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17-Year-Old Tagger Must Pay Metro Over \$30,000 in Damages

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(Sept. 13, 2007) A 17-year-old tagger, using the monikers "Buser" and "Buse" has been convicted of 18 felony counts of vandalizing Metro property, damage totaling \$30,890.

According to Sheriff's Deputy Devin Vanderlaan, the male juvenile was convicted Sept. 6 at Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center southeast of downtown, not far from where he lives with his parents.

Vanderlaan, a member of the Transit Services Bureau's Special Problems Unit, reported that the juvenile is a member of the UNOK (Unlike No Other Krew) tagging crew.

"Buser" targeted Division 1 and 2 buses, as well as Metro Green Line trains.

According to Vanderlaan, sentencing requires the juvenile to pay \$30,890 to Metro, appear in Judge Alex Ricciardulli's court every six weeks and serve 300 hours of community service.

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