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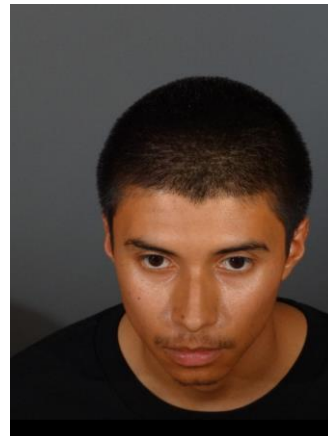
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February 18, 2016

## VEHICLE BURGLARY SUSPECTS ARRESTED



GOMEZ, JENNIFER  
AKA: LUNA, CRYSTAL ESMERALDA  
DOB: 08/12/91  
BK#4582053  
BAIL: \$60,000  
HOME: LOS ANGELES



MENDEZ, CARLOS  
AKA: BELTRAN, BRYAN  
DOB: 11/12/97  
BK#4582034  
BAIL: \$20,000  
HOME: LOS ANGELES

An attempt vehicle burglary occurred on February 17th, 2016, at approximately 6:25 A.M., in the 100 block of Concord Street. A witness called 911 and reported seeing a female, Gomez, attempting to break into a Ford Mustang that was in a parking garage. Gomez then fled the parking garage and entered the driver side of a stolen silver Toyota Matrix that was occupied by a male, Mendez. Patrol officers spotted the stolen Toyota Matrix going eastbound Grand Avenue at Main Street and conducted a felony traffic stop.

Inside the vehicle, officers located hundreds of miscellaneous items believed to have been stolen. Some of the items that were found included \$5,600 in US currency, an Apple Mac Book Pro computer, cell phones, personal identification, and several garage door openers. Officers also discovered the Toyota Matrix

was stolen out of Los Angeles on January 21st, 2016, and the license plates on the Toyota were stolen on February 13th, 2016, out of Beverly Hills.

Detectives learned the suspects had been on a week-long crime spree targeting mostly the beach cities from Santa Monica to the South Bay. The suspects sought out unlocked vehicles, but would also smash the windows of locked vehicles if they observed expensive property inside.

Detectives have already contacted seven victims, one being an El Segundo resident, who have reclaimed their stolen property. Detectives are currently trying to identify an additional thirteen victims.

Gomez was booked into the El Segundo Police Jail for 487 PC- Grand Theft, 459 PC- Burglary, 10851(A) VC- Vehicle Theft, 148.9 PC- False Identification to a Police Officer, and a previous felony warrant and is being held on \$60,000 bail.

Mendez was booked into the El Segundo Police Jail for 459 PC- Burglary, 182 PC- Conspiracy to Commit a Crime, and 148.9 PC- False Identification to Police Officer and is being held on \$20,000 bail

If anyone has information related to these arrests or know of a similar crime, please contact Vee Jones at (310) 524-2263 or [vjones@elsegundo.org](mailto:vjones@elsegundo.org) .

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