



*Los Angeles County*  
**Sheriff's Department**

## **Two Truck Loads of Burglary Items Recovered – Rightful Owners Sought**



Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station detectives conducted an arduous investigation of numerous thefts from locked storage units within the Calabasas Public Storage facility, located at 23811 Ventura Boulevard, Calabasas, which occurred between the months of March and April, 2012.

During the investigation, detectives received a tip from a citizen indicating Suspect Richard Traber, who is on parole, allegedly committed the thefts.

With this information, detectives went to Traber's Woodland Hills residence on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, and conducted a Parole Compliance Check. As a result of the compliance check, several pieces of known stolen property were recovered and identified as belonging to several victims of

residential and commercial burglaries.

Some of the known burglary victims reside in the surrounding communities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, and Thousand Oaks.

Suspect Richard Traber was arrested Tuesday, May 15, 2012, for Burglary and Violation of Parole. He is facing possible additional charges pending identification of additional victims and further possible prosecution.

Traber's girlfriend, Suspect Colette Kurtz of Woodland Hills, was also implicated in the thefts. She was also arrested Tuesday, May 15, 2012, for Receiving Known Stolen Property, but later released on a bond.

Malibu/Lost Hills Station Sheriff's Detectives recovered two truckloads of suspected stolen property from Traber's residence. The recovered items include china cabinets and hutches, silverware, paintings, and a large quantity of boxes of personal care items.

Detectives are asking for the public's assistance in locating the legal owners of the recovered items. A public viewing of this property was held on Saturday, June 9, 2012, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, in the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station parking lot, 27050 Agoura Road, Calabasas. Among property returned to rightful owners today: Over 100 new watches to a Calabasas business owner, laptop computer to a Los Angeles resident, and a set of kitchen knives to a Malibu resident.

If you were not able to come today, contact LASD Lost Hills /Malibu Sheriff's Station Detective Alvarez (818) 878-5584 in order provide proof of loss. In order to confirm proper ownership of recovered property, victims are asked to provide proper identifying information such as crime reports, photos, receipts, and/or serial numbers.

There is too much property for investigators to check through the recovered items based upon telephone requests. It is necessary for possible victims to come and view it for themselves.

Partner to prevent or report crime by contacting your local Sheriff's station. Or if you wish to remain Anonymous, call "LA Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>