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**Burglary Suspects Taken Into Custody Before Crime is Reported**

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An alert citizen who lives in the 00 block of Sheridan Road, called 9-1-1 at about 4:45 this morning to report two masked men breaking into his garage. Patrol Officers responded to the area and arrested the suspects after discovering over \$12,000 worth of electronics in the garage.

While officers were on the scene, a custodial staff member from DeSales High School called to report a burglary. Responding officers discovered several broken windows and profanity spray painted on a wall in the library, as well as other damage. Damage to the school is estimated at over \$1,000.

The suspects, both 18 years of age, were identified as Miguel A. Cortez and Isaac A. Mata. They were lodged at the County Jail for 3 felonies: 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Burglary, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Theft, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Malicious Mischief. Mata is a cousin of the resident who had called police and a former DeSales student.

Items stolen, and recovered after the burglary, included numerous laptop computers, iPads, video cameras, and photography equipment.

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