



## SAN BERNARDINO POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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Case Number: 22-142647 / 23-6400

Date/Time Occurred: 1/18/2023 / 1240hrs.

Location: Southern District – San Bernardino

### **BURGLARY INVESTIGATION**

On Wednesday, January 18th, the Southern District Resource Team conducted a follow-up investigation into several recent commercial burglaries at businesses bordering the Santa Ana riverbed. Believing the crimes were being committed by transients camping in the riverbed, the team deployed on foot in search of evidence from the crimes.

A sizeable transient encampment was located, and several high-value items were found in plain view. These items consisted of Milwaukee drills, Stihl chainsaws, concrete saws, and hydraulic cutting tools. In addition, a large quantity of new and used construction equipment was found and taken as safekeeping until investigators could identify the rightful owners. Finally, officers located over a dozen laptops, cell phones, iPads, and point-of-sale devices believed stolen during recent commercial burglaries. The victims of the burglaries were identified, and their property was returned.

Overall, the estimated amount recovered was over \$10,000. In total, three subjects were arrested on felony charges.

The camps have been reported to San Bernardino County Public Works to be cleaned in the upcoming days. Additional follow-up investigations will be conducted with the assistance of the District Crimes Detectives and Crime Analysis Unit. Anyone with information regarding the stolen property can contact Sergeant Anna McKenna at (909) 384-4885. The criminal cases will be forwarded to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office for filing.

