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Arrest of Commercial Building Burglar

On April 3, 2011, at approximately 3:00 a.m., Beverly Hills officers were dispatched to Olympic and Robertson regarding a Burglary that just occurred at the Shell gas station. The suspect was last seen running northbound on Robertson, away from the location wearing a grey hood. When patrol units arrived in the area, they discovered a smashed window and items missing from the location. Additional units began to check the area, and approximately 30 minutes later, an officer located a parked, occupied vehicle in the Robertson/Clark alley just north of the gas station. The officer contacted the occupant, William Bird, 40, and discovered through his investigation that Bird was on parole for a narcotics violation. Further investigation revealed that Bird, had in his possession, pry bars and other burglary tools in the car, as well as stolen cigarettes from the gas station. Bird was taken into custody and charged with 459 PC, Burglary, 496(a) PC, Receiving Stolen Property, 466 PC, Possession of Burglary Tools and 3056 PC, Violation of Parole. Currently, Beverly Hills detectives are conducting a follow-up investigation to confirm other victims possibly in neighboring cities.

"This was an outstanding observation arrest and a fine example of a continuous investigation in spite of the time lapse of 30 minutes since the call came out," said Lieutenant Tony Lee. "The capture of this convicted felon saved other victims from monetary loss and inconvenience."

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