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MEDIA ADVISORY: UPDATE: Laton Burglar Arrested

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of 21 year old Oscar Barba for a prior burglary at the Laton Elementary School.

The burglary was discovered by a deputy doing a patrol check of the school campus on 4-3-07 at approximately 1:40 am. Two of the school buildings had been broken into, and computer equipment stolen. The estimated value of the stolen equipment was \$2600.00.

Evidence at the scene tied Barba to the burglary. He was arrested at his residence at the 20500 block of Gonser in the town of Laton. Upon his arrest, Barba was found to be in the possession of a small amount of methamphetamine. He was later transported to the Fresno County Jail where he was booked. No stolen property has been recovered.

Two other burglaries occurred in Laton on 4-1-07 and 4-2-07. One of the burglaries was also at the Elementary school and the other occurred at the Laton Community Services District office. Both involved the theft of computer and related equipment.

The investigation continues and investigators anticipate more arrests.

Anyone with information in these cases is asked to contact Detective Dan Davies at 896-2003, or the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111.

Additionally, anyone with information on wanted suspects is encouraged to call CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP (7867). Rewards for information leading to the suspect's capture is available and callers can remain anonymous.