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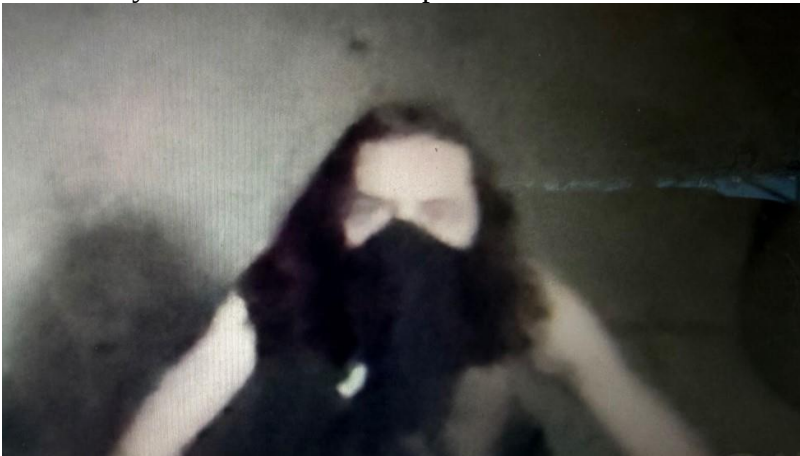
Valencia County Sheriff's Office Seeks Public's Assistance Identifying Suspects in Desert View Elementary School Vandalism

Valencia County, NM – The Valencia County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance in identifying two individuals believed to be involved in a breaking & entering, criminal damage to property, and vandalism incident at Desert View Elementary School in Los Lunas.

On Sunday, September 13, 2026, Valencia County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to Desert View Elementary School regarding a delayed report of a break-in. Deputies conducted a search of the school after being advised that it was unknown whether the individuals responsible remained on the property. No persons were located the search. Deputies discovered two broken windows on doors beyond the school cafeteria, as well as spray paint on multiple walls throughout the school.

Deputies conducted a follow-up investigation on Monday, September 14, and reviewed available school security footage with school administrative staff. The footage, captured during the early morning hours of Saturday, September 12, shows two individuals entering the school and remaining inside for approximately one hour. The footage shows the individuals forcing entry through a glass door by striking the glass with what appears to be a pair of bolt cutters. The suspects are then seen leaving through the same door.

Photographs of the individuals were obtained from the available video footage. The Valencia County Sheriff's Office is releasing a photograph of the suspects in an effort to identify the individuals pictured and is asking anyone who recognizes them or has information regarding the incident to contact the Sheriff's Office. Anyone with information that may assist investigators is encouraged to contact the Valencia County Sheriff's Office at (505) 866-2400 and reference case VCSO26003120. The Sheriff's Office appreciates the assistance of the community and our local school partners as we work to identify those responsible for this incident.





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