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**LVMPD TASK FORCE SEEKS THE PUBLIC'S
ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING AUTO THEFT SUSPECT**

On December 7, 2008, North Las Vegas Police tracked a stolen, Lo-Jack equipped sport motorcycle to 5313 La Quinta Hills Street, in North Las Vegas. When police arrived, several suspects fled the scene leaving behind the stolen vehicles, as well as their own vehicles, and evidence of a Chop Shop. The VIPER Task Force responded to the scene and continued the investigation. A search warrant was served on the address which resulted in the recovery of stolen vehicles and the arrest of Agustin Blanco. Detectives also discovered the identities of the other suspects and evidence of two additional chop shops.

On December 15, 2008, the VIPER Task Force, along with the LVMPD's Construction Theft Detail, served search warrants on Agustin Blanco's Business, GQ Electric, and the residence of GQ Electric employee Sergio Chavez. The search warrants resulted in the recovery of more stolen vehicles, vehicles that had the VIN numbers switched, tools used to dismantle the stolen cars, and other stolen property.

Following the initial investigation by North Las Vegas, Agustin Blanco was released from custody. The VIPER Task Force is now asking for the public's help in locating him for charges stemming from the investigation at GQ Electric.

During this investigation, detectives recovered 4 stolen vehicles, 6 motorcycles, one ATV and one motorcycle engine. It was also discovered that several cases of insurance fraud had been committed.

For more information please contact Lt. Robert Duvall with the VIPER Task Force at 828-3576, or 262-3736 pager.