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Residential Burglars Arrested

On Friday, October 21, 2011, at about 12:05 P.M., a Hawthorne Police Metro Unit officer was in the area of 142nd Place and Isis Avenue, City of Hawthorne. The officer observed two subjects walking in the area on foot, one of whom was wearing a backpack. When the two subjects saw the officer watching them, one threw a set of gloves into nearby bushes, and the second dropped the backpack. Both subjects then immediately ran from the area, south across Rosecrans Avenue.

Additional Hawthorne Police officers responded to the area, and were successful in detaining both subjects in the area within 10 minutes. A check of the backpack discarded by one of the subjects yielded probable stolen property, including a laptop computer, jewelry, and other miscellaneous items. Both subjects were placed under arrest for suspicion of residential burglary, and booked at the Hawthorne Police Department.

In custody are:

- ***Thomas Drummond***, a 30 year old male resident of Los Angeles, and
- ***Martin Soto***, a 21 year old male resident of Los Angeles

Later in the evening, a resident of the 5400 block of 142nd Place called police to report that his home had been burglarized. Based on the items the resident was reporting stolen, it was clear that the items recovered from the backpack abandoned by Drummond and Soto, as well as items recovered from each of their persons, was the taken from this residence. The stolen property was returned to the resident.

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