



*Culver City Police Department*  
**PRESS RELEASE**

Manuel Cid, Acting Chief of Police

**School Burglars Arrested and Property Recovered**

Since June of 2020, four burglaries occurred at three different Culver City schools. The suspects pried classroom doors with miscellaneous tools, then stole computers, electronics, and office supplies.

Video surveillance obtained by Culver City Police Department Detectives captured the crimes and images of the suspects. Through detective follow-up, Detectives identified both suspects, Johnathan Ortiz and Josue Ortiz (brothers). On July 21<sup>st</sup> 2020, Culver City Detectives arrested both suspects without incident. They were both booked at the Culver City Police Department for PC 459, Commercial Burglary.

A search warrant for the suspects' residence in the city of Los Angeles was obtained by Detectives and served on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Detectives recovered a substantial amount of evidence including, laptops, tablets, musical equipment and various office equipment that belonged to CCUSD, SMUSD and LAUSD schools (pictured below).

This morning, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Filed multiple counts of Commercial Burglary on both Johnathan and Josue.

Please contact Sergeant Andrew Bellante at 310-253-6316 for more information.



Photographs of some of the recovered property:

