

Police Arrest Metro Bus Operator as Suspect in Stolen Transfer Case

(June 8) The LAPD's ongoing investigation of fare evasion resulted, Wednesday, in the arrest of two men - one of them a Metro Bus operator - on suspicion of selling stolen bus transfers.

A team of officers arrested Operator Guillermo Munoz, 55, of Canoga Park, a 19-year MTA veteran, when he stopped his bus at the intersection of Olympic and Hill.

LAPD Det. Tim Gipson said the officers recovered seven books of transfers when they arrested Munoz. The team also arrested a suspect who gave his name as Luis Hernandez Rodrigues, 30, of Los Angeles.

Booked for embezzlement

Police booked Munoz Wednesday afternoon for embezzlement, a violation of Section 504 of the state penal code. Rodriguez was booked for receiving stolen property, a violation of Section 496(A)e. Both men were being held at Parker Center.

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It was the second time since late April that the team has arrested suspects alleged to be involved with selling stolen transfers. On April 20, officers arrested Laura Santos, 36, who already was on probation for a similar offense. Police do not link the Santos case with the Wednesday's arrests.

Participating in the investigation were LAPD officers Jose Martinez, Andy Woods and Joe Hopkins, under the supervision of Det. Douglas Raymond. Roy Romero of the MTA's Office of Systems Safety and Security assisted in the investigation.

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