



# EL SEGUNDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Press Release

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## RECIDIVISM AND SUBSEQUENT ARRESTS ON THE RISE



**Elisa M. Vera**  
DOB: 10-12-66  
Booking # 3302257



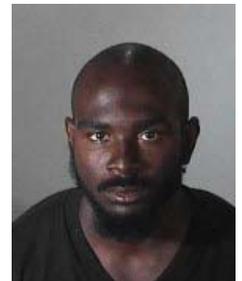
**Matt R. Applegate**  
DOB: 4-9-77  
Booking # 3302268



**Kirk S. Rimert**  
DOB: 3-22-64  
Booking # 3302284



**Jeffrey L. Ricks**  
DOB: 2-6-71  
Booking# 3302245



**Jesse T. Stephens**  
DOB: 10-17-88  
Booking# 3304848

On Saturday September 15, 2012, an alert El Segundo patrol officer was conducting directed patrol around a business in the 2300 block of Utah Avenue that had been recently burglarized when he interrupted a commercial burglary in progress. Two of the four suspects (Vera, Applegate, Rimert and Ricks) attempted to flee, but all were eventually captured and taken into custody. It was later discovered that three of the suspects were on probation for a variety of felony offenses and all had extensive criminal records.

On Tuesday, September 18, 2012, El Segundo patrol officers responded to the 700 block of Washington Street regarding a male subject, later identified as Stephens, walking in the area and acting suspiciously. Prior to officer's arrival, Stephens fled the area, but was located an hour later in the 1800 block of E. El Segundo Boulevard. Stephens, who had recently been released from State Prison under Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), which is part of the

Governor's new realignment program (AB109), was found in possession of cell phones and money he had just stolen from two vehicles.

With the implementation of AB109 (realignment), coupled with prison overcrowding, El Segundo has seen a dramatic increase in arrests for crimes committed by persons on active parole, probation and those released from State Prison under the PRCS program. Residents are asked to continue their vigilance in reporting suspicious activity or persons in their neighborhoods.

The El Segundo Police Department continues to proactively impact crime through directed patrol tactics, specialized deployments, apprehension of suspects, and public education and awareness efforts.

Click on the attached links for more information on AB109 and PRCS.

<http://gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=16964>

[http://www.heraldpublications.com/herald/sites/default/files/publications/elsegundo/Herald\\_83012/index.html#/4/](http://www.heraldpublications.com/herald/sites/default/files/publications/elsegundo/Herald_83012/index.html#/4/)

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<http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/realignment/docs/PRCS-County.pdf>

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