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Subject: **SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOR RETAIL THEFT**

Suspects: Jesse David Brown, age 38, resident of Brea
Joshua Alberto Paiz, age 37, resident of Ontario

Last week, Anaheim Police announced that four men armed with two handguns were arrested by undercover officers in the parking lot of a Fry's electronics store in east Anaheim. Undercover officers have been conducting surveillances at retail stores during the holiday season to prevent crimes from occurring. The four gang members were acting suspiciously in the parking lot, were detained and later arrested in the store parking lot on December 6, 2009 at about 3:15 PM. It is believed they were going to commit crimes to merchants or the business.

Yesterday (Sunday, December 13, 2009) undercover officers were in the same parking lot of the Fry's Electronics store in the 3300 block of east La Palma Avenue. At approximately 1:00 PM, they observed a truck occupied by two men acting suspiciously. When the vehicle drove away from the store, officers stopped the truck for a vehicle code violation. They discovered that the driver Joshua Piaiz was on probation for a previous crime, and passenger Brown was on parole. During a search of the vehicle, officers located hypodermic syringes and a small amount of methamphetamine. They also discovered merchandise, receipts and items from other retail stores including Nordstroms, JC Penneys and Macy's. After conducting a detailed investigation, they ultimately discovered that these men were involved in retail thefts in which one person would enter a store and steals items. The second person would later enter the store with the stolen merchandise, which they would return for money.

Both men were arrested and booked in the Anaheim Detention Facility for a variety of violations including burglary, possession of a controlled substance and possession of syringes. The investigation will continue to locate additional victims and see how wide-spread these individuals have worked.

Members of the Anaheim Police Department have been working hard to deter crime during the holiday season. Working with the crime analysis detail, personnel search for areas where they believe criminals may target. "The Anaheim Police Department continues to use crime-trend analysis to put police officers where they need to be, when they need to be there," said Deputy Chief Craig Hunter. "Again, this is another good example of using technology and good aggressive policing to deter crime".