

Deputies Arrest 3 Suspected of Vandalizing 250-Plus Buses

(Nov. 28, 2001) The arrest of three suspected taggers earlier this month helped the Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau solve 24 cases of vandalism involving 250 or more Metro Buses.

Two of the three juveniles arrested by deputies allegedly admitted defacing between 100 and 200 buses each. The third juvenile admitted vandalizing 50 buses using acrylic paint on seats and windows, according to the arrest report. All three were booked on vandalism charges.



Bus windows are targets of taggers.

In addition to their fieldwork in tracking suspects, deputies Brian Moreno and Robert Poindexter were able to link the individual instances of vandalism reported by the MTA through the Sheriff's LARCIS (Los Angeles Regional Crime Information System) database.

The two boys suspected of vandalizing the most buses were reported to be members of a tagging crew called LET – Los Angeles Evil Taggers. The father of one boy, who allegedly uses the monikers "Faroe," "Faro" or "Pharoe," gave officers a bag containing indelible markers and paints.

The Transit Services Bureau is seeking information about other possible instances of vandalism on Metro Bus lines 51, 53 or 55 by a tagger using "Faroe" or variations of that moniker. Employees with information should contact Deputy Brian Moreno at 323-563-5153 or by e-mail at bpmoreno@lasd.org.

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