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These examples of the tagger moniker "SUSHI" were found in the bedroom of a Los Angeles youth suspected of doing more than \$7,000 in damage to Metro buses and trains.



Juvenile Charged with \$7,000 in Vandalism to Metro System

- 16-year-old was on parole for earlier vandalism charge

By NED RACINE

(Oct. 17, 2007) Sheriff's deputies arrested a Los Angeles youth, Oct. 11, who allegedly used the tagger moniker "SUSHI", and charged him with doing more than \$7,000 damage to the Metro System.

The 16-year-old John Marshall High School sophomore surrendered to Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau (TSB) deputies at his home, culminating an investigation that began in December 2006.

According to Deputy Jason Roberts, a member of the TSB's Special Problems Unit, deputies discovered markers, spray cans, slap tags, posters, black books and a back pack with graffiti in the suspect's bedroom.

The SUSHI moniker was sprayed several places within the bedroom, Roberts noted. A computer in the bedroom contained photographs of vandalism.

The SUSHI tagging name can be seen throughout Hollywood and areas of Universal City. TSB investigators believe the juvenile was responsible for damage to buses at Divisions 2 and 10, as well as Metro Red Line trains.

Marijuana, rolling papers

Roberts also reported that deputies discovered a sandwich bag with marijuana, as well as a small scale, rolling papers, and numerous small plastic bags.

The juvenile was arrested on charges of vandalism/graffiti, possession of vandalism tools, and possession of marijuana for sale. He was booked at the Sheriff's West Hollywood Station and released to his father.

During the subsequent interview, Roberts reported the suspect admitted to the vandalism and his past membership in the UMK (Underground Mobbing Kings) tagging crew. The deputy noted he saw the "SUSHI" moniker on the bus stop for Metro Line 175 near the high school.

Roberts began investigating the tagger after receiving a complaint from a Metro supervisor in December, 2006 that the SUSHI moniker was spray painted along the Los Angeles riverbed and viewable from the Metro Gold Line.