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One Tagger Convicted; One Tagger Suspect Arrested

- \$61,000 in vandalism damages linked to the cases

(Dec. 27, 2006) A tagger who damaged Metro buses has now been convicted and a juvenile suspected of vandalizing buses was arrested earlier this month.

Ricardo Medina, 27, was sentenced to 16 months in prison following a conviction on felony vandalism charges. He was arrested Nov. 15.

Medina caused more than \$31,000 in damages to buses assigned to divisions 2, 7 and 10, according to Sheriff's deputies Kyle Ynclan and Diane Moreno, who conducted the investigation.

Meanwhile, deputies Terrance Bell and Devin Vanderlaan arrested a 15-year-old Los Angeles boy suspected in 18 felony vandalism cases with damages totaling \$30,000. The suspect allegedly targeted buses assigned to divisions 1 and 2 and also is believed to have tagged several Metro Green Line cars.

During a search of the suspect's home, Dec. 13, deputies seized a large amount of evidence allegedly linking him to the vandalism. A letter requesting restitution for the damages will be submitted for consideration during sentencing. A court date is expected in late January.

