Crime Alert - Police Activity at Martin Luther King Blvd & Canyon Crest Drive

Earlier this morning on July 6th, 2012 a Transportation & Parking Services Officer contacted UCPD in regards to a suspicious vehicle driving in UCR Lot #30 with two male subjects who exited the vehicle and began looking to several parked and unoccupied cars in the lot. UCPD responded and contacted the subjects. During the contact, one suspect fled from the officers on foot; the other was safely detained by officers.

The fleeing suspect was eventually seen running into the UCR agricultural fields near Martin Luther King Blvd and Canyon Crest Drive. UCPD contacted the staff in this area, advised them of the circumstances and to stay inside. As a precaution, a UCR Emergency Notification System text alert was sent to inform the campus community about the circumstances and advise them to stay out of this area. The Riverside Police Department assisted by sending several officers, a police helicopter and K-9 units. UCPD and RPD officers found the suspect hiding near a tree in the field. He was taken into custody without incident and no one was injured.

During the course of the investigation, UCPD officers located several items of potential evidence. At this time, the suspects are facing charges of grand theft of an automobile, possession of stolen property and resisting an officer.

Mike Lane  
Chief of Police