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Brothers Behind Bars

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Robert Farmer



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Berkeley, California (Friday, January 18, 2008) - City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) Robbery and Property Crimes detectives are wrapping up a two week long investigation involving two brothers who share a life of crime. **Robert Andrew Farmer, 39**, and **Patrick Ryan Farmer, 29**, of El Sobrante are in custody for a variety of crimes including robbery, weapons violations, burglary and possession of stolen property.

On January 2nd, at approximately 6:05 p.m. the Farmer brothers entered Red Bird, a women's clothing and jewelry store at 2938 Domingo Avenue located in a quiet commercial district near the Claremont Hotel. Robert Farmer pulled a pistol from a holster and announced to employees that it was an armed robbery. He then ordered an employee to fill a snakeskin bag that he grabbed from a store display with jewelry. Patrick Farmer went to the back of the store, where he found more trays of jewelry. Once the two were apparently satisfied with the loot, they fled the store.

On January 4th, at approximately 3:48 a.m., BPD patrol officers responded to a report of a burglary in progress at the Doubletree Hotel in the Berkeley Marina. Hotel employees led officers to the suspects' room. Officers confronted Robert Farmer, hiding in the bathroom with a loaded .357 magnum pistol in his pocket. Farmer resisted violently as four officers attempted to detain him. During the struggle, a woman accomplice identified as **Jenna Marie Mercure, 35**, of Martinez repeatedly jumped on officers' backs and attempted to yank an officer's gun from the holster. Officers were able to gain control and arrest Farmer. They learned that Farmer had a \$150,000 warrant stemming from a Pleasant Hill jewelry store robbery during which Farmer punched the clerk, then stomped on her head and wrist causing serious injuries.

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Officers noticed that Robert Farmer and Mercure matched the descriptions of the Red Bird armed robbery suspects. When interviewed by detectives, Farmer confessed to the robbery. Further investigation steered detectives to locations in the cities of Richmond and El Sobrante where the Farmer brothers fenced stolen property. Over \$150,000 worth of jewelry and other property was recovered and returned to the rightful owners/businesses. Patrick Farmer had been under surveillance after the victims positively identified him as the other male suspect in the Red Bird robbery. He was arrested on January 8th in Richmond as he was going into a residence there. Patrick Farmer also confessed to the robbery.

Detective Sergeant Chris Stines of the BPD Robbery Detail said of the case, "We're glad that we were able to recover so much of the stolen property and return it to the owners. Great work by sharp BPD patrol officers ended the brothers' violent run."

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