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Transit Patrol Deputies Solve Burglary of Local Church

Sheriff's Office Transit Patrol Deputies arrested Austin Hudson (28) and Andrew Miller (35) for Burglary, Possession of Stolen Property, Vehicle Theft, and Conspiracy. The duo are believed to be responsible for the theft of approximately \$15,000 in musical equipment and two transportation vans belonging to the Chinese for Christ Church in San Jose. Both were booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail, Austin Hudson is being held on \$21,000 bail, and Andrew Miller is being held without bail.

On September 18, 2018, Sheriff's Office Transit Patrol Deputies were conducting traffic monitoring around the VTA light rail as part of Rail Safety Month in Downtown San Jose. At approximately 12:42 PM, deputies observed a Toyota Corolla with expired registration and initiated a traffic enforcement stop of the vehicle.

During the course of their investigation, deputies learned the vehicle's passenger was on felony probation. Deputies searched the vehicle and questioned the occupants of the vehicle, Hudson and Miller. Deputies located controlled substances on Miller's person and inside the vehicle. Additionally, burglary tools, two car key sets (one labeled "Toyota" and one "Honda"), musical instruments, a musical amplifier, drug paraphernalia, access cards, and other items were located inside the vehicle. The passenger, Miller, was arrested for the drug violations, burglary tools, and probation violation.

Neither party claimed ownership of the four guitars and one amplifier located by deputies. The instruments and car keys were collected for safe keeping by deputies until their rightful owners could be determined.

At Sheriff's Office Headquarters, deputies were better able to examine the musical instruments collected. Inside one of the guitar cases, deputies located a music program from the Chinese for Christ Church in San Jose.

Deputies made contact with the church, and learned the church had been burglarized a couple days prior. During the burglary, several musical instruments were stolen including multiple guitars and a keyboard. In addition to the instruments, deputies learned that two of the church's vehicles were also stolen, a Honda Odyssey and Toyota Sienna. The vehicles were used for transporting members to/from church who are unable to drive on their own.

On September 20, Deputies located both stolen church vehicles a short distance from Hudson's residence.

On September 21, deputies wrote a search warrant for Hudson's apartment for the stolen keyboard and additional church property. Despite Hudson not being home at the time, the search warrant was executed and the missing keyboard and church property were recovered from Hudson's residence.

On September 24, Hudson was arrested for the burglary at his place of employment.

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