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El Segundo Police Arrest Three Suspects After Attacking Victim and Stealing a Bike

On Monday, September 27, 2010 at approximately 6:25 AM, an El Segundo resident interrupted two subjects attempting to steal his girlfriend's bicycle along with an additional beach cruiser from their carport located in the 600 Block of W. Imperial Avenue. When he confronted the subjects, he was attacked by the male and his female accomplice. Within seconds, a third male subject joined in the assault resulting in the victim sustaining multiple kicks and strikes to his head and face. All three subjects eventually fled the scene with the stolen beach cruiser, leaving the victim and his girlfriend's bike behind. The victim's girlfriend called 911 when she found her bloodied boyfriend.

Patrol officers were on scene within minutes and set up a perimeter of the surrounding neighborhood. All suspects were apprehended a short time later when they attempted to flee the area on foot in different directions. Four stolen bicycles were also located in a garage located in the 600 block of Loma Vista Street. Arrested on suspicion of robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, conspiracy to commit robbery/burglary, and possession of stolen property was El Segundo resident Jessie Gonzales, 21; Inglewood resident Jonathan Portillo, 20; and a Hawthorne juvenile resident, 17.

Through investigative efforts, three of the bicycles recovered, including the beach cruiser, were previously stolen from El Segundo residents and returned to their rightful owners.

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