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Burglary/Arson Suspect Arrested Investigation links Six Other Suspects Involved in a Credit Card Theft Ring.

On July 24, 2009, El Segundo Police Detectives arrested Michael Willie Henry, AKA Michael Betton, 51 years old, DOB 02-09-1958, LASD Booking #1993977. He is suspected of the burglary/arson of a residence in El Segundo that occurred in the early morning hours of July 22, 2009. During that crime, the suspect removed louvered window panes to gain entry into the home. The suspect then ransacked the residence and removed jewelry, electronics, and credit cards. Prior to leaving, the suspect started two fires, one in the downstairs hallway and one in the closet.

On July 22, 2009, Detectives from El Segundo and Redondo Beach Police Departments began an investigation into the burglary/arson. While tracking one of the stolen credit cards from the burglary, Detectives arrested six suspects and broke up a major credit card theft ring. These suspects were arrested for a variety of charges, including burglary and possession of stolen property. From these arrests, Detectives gathered additional information that identified a possible suspect, Michael Henry, in the burglary/arson.

Detectives located and arrested Michael William Henry in the City of Los Angeles. Property from the burglary was found on the suspect during a search.

El Segundo Police Detectives suspect Henry is responsible for two other local burglaries that occurred in July, based upon witness statements, evidence, and method of operation.

If you have any more information regarding similar crimes or have seen this subject near your home or business and have been a victim, please contact your local police or contact El Segundo Police Detective Hugo Perez at (310) 524-2216 or Sergeant Scott Doukakis at (310) 524-2261.