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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

November 20, 2013

VPD Report Number: 13-14447

Date/Time Occurred: November 20th, 2013 at 1248 hrs

Type of Incident: Stolen Vehicle Chop Shop

Location: 2100 block N. Sowell

Name of Business (if applicable):

State of California

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Juan Luna

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Yes

2. Benito Arazate Jr.

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Yes

3. Cassandra Smith

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Yes

Details: On 11-20-13 at 1248 hrs. Officers responded to the 2100 block of N. Sowell for a suspicious circumstance call. The realtor of the property reported that the former occupants of the residence were at the location removing property without the owner's consent. Officers and investigators also discovered two stolen vehicles in the back of the residence, along with evidence that the location was used to dismantle other stolen vehicles. Additional stolen items were located at the scene. The three suspects were taken into custody and booked on multiple theft charges.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/TRATT/Property Crimes

Supervisor: W. Diltz

