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Security Guards Exchange Gunfire in Irvine

IRVINE, CA – In the early morning hours of October 10, 2006, two private security officers observed a suspicious individual in the parking lot of 475 Goddard. As they approached the individual, the guards reported that the individual fired a gun at them. One of the security officers shot back at the individual as he ran to a vehicle that was parked nearby. The suspect drove out of the parking lot directly at the second security officer who also fired his weapon at the vehicle as it drove toward him. The security officers observed another male in the right front passenger seat of the suspect vehicle as the suspect drove away. The guards were not injured in the event.

Detectives identified a "PAROLEE AT LARGE" in connection with this crime. This subject has an extensive criminal history for burglary and weapons charges. Detectives learned that earlier this year, this parolee became uncooperative with his parole agent concerning his parole restrictions and stopped reporting as required.

AT 12:20 hours on October 11, 2006, Irvine detectives located the suspect in the unincorporated area of the City of Covina. After a short foot chase, the suspect entered a home under construction in the 16800 block of Bellbrook. Irvine detectives with the assistance of State Parole, the Covina, West Covina and El Monte Police Departments sealed off the area. The suspect remained barricaded for approximately 1 ½ hours until he gave up to police.

Mr. Krueger was dubbed the "Mission Impossible Burglar" in 1998 when he was arrested in Irvine. He was known to use battery operated hand tools to cut through rooftops of high tech businesses. He then used specialized climbing ropes and ladders to enter and remove laptops and computer parts. In the 1998 Irvine case he was convicted of the rooftop burglary of a business and the theft of over \$300,000 of specialized laptop broadband modems. Irvine Police have reason to believe that Mr. Krueger had recently been active again in committing commercial burglaries. Detectives believe Mr. Krueger was now cutting through metal roll up doors in industrial complexes and targeting computer memory and laptop computers.

Anyone with information about Mr. Krueger is asked to contact Detective Gil Garcia at (949) 724-7189.



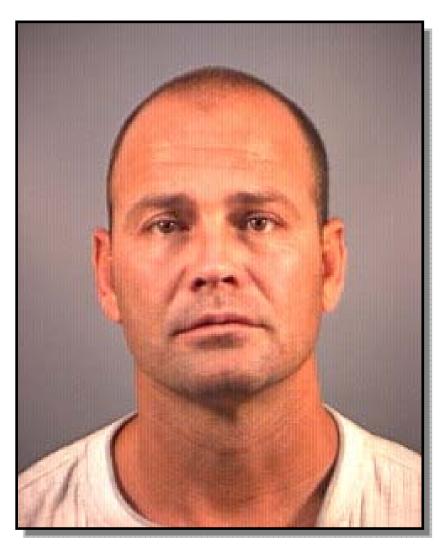
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ARRESTED:

STEVEN JAY KRUEGER 11/09/1963 Last known address in the City of Diamond Bar



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