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Ventura County Sheriff Farm Watch Arrests

By Gazette Staff Writer — Wednesday, January 12th, 2011

Welcome to Farm Watch, 600 + farmers -ranchers- nursery and oil field operations united to preserve rural communities.

What a better way to start 2011 than with Farm Watch ...Good News!!!

Today we are sending out a special E-Note edition about an arrest by our Agricultural Crimes Unit.

Captain Rick Barrios just sent us this arrest information and wanted to thank all the members of Farm Watch who provided the important leads, evidence and Farm-side video surveillance tapes of the suspects.

"hey Farm Watch-We couldn't have caught them without you."

Detective Ray Dominguez works in Rick's unit and has been heading up the 14-month long investigation and task force to stop the burglary wave hitting our Ventura County rural communities, farms , ranches and nurseries.

As you recall last month Ray and the Major Crimes team arrested two of the primaries from the organized rural-theft ring.

Last week, the Major Crimes Unit served warrants and made an additional arrest. The Major Crimes Unit has been working non-stop on these cases.

Here are the details from Rick:

Nature of Incident: Search & Arrest Warrant Service

Location of Search Warrants: 800 Block W. 80th Street, Los Angeles, CA

900 Block W. 80th Street, Los Angeles, CA

5000 Block Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, CA

Date & Time: January 07, 2011 / 7:30 am

Unit Responsible: Sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau - Agricultural Crimes Unit

Arrestees Address Age

Jose Dominguez Los Angeles, CA 22

Osman Enamorado Los Angeles, CA 23

Henry Briones Los Angeles, CA 26

Details:

In July 2010, the Sheriff's Department's Agricultural Crimes Unit identified a pattern of activity related to burglaries at construction sites and

farms located in the rural areas of Ventura County. A task force comprised of detectives from the Ventura, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and Riverside County Sheriff's Departments was formed to investigate this series of burglaries.

During the course of investigating the nearly fifty (50) burglaries in Ventura County alone, detectives learned that suspects were conspiring to commit these burglaries and were targeting "Conex" type metal storage containers.

The suspects used various cutting tools to force entry into locked storage containers to steal tools including air compressors, welding machines, water pumps, drills, saws, grinders, and various hand tools. The stolen property was being taken to a "fence" in Los Angeles County to be sold for cash.

Sheriff's Detectives investigating this series of burglaries identified four (4) primary suspects. Based on the evidence collected at the various crime scenes, detectives were able to link the suspects to in excess of fifty (50) burglaries.

The evidence used included, DNA evidence, fingerprint evidence, shoe impression analysis, and the use of various surveillance techniques.

On 1-07-2011, Ventura County Sheriff's Detectives served Search Warrants & Arrest Warrants at the locations noted above.

Jose Dominguez was arrested and charged with seventeen (17) counts of Penal Code Section 459 – Burglary.

Jose Dominguez was booked into the Ventura County Pre-Trial Detention Facility.

Arrest Warrants were issued for the other three (3) suspects linked to this series of burglaries.

Briones and Enamorado are in custody for their part in a similar burglary in Riverside County.


Wilfredo Jimenez is still outstanding. He can run but eventually Ray and his team are going to catch him.. Wilfredo: Here is our message to you..

Stay out of Ventura County! Or if you want to visit the rest of your friends turn yourself in.

Be safe Farm Watch,
your friend
Tim

GEOFF DEAN SHERIFF
John Chrombach
Assistant Sheriff -Patrol

Tim Hagel
Captain
Ventura County Sheriff

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