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## El Segundo Officers Arrest Multiple Bicycle Thieves

Since the beginning of summer, the El Segundo Police Department has been plagued by reports of bicycle thefts and suspicious persons seen loitering near carports. In response to these reported incidents, El Segundo patrol officers saturated the city's residential neighborhoods and were successful in arresting 6 suspects for bicycle theft over a two day period from July 20, 2010 to July 22, 2010. All suspects were residents of neighboring south bay cities and Los Angeles. Several bicycles have been recovered, but some owners have yet to be identified. If you have been the victim of a recent bicycle theft and have not reported it to police, please contact Detective Hugo Perez at 310-524-2216.

The El Segundo Police Department strongly encourages everyone to register their bicycles at their earliest convenience.

### *Why should you license your bike???*

- **Theft Prevention & Recovery** - Possessing a bike license increases the chances of having your bike returned to you, if it is stolen.
- **Accident Victim Identification** – A bike license provides a means of identifying accident victims, especially children, who usually carry no form of identification.
- **It's Inexpensive** - New licenses cost only \$4, and the annual renewal fee is only \$2. Licenses are valid for 12 months from the time of registration - and the license can be transferred to a new owner for no additional costs!
- **It's Easy** – License applications are available at the Police Station or on line at [http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/police/documents\\_n\\_forms.asp](http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/police/documents_n_forms.asp).

- **It's the Law!** - Every bike operated on any public street, alley or highway in El Segundo is required by law to be licensed.

In addition to registering and licensing your bike, securing your bicycle with an adequate bike lock is highly recommended. In an effort to promote this security request, the El Segundo Police has partnered with Industrial Lock & Security, to provide quality bicycle locks made by *Master Lock* at discounted prices. The locks offered include the “U-Lock” security bicycle lock which can be purchased for \$19.95 (regular price \$24.95), and the “Keyed Cable” lock that can be purchased for \$29.95 (regular price \$34.95). This discount offer will extend from now until the end of the year. Industrial Lock & Security is located at 401 Main Street, in the city of El Segundo.

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