

Deputies' 911 Radio Alert Ends with Arrest of Young Car Thieves

(Jan. 31) Two suspected car thieves learned the hard way, Jan. 27, that they couldn't beat the combination of 911 and the Sheriff's radio system.

Deputies Mike English and Robert De La Garza of the Transit Services Bureau were issuing a citation to a fare evader at the Metro Blue Line Del Amo station in Carson when they heard an urgent radio broadcast. The call described a "grand theft auto" in progress in the parking lot only yards away from where they stood.

Citizen phoned 911

An alert citizen had noticed two young men apparently trying to break into a car. He phoned 911 to report the incident. The Sheriff's dispatcher also broadcast the alert to the Transit Services Bureau.

Sure enough, English and De La Garza spotted the suspects next to the car described in the broadcast. After a foot chase, the boys were arrested. Burglary tools also were recovered from the scene.

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