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## Former Employee Arrested for Attempted Burglary and Attempted Grand Theft

- Case involves Metro day passes stocked at Division 2

(Dec. 20, 2006) A former employee has been charged with attempted burglary and attempted grand theft in a case involving Metro day passes.

Former Operator Guillermo Mejia, 27, was booked into the LA County Twin Towers jail, Dec. 14. Bail was set at \$35,000. Until last October, Mejia had been assigned to East Valley Division 15.

Investigator Roy Romero of the Metro Special Investigative Unit (SIU) arrested Mejia, who was dressed in an operator's uniform and carrying a computer bag, inside the transportation building at Crossroads Depot Division 2.

On top of and next to the bag Mejia was carrying, Romero found six bundles of day passes dated Dec. 14, 2006.

Assistant Division Manager Diane Frazier had reported to the SIU and Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau that Mejia, in uniform, had been coming into the division in the early mornings. She also reported that the division had been experiencing unexplained losses from its stock of day passes.

An administrative investigation of the incident is still ongoing to ensure the integrity, safety and security of Metro staff and property.

Assisting in the investigation and subsequent arrest of Mejia were Metro Security officers Nick Romero, Orlando McCall, James Pochick and Warren Harper. Sheriff's Detective Keith Schumaker also assisted with the investigation and filing of the criminal charges. --From Pam Murano

