

OXNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

INCIDENT:	ELEVEN SECURITY OFFICERS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING CALIFORNIA PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES ACT
DATE/TIME:	08/12/2007 AT 9:30 A.M.
LOCATION:	COLLEGE PARK, 3250 SOUTH ROSE AVE, OXNARD
SUSPECT/S:	GHAZAI NOMAIR, 27, CHATSWORTH JOSE MIGUEL PUGLIESE, 22, LOS ANGELES MARC ANTHONY FELIX, 23, NORTH HILLS SAMI NOMAIR, 18, CHATSWORTH NORMA RIVERA, 36, CANOGA PARK ANTONIO PEREZ, 22, SYLMAR JAMES OSWALDO SOLARES, 30, SYLMAR RAUL FABIAN CASTRO, 23, CANOGA PARK EDGAR RENE JIMENEZ, 25, CANOGA PARK JOSE MANUEL CASTRO, 19, CANOGA PARK NARCISCO DIAZ RUIZ, 20, CANOGA PARK
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DETAILS:

A routine check of private security officer credentials at an event in Oxnard resulted in the arrest 11 of 12 security officers from the same security company.

United Security Services of Chatsworth was contracted to provide security services at a private event at Oxnard's College Park recently. Under California law, security officers must possess a valid security guard registration card (pursuant to §7583.3(a) Business & Professions Code, a misdemeanor).

To be eligible to apply for a security guard registration, applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Undergo a criminal history background check through the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); and
- Complete a 40-hour course of required training.

A growing problem in the private security industry is the use of untrained personnel who have not undergone a criminal background check. The use of these unfit and unqualified employees undermines the good work of properly licensed and trained security companies in the state.

The Oxnard Police Department, in cooperation with the California Department of

Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS), conducts regular checks of security officer credentials working in the city of Oxnard. BSIS regulates the licensing of alarm company operators, private investigators, repossession agencies, locksmiths, private patrol operators, related training facilities, along with the company's managers and employees.

Each of the 11 suspects was released with a written promise to appear before Ventura's superior court later next month.

United Security Services faces possible revocation of their state license and/or administrative penalties of up to \$5,000 per unlicensed security guard by BSIS. The company was also cited for not possessing a city of Oxnard business license.

"Local authorities are vital to the State's efforts against the use of unlicensed security guards and we really appreciate the Oxnard Police Department's vigilance," said BSIS Chief Paul Johnson. "Unlicensed activity is big concern for BSIS and the Department of Consumer Affairs because it can pose a significant danger to the public. "

Johnson noted that BSIS had recently developed a pocket guide to help local police identify the different licenses it issues. It can be seen at http://www.dca.ca.gov/bsis/publications/pocket_guide.pdf

AN INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

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