



Thieves smashed a window and damaged the interior of this car while allegedly attempting to steal a radio. The car was parked at the Metro Blue Line's Artesia station.

Sheriff's Deputies Solve String of Thefts

(Nov. 2) An alert Sheriff's deputy cruising the Metro Blue Line's Artesia Station parking lot, Oct. 24, interrupted a vehicle burglary that led to the arrest of three Compton juveniles allegedly involved two car break-ins and the robbery of a pedestrian.

Although detectives investigating the case got conflicting stories from the youths about who was actually to blame for the thefts, all three were charged with burglary.

The case began when Deputy Robert Gillis spotted two boys near a car with a smashed passenger window and damaged radio. Detectives later learned that the Honda belonged to a Compton woman who commutes by train to school.

Gillis arrested the pair, but a third youth fled the parking lot. He was arrested the following day by Sheriff's detectives.

An employment application

While questioning the suspects, detectives Brian Doyle and Glen Looney were told that the three boys first had driven to an area restaurant so one of them could drop off an employment application.

Back in the car, the three drove to an industrial area of Carson where one boy - the three disagreed about which one - allegedly broke into a Lakewood man's car, stealing the radio, a flashlight and some tools.

Next, one of the youths - again there was disagreement about which - allegedly smashed a car window and was attempting, with the help of another boy, to jimmy the radio when Deputy Gillis arrived.

After arresting the youths, Gillis searched their car and found screw drivers, wire cutters and other tools, a radio, stereo amplifier, speakers and other electronic equipment, mobile phone chargers, and a backpack allegedly taken from a pedestrian robbed sometime earlier.

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