



NEWS RELEASE

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BURGLARY

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During the early morning hours on October 1, 2007 Lakeport Police Department Officers were dispatched to investigate the report of suspicious circumstances at the Lakeport Express Mart. Investigating officers determined that someone had forced entry and burglarized the business, taking approximately \$750.00 in retail merchandise. Based on evidence located at the scene officers identified a possible suspect. Further follow-up investigation was conducted and the 16 year old male juvenile suspect was located at a Lakeport residence. Officers conducted a search of the residence and located the majority of the stolen property. The male juvenile subject was arrested for burglary and transported to the Lake County Juvenile Home for booking.

At approximately 0930 hours the same morning, Lakeport Police Officers were dispatched to investigate a reported burglary at Dream Machine Customs. During the investigation officers determined that someone forced entry into the business and took approximately \$2300.00 in retail merchandise. Officer's located evidence which they believed may lead to the identification of the suspect(s).

On the morning of October 2, 2007 Lakeport Police Officers were dispatched to a local stereo shop to investigate a lead related to the Dream Machine Customs burglary. Officers located Edgar Perez 20 years old of Kelseyville Ca and found him in possession of a considerable amount of the stolen merchandise from Dream Machine Customs. Perez was arrested for possession of stolen property and transported to the Lake County Correctional Facility where he was booked.

Lakeport Police believe there are additional suspects involved in the Dream Machine Customs burglary and the investigation is ongoing.

Lakeport Police do not believe that the Dream Machine Customs and the Lakeport Express Mart burglaries are related. However police are also investigating a series of commercial storage shed burglaries that occurred in Lakeport between September 29 and October 1. At this time is not known if these burglaries are related to the retail store burglaries.

Kevin Burke
Chief of Police