

NEWS RELEASE



City of Chino Hills Police Department



Date/Time Occurred: August 15, 2017, 7:35 A.M.

Crime or Incident: PC 664/455(a) Attempted Arson, PC 211 Robbery, PC 594 (b)(1) Felony Vandalism.

Location: 4200 Chino Hills Parkway, Chino Hills

Victim(s): Circle K

Suspect(s): Edward Lopez, 19-year-old long time resident of Chino Hills, currently a transient.

SUMMARY

On Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 7:37 A.M., deputies were dispatched to Chaparral Elementary School in Chino Hills regarding a subject sleeping on the campus. School employees also reported the subject might be the same person that had vandalized the playground on an earlier date. Deputies contacted Edward Lopez, a 19-year-old transient from Chino Hills. Lopez was cooperative but denied vandalizing the playground. He was escorted from school grounds and told if he returned he was subject to arrest for Trespassing.

Six days later, on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at approximately 7:35 A.M. deputies from the Chino Hills Police Department were dispatched to the Circle K located at 4200 Chino Hills Parkway regarding a subject, later identified as Lopez, vandalizing the convenience store. Employees reported Lopez broke several glass shelves and two Coca Cola refrigerated coolers before chasing the employees from the store. Once the employees were outside, Lopez obtained a lighter from the counter and walked to the gas pumps where he unsuccessfully tried to ignite a fuel nozzle.

Deputies arrived three minutes later and discovered Lopez had returned to the interior of the convenience store and locked himself inside. After several minutes of negotiating with Lopez he unlocked the door and was taken into custody without incident.

Lopez was transported to West Valley Detention Center and booked for the above listed charges.

Anyone with additional information is urged to call Deputy Reiner at the Chino Hills Police Department or WeTip at 1 (800) 78-CRIME.

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