

Bazaar

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 <u>No re-peat please</u>: myMetro.net report from June 16, 2009 - Metro sustained an estimated \$58,000 in damages to eight buses with broken windows and graffiti, the burnt-out Vehicle Operations unit, and the Metro Blue Line car at the Pico Station pelted by objects large enough to break the train windows.

Sheriff's Officials Arrest 2009 Lakers Vandals on the Eve of Game 7

(June 17, 2010) Los Angeles County Sheriff's officials Wednesday arrested 15 people suspected of vandalizing a Metro bus and a Blue Line train last year during the riot that followed last year's Lakers National Basketball Championship win.

Assisted by law enforcement officials in L.A. and Riverside counties, sheriff's deputies arrested 14 adults and one juvenile believed to be members of the OCP - Out Causing Panic – tagging gang, said LASD Transit Bureau Lt. Erik Ruble.

Altogether, 36 arrest warrants were issued in San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside and Los Angeles counties.

The gang members taken into custody were charged with felony vandalism and criminal conspiracy for causing thousands of dollars in damage to the Metro bus and train.

During the melee, local news cameras showed live shots of vandals throwing a trash can through the window of the Line 33 bus, which was being driven near the Staples Center by Div. 10 Bus Operator Jose Recinos.

Recinos was later commended by Metro management for "keeping the passengers and himself safe until police arrived, then driving the bus out of the danger zone and into the Division 10 yard."

-- from Laura Kloth

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