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The LAUSD Police bus pulls up to the Imperial/Wilmington Station to pick up another group of students to be taken to the Carson Community Center.



Gotcha! Sheriff's Deputies Catch 100s in School Truancy Sweep

By SARAH WINFREY

(June 16, 2006) It was a typical morning on the Metro – except on this day the deputies from Metro's Transportation Services Bureau were conducting a sweep for truant students.



Fare Inspectors and Sheriffs deputies made sweeps of the Metro Blue Line trains to look for truant students. Two girls were detained after the Fare Inspectors and deputies determined that they were under 17-years old. Below, Fare Inspectors at the Imperial/Wilmington Station stood guard at the exit of the platform to check

On Thursday, May 25, deputies were looking for anyone under 17-years-old who was traveling Metro trains after school had started. Deputies were patrolling from Willow station up to Imperial/Wilmington station.

At the Imperial/Wilmington station, where the Metro Green and Blue Lines connect, deputies asked for identification from kids as they walked by. If they were 17 and younger, they were sent upstairs where the deputies could issue citations.

Then the kids were patted down and loaded onto black and white LAUSD police buses. The buses were sent to the Carson Community Center where the

identification of suspect students as they got off the trains. youngsters were processed.



Photos by Sarah Winfrey

The Sheriffs Department conducts random truancy sweeps about once a month. On this particular day they detained approximately 275 to 300 kids.

The tickets issued to the truant students required them to go before a judge where they could be ordered to pay a fine as high as \$250 or to do community service. Additionally, the parents of the students could face a fine of \$750.