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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Commercial Burglars Arrested



DUVALL, RICHARD SCOTT
DOB: 07/18/1962
6'-02", 230 lbs
Booking #2337895



ODA, GUY BROOKS
DOB: 02/25/1957
5'-08", 180 lbs
Booking #2337896

On Wednesday, May 19, 2010, the El Segundo Police Department arrested Gardena residents Richard Duvall and Guy Oda, for commercial burglary, grand theft and felony vandalism. Duvall and Oda were taken into custody after entering a commercial building in the 2300 block of Utah Avenue, accessing the roof top and cutting copper piping in an alleged attempt to steal the valuable metal. El Segundo investigators believe these two individuals are also responsible for a similar burglary which occurred the previous weekend at an adjacent building. During that crime, approximately \$20,000 in copper piping was taken.

Due to the burglary that was reported on May 18, 2010, El Segundo officers were patrolling the area near the victimized commercial building at approximately 12:13 AM and noticed a vehicle parked behind 2355 Utah Avenue. While checking the building and area, officers saw a subject on the roof cutting the copper pipe with a hand saw. With assistance from neighboring police agencies including Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach Hermosa Beach, Gardena, and the Los Angeles Police Department helicopter, the perimeter of the building was contained. With the use of a Los Angeles City Fire Ladder Truck, police officers climbed onto the rooftop and took Duvall and Oda into custody without incident.

Duvall and Oda were booked at the El Segundo Police Department for commercial burglary, grand theft and felony vandalism involving damages in excess of \$100,000. During a search of Duvall's residence, approximately two ounces of powder cocaine was recovered. Duvall was additionally charged with possession of cocaine and is being held with a bail amount of \$20,000. Oda is being held without the opportunity to bail due to an outstanding felony warrant for a previous theft.

If you have any information regarding these suspects and/or this type of activity, please contact Detective Hugo Perez via telephone at (310) 524-2216 or email at hperez@elsegundo.org.

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