

NEWS RELEASE



City of Rancho Cucamonga Police Department



Date/Time: September 24, 2009 at approximately 3:18 p.m.

Crime: PC 459 Burglary and VC 2800.2(A) Felony Evading a Peace Officer/Reckless Driving

Location: Barnes and Noble, 11090 Foothill Boulevard, Rancho Cucamonga

Suspect: Freeman Jones, 51 year old male, resident of Westlake Village

SUMMARY

On September 24, 2009 at approximately 3:18 p.m., deputies assigned to the Rancho Cucamonga Police Station responded to a call for service regarding a possible burglary in progress at Barnes and Noble. A Barnes and Noble employee had recognized the suspect, later identified as Freeman Jones, from an external theft bulletin posted at the store which included a photograph. The bulletin alerted employees to be on the look out for Freeman Jones, who was suspected of stealing an estimated \$250,000 worth of books from Barnes and Noble stores located throughout Arizona, Nevada and California during the past year.

Upon arriving on the scene, Deputy Dorta was flagged down by the manager of Barnes and Noble in the parking lot. The manager indicated the direction of travel by the suspect and deputies began a short vehicle pursuit of the blue ford focus that was being driven at a high rate of speed, running several red lights.

When the suspect attempted to make a U turn at White Birch and Elm Avenue, deputies used their patrol cars to block the suspect from proceeding. Deputies found approximately 76 books hidden on Jones and in his vehicle. The books found, have an estimated value of \$1,669.00. Freeman Jones was taken into custody for Burglary and Evading a Peace Officer. Jones has outstanding warrants for similar offenses in Orange County. He will be booked at West Valley Detention Center.

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