



VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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VPD Case # 06-15536

459 P.C. – BURGLARY

594(b)(1) P.C. – FELONY VANDALISM

597(a) – CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

COLD-CASE DNA HIT SOLVES CRIME

On July 29, 2006, Jesse Bethel High School was burglarized and destructively vandalized by unknown suspects. Several computers, televisions, and other items belonging to the school were senselessly destroyed, and rooms to the school sustained significant damage. Additionally, animals that were maintained by the school as mascots for special education students were killed. One of the suspects left behind a bloodied glove that was submitted to a C.O.D.I.S. (Combined DNA Index System) database for screening.

The case remained unsolved until the Vallejo Police Department was recently notified of a cold-hit on the blood sample that had been submitted to the lab. The hit came back as a match to the DNA of a local 16 year-old juvenile who had been arrested for an independent crime and, as a matter of protocol, was mandated to provide a DNA sample. This match resulted in the juvenile being arrested by detectives for what was previously an unsolved crime; he is charged with burglary, felony vandalism, and cruelty to animals.

Detective Kevin Cosgrove is assigned the case; anyone with possible additional information can contact him at (707) 648-4524.