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Metro Security Officers Detain Robbery Suspects at Universal City Station

By NED RACINE (Jan. 2, 2007) Metro Transit Security officers came to the aid of two men who had been beaten and robbed at the Red Line’s University City Station in the early hours of Nov. 25.

Officers Stephen Burnley and Edward Graff, members of a 13-person “sweep team,” were clearing the station as part of Metro Security’s daily closing of the Red Line system. A man approached Graff and Burnley at 2 a.m. and told them he and a friend had been beaten and robbed.

The injured men took Burnley and Graff to the north section of the Universal City Station parking area. There the two men pointed to a group of men they said were the muggers.

“As we approached them, they started taking off,” said Graff, a Transit Security officer for seven years. The suspects attempted to flee in a Chevrolet Suburban.

Graff and Burnley, a Transit Security officer for 27 years, stopped the SUV, drew their guns, ordered the suspects out of the vehicle at gunpoint, and detained them until backup arrived.

Officers from the Los Angeles Police Department’s North Hollywood Division arrived approximately six minutes later, followed by two deputies from the Sheriff’s Transit Services Bureau.

The deputies handcuffed the suspects and took two into custody for suspicion of armed robbery.

“This is the kind of activities that our officers are involved in, the sweep team officers specifically,” said Lt. James Cook, Metro Security PM Watch Commander.

