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NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: **DENTAL LAB BURGLARY SUSPECTS ARRESTED**

Suspects: Matthew Marchman, age 38, resident of Costa Mesa
Shawna Lerer, age 29, resident of Costa Mesa

Since the latter part of November, there have been a series of burglaries to dental laboratories in Orange County. The majority of cases have been in Anaheim, with other cases in Fullerton, Costa Mesa, Westminster, Los Alamitos, Santa Ana, Orange, Tustin, and San Clemente. There is also one known case in the city of Walnut that is believed to be associated with this crime spree. The businesses have been burglarized during the hours that they are closed and it is believed that the main goal of the burglars has been to steal raw precious metal used for cavities.

The Anaheim Police Crime Analysis Unit and burglary detectives observed the trend early on. They have been working with many units within the police department to stop the crimes and identify & apprehend the suspects. Burglary detectives had notified all dental laboratories in Anaheim of the crimes and had been working with the business owners to make their establishments secure and prevent the future burglaries. Patrol officers have been aware of this crime trend and have also been working to prevent the crimes and apprehend the suspects.

On January 3, 2010 at approximately 12:50 AM, an Anaheim Police patrol officer was in the 700 block of north Valley Street in Anaheim to check on two dental labs in the area. He observed a female sitting alone inside of a white Chrysler Sebring parked in the industrial area. He also observed a male walking nearby, who quickly discarded a crow bar upon seeing the officer. As the officer detained the male, the female drove away from the location. With the assistance of the Anaheim Police helicopter crew, other patrol officers stopped the car in the industrial complex.

Based on evidence located with the suspects, burglary detectives were called and responded. The two individuals were ultimately transported to the Anaheim Police building. They were later arrested and booked in the Anaheim Detention Facility for burglary. Throughout the day, detectives have been working on this case and have recovered a large amount of evidence believed to be related to many of the dental laboratories burglarized. Other evidence seized may be related to burglaries of other establishments. Detectives believe these subjects have burglarized a total of 18 dental laboratories throughout Orange and Los Angeles County. It is also believed that these suspects stole two vehicles during two of the burglaries and later burned the vehicles.

“This is another example of great team work” said Deputy Chief Craig Hunter. “This Orange County crime series caught out attention early, and we’ve been working diligently to identify the suspects while also undertaking crime prevention efforts with the business community.”