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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: Arrests made in occupied residential break ins

Details: Today the Lodi Police Department arrested four suspects, who all have ties to the Norteno street gang, for breaking into two occupied homes. One adult, Vicente Ornelas (01/18/89) and three juveniles (one 16 year old and two 17 year olds) were arrested for residential burglary and booked into Lodi City Jail. More charges may be added later as the investigation continues.

At 11:08 AM Lodi Police Officers responded to the 800 block of Grant for a report of a just occurred break in of an occupied house. The 20 year old victim reported she heard the suspects ring the door bell, which she did not answer. A few moments later she heard banging on the side garage door. Eventually the suspect forced open an interior door and was confronted by the victim. The suspects fled in a white Cadillac. No property was taken.

At 1243 P:M LPD officers again responded to a just occurred break in of an occupied house, this time in 300 block of Oriole Ln. This suspects knocked on the front door, which the 17 year old female victim did not answer. The suspects forced open the front door as the victim went to her room. The suspects stole electronics and jewelry before finding the victim. Once the suspects discovered the victim, they fled in a white Cadillac.

At approximately 3:20 PM, LPD Detectives and Officers were in an area they believed the suspects would be found. Officers located the vehicle as it drove northbound on Hutchins from Harney. Officers were able to recover all items stolen from Oriole Ln, with the exception of the jewelry. The jewelry was located in a pawn shop in Stockton and will soon be back in the possession of the victim.

Lodi has experienced a rash of day time home break ins. The typical method of operation for these suspects is to first try to contact the occupants at the door. If no one answers, they then break in. Witnesses are encouraged to call Lodi PD if they see any suspicious people in the neighborhood. Please do not alert or confront the suspects, but instead get a good description of suspects, vehicle, license plate and

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direction they left in. If you are a victim please report it to the police and check your area pawn shops for your property.



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