

Vallejo Burglary Ring Broken, 10 Arrested



Officer James Husted, left, and Sgt. Harold Thacker stand with some of the more than \$3,500 in stolen goods recovered by Vallejo police when they smashed a "burglary by

order" ring. Thacker, Husted and Officer Lee Vaughn worked for weeks to solve 53 South Vallejo burglaries which occurred since last November.—Times-Herald Photo.

'Thefts-On-Order' Setup Took Goods Valued At \$10,000

Vallejo police juvenile officers announced Saturday the cracking of a "burglary by order" ring, and arrested two men and eight juveniles as participants in the operation in which loot worth at least \$10,000 was stolen from 53 South Vallejo homes since November. Sgt.

Harold Thacker, officer in charge of the Juvenile Department, said the suspects all were Caucasians. He and Officers Jim Husted and Lee Vaughn had been working on the case almost unceasingly for weeks.

"It's one of the slickest operations we've ever come up against," Husted said. "It wasn't until we were able to develop a pattern of house burglaries in South Vallejo that we were able to solve it."

As of Saturday afternoon, police had recovered approximately \$3,500 worth of stolen goods.

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TWO CHARGED

The adults who were jailed were identified as Casimiro (Casey) Saavedra, 26, of 132 Jordan St., and Louis Myers, 19, of 1128 Lewis Ave. Both were charged with possession of stolen property. Saavedra was freed on bail of \$2,000, and the same bail figure was set for Myers who remains in custody.

Husted said the juveniles involved in the ring told him they "filled orders" for Saavedra, who allegedly advised them on the types of articles he wanted.

For example, the officer said, the youngsters, (all in the 14-17 age bracket), might be told to obtain an electric organ, a TV set, a gun, or a watch.

The "Fagin" involved in the operation even provided his accomplices with transportation to the home that was to be robbed, Husted said.

VACATION LIST

"One of the men even had a vacation schedule from the C&H sugar plant in Crockett," the investigator said. "Using this, he could tell the kids which families were likely to be gone from their homes at a given time."

The estimate of \$10,000 total value of the burglary loot probably is conservative.

Husted said "there was a

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Rescue Boy From Shaft

MIAMI (UPI)—Rescue workers tunneled through the slime of a South Miami tomato field Saturday night to pull a chubby 2-year-old boy from a narrow irrigation well shaft. The child, sobbing hysterically and covered with black mud, had hung suspended over the cold water for nearly seven hours.

John Reynolds III, a tousle-headed blond toddler dressed in a blue jumper, wandered away from his parents who were picking tomatoes at a public field.

"We noticed him gone," said his father, a Miami stockbroker. "Then my wife heard a moaning sound and saw that he was in the hole. We ran to a nearby house to get help."

More than 50 volunteers frantically began tunnelling into the soft muck near the shaft. At 9 p.m. PST, sheriff's Deputy Bill Team and Fred Knecht, a construction worker,

OVER GLORY HOLE

Level Of Lake Reaches Record

"It seems the only way we can go is up."

This was the wry comment Saturday of Howard Kingsley, assistant operations officer at Monticello Dam.

Kingsley, who has resided in Winters since 1962, has watched in amazement the last few days as the level of Lake Berryessa, fed by rain runoff waters climbed to a record mark.

Friday, he reported the level of the lake was five feet above the "glory hole," which carries spill-off from the lake into Putah Creek.

As of 11 a.m. Saturday, the water was seven feet above the glory hole and still rising.

Yet, with all the water from

discharged into Putah Creek is carried to the Yolo Bypass, which has a wide bed and thus can handle almost any amount of flooding.

Resorts along the lake's vast shoreline have experienced some inundation, Kingsley said, but apparently there have been no financial losses.

"The shores are a bit higher at Steele Park, Spanish Flat and Berryessa Marina," he commented, "but nobody has reported any real trouble."

The dam, which was completed in 1957, has a rated water storage capacity of 1,650,000 acre-feet, a figure that now is far exceeded. The lake, at capacity, normally would be 440 feet above sea level. As