation it was found that the owner of the home is deceased and the property is in the process of conservatorship. The suspect(s) took a 2008 Ford Focus, computer equipment, TV and DVD player and other personal items.

Later the same day, Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies working out of the Palmdale station, located the Ford Focus and after conducting surveillance, witnessed a subject, later identified as John William Tagman age 46 enter the vehicle. Tagman, who is a resident of Ridgecrest was taken into custody for vehicle theft and outstanding warrants out of East Kern Superior Court. The LASD Deputies then provided details of their investigation to the Ridgecrest Police Department.

RPD Officer Rowland conducted a follow up investigation and obtained a search warrant for Tagman's residence located in the 1500 block of N. Norma St. During the search, Officers found numerous items of property belonging to the victim, which were recovered, along with possible evidence of identity thefts involving other people.

Tagma is under investigation for Vehicle theft, Burglary and Identity theft. The investigation is continuing with Tagma being held by LASD for vehicle theft, and warrants, his bail is unknown at this time.

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