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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**SUBJECT: TAGGER SENTENCED**

**DISCUSSION**

On October 27, 2004, deputies from the Transit Services Bureau, served a search and arrest warrant on a 17-year old tagger active in the West Los Angeles area. He was responsible for 127 cases of tagging on Metro buses. Evidence was gathered at his residence that indicated he was also forging Metro bus passes. The juvenile was arrested for 127 cases of vandalism and forgery. This case was featured in the California section of the Los Angeles Times on October 28, 2004.

On December 3, 2004, the subject pled guilty to 21 felony counts of vandalism and one count of felony forgery. The presiding judge sentenced the subject to formal probation with an electric monitor for house arrest. He must complete 200 hours of graffiti clean up and attend mental health classes. His mother must drop him off and pick him up from school each day. His mother is also required by the court to attend parenting classes. The judge indicated that it would be a long time before the subject gets off probation.

A hearing regarding the restitution of \$215,000 worth of damaged caused by the subject is pending.

**NEXT STEPS**

Staff will continue to inform the Board on significant graffiti and vandalism arrests as updates become available.