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## Deputies Arrest Man Suspected of \$80,000 in Graffiti Damages

• Joseph Flores is a suspect in 44 vandalism cases

(Nov. 29, 2006) A Los Angeles man accused of causing some \$80,000 in graffiti damages to Metro buses is now in jail awaiting a Superior Court date in mid-December.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Joseph V. Flores, 21, at his home Nov. 16 and charged him with felony vandalism. He is suspected in 44 cases of vandalism over a three-year period.

Most of the damage was to buses assigned to Metro Lines 76, 256, 376 and 267 out of San Gabriel Valley Division 9.

A search of the residence turned up examples of graffiti "monikers," graffiti tools, bus maps and day passes, and a photo that appears to show the suspect scrawling his moniker on a bus windshield, according to an investigation report.

Sheriff's Dep. Leo Castro of the Transit Services Bureau's Special Problems Unit led the investigation.

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