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Parks Deputies Arrest Stephen Sorensen Park Copper Thieves

On January 13, 2015, detectives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Parks Bureau served a search warrant in the unincorporated area of Lake Los Angeles in order to catch copper thieves. The detectives were continuing their investigation into the December 29, 2014, theft from Stephen Sorensen Park where a large amount of copper wire was stolen from the newly installed soccer and baseball field light poles. The cost to repair the damage caused by the theft and replace the copper wire was estimated at \$25,000.00. Deputies taking the initial report completed a thorough investigation of the crime scene. But it was not until a witness, who observed three adults near the light poles on January 5, 2015 that the detectives were able to identify the suspects. The witness knew about the copper thefts and saw pieces of cut copper wire in the bed of their truck and called Parks Bureau. Deputies arrived shortly after the suspects had left and discovered that the recently installed copper wire had been stolen from the light poles. With the information they received from the witness and the evidence they obtained from the crime scene, detectives were able to obtain a search warrant for Steven Posczik's residence. Copper wire and evidence linking the suspects to the crimes were found at the Posczik residence. Three suspects, Justin Gennuso, male, White, 32 years of age, resident of Palmdale; Jerry Marshal, male, Hispanic, 29 years of age, resident of Lancaster; and Steven Posczik, male, White, 50 years of age, resident of Palmdale were arrested at the Lake Los Angeles home for Grand Theft and booked at Lancaster Sheriff Station each being held in lieu of \$200,000.00 bail. It should be noted that Stephen Sorensen Park, was named after a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff who was killed in the line of duty in Lake Los Angeles in 2003.

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