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## Press Release

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### **Police Arrest Suspect Involved in Men's Locker Room Thefts of Southern California Athletic Clubs**



El Segundo Spectrum Athletic Club 09/05/07



Booking 09/14/07

On September 14, 2007, the El Segundo Police Department arrested Ronald James Navarrette, Jr., 45 years old, DOB 12-07-61, LASD Booking # 9941492, suspected of entering men's locker rooms in local athletic clubs, breaking into lockers and stealing valuables such as jewelry, cash and credit cards. After his successful thefts, Navarrette would go on shopping sprees at local retail stores and utilize stolen identities and credit cards to purchase expensive items.

El Segundo Police Investigators and Spectrum Athletic Club Staff had recently identified video surveillance footage of the suspect and distributed bulletins alerting members and staff to be on the look out.

At 6:10 pm on September 14, 2007, El Segundo Police Officers received a radio call that the subject matching the description of the suspect involved in previous burglaries to gym lockers was at the El Segundo Spectrum Athletic Club. While officers were responding, the manager of the club attempted to stall Navarrette after confronting him regarding his membership status in the club. Navarrette fled the location. Employees provided responding police officers with a vehicle description. A traffic stop on a matching vehicle was conducted near Rosecrans Avenue and Hindry Avenue in nearby Hawthorne. A records check revealed that Navarrette was currently on active parole for Burglary. The officer's investigation of the vehicle revealed a gym bag containing four padlocks, binoculars and a pry bar. Navarrette was arrested and booked at the El Segundo Police Department for 459 P.C. Burglary and 3056 P.C. Violation of Parole and is being held without bail.

El Segundo Detectives investigating the case conducted a search of his residence, 28502 Munera Street, Mission Viejo California 92692 with the assistance of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Several items that had been previously purchased fraudulently on stolen credit cards were recovered from the residence.

If you have any information regarding these crimes or have any questions, please contact:

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