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## TSB Captures Graffiti Offender Who Defaced Metro Property Across the System



Tagger "Ardo" used various forms of vandalism to leave his mark on Metro vehicles across the system. This "scratch" tag was left in 2004. Last week TSB deputies arrested "Ardo," who admitted to damaging Metro equipment.

Markers, at right, were taken as evidence when TSB deputies served arrest and search warrants on "Ardo." The pens are used to deface property quickly and permanently. Vandalism clean-up costs Metro more than \$12 million each year.

--TSB photos



(Jan. 23, 2008) Transit Services Bureau deputies successfully served search and arrest warrants, Jan. 17, to find and capture a prolific tagger named "Ardo," who made Metro his favorite target.

The suspect admitted to the damage caused by "Ardo" (sometimes "Ardoh"); that particular tag is responsible for about \$63,000 in damage to Crossroads Depot Division 2, West Hollywood Division 7 and Carson Division 18.

When deputies arrested "Ardo," they found him with several Metro bus passes, markers commonly used for tagging, two school books he'd turned into "piece books" – practice sketches of tags – and a photo album of his tagging.

"Ardo" refused to identify other members of his tagging crews. His tag is associated with US (Urban Squad), AGH (Always Getting High) and UPN (Ur Property Next or Under Pigs Noses) crews.

The suspect was on probation for robbery, so Los Angeles County Probation Officer Robby Robinson assisted in the arrest.