



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## Updated News Release

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### **Suspects Wanted for Recent Burglaries at Lompoc Area Schools Identified and Located**

**Lompoc** - Over the past two months, the Sheriff's Office has investigated numerous burglaries at several Lompoc area schools including Buena Vista Elementary School, Cabrillo High School and Maple High School. Through the course of the investigation, three Cabrillo High School students were identified as persons of interest in the string of burglaries.

The Sheriff's School Resource Deputy contacted the parents of the three alleged suspects involved, all of whom were cooperative with the investigation. The parents gave consent to search their child's room and almost all of the items stolen in the recent string of burglaries were recovered in each of the residences. In all, the stolen property which consisted mainly of laptops, is estimated to be worth approximately \$5,000.

The juveniles were all contacted at school and released to their parents. The case is still under investigation. Once it is complete, it will be forwarded to the DA's Office for review.

The Sheriff's Office wants to thank the Lompoc Unified School District for their collaboration on this case and to those who provided tips that led to the suspects being identified and located.

### **Public Assistance Requested to Locate Suspect(s) Responsible for Crimes at Two North County Schools**

**Lompoc** – The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office is requesting information regarding two separate incidents on school campuses in the North County. The Sheriff's Office is investigating the thefts of

three stolen laptops at Buena Vista Elementary School in Vandenberg Village. The first laptop was reported stolen out of a classroom on October 9, 2018. On Sunday, October 14, 2018, two more laptops were discovered stolen. In both cases, the suspect(s) appears to have gained entry into the classrooms by prying open a window and removing the screen.

The Sheriff's Office is also investigating vandalism at Cabrillo High School in Lompoc. This morning, October 15, 2018, Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of vulgar graffiti and a broken classroom window on the campus. Sheriff's deputies also determined that the vandals had also attempted to steal a golf cart but were unsuccessful. Fortunately, no items were reported stolen.

The Sheriff's Office is investigating both cases and is asking anyone with information to please call School Resource Deputy Dennis Thomas at 805-737-7737 or if it is after hours, please call our non-emergency dispatch line at 805-683-2724. To leave an anonymous tip, please call 805-681-4171 or go to our website at <https://www.sbsheriff.org/home/anonymous-tip/>.

The Sheriff's Office takes crimes committed at our local schools very seriously. Essentially, these thieves and vandals are stealing from our kids and their education.