



# City of Downey

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## PRESS RELEASE

Theft of "Headstones" from Downey Cemetery  
March 30, 2011

On Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at around 7:30 am, Downey Police were dispatched to the Downey Cemetery, located at 12950 Lakewood Blvd., in reference to a theft that just occurred. It was discovered that four bronze "Headstones" had been stolen from various graves in the cemetery. Numerous bronze accent pieces were also removed from other headstones. Many of these bronze inlays recognize service and personal accomplishments during the decedent's time as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

The suspects were last seen leaving the area in a black "lifted" Chevy Silverado truck, with a black camper shell. Suspect #1 is described as male Caucasian or Hispanic, 6' 3" weighing approximately 300 lbs. He was last seen wearing a white shirt and gray shorts. Suspect #2 is described as a male Caucasian or Hispanic, 5' 8" weighing approximately 250 lbs. He was also last seen wearing a white shirt and gray shorts.

Because of the value of bronze, it is believed the items were taken so they could be recycled for cash. Area recycling facilities have been notified of the theft and were asked to contact the police should any of the stolen items be brought to their businesses.

The Downey Cemetery traces its roots back to 1868, and is the final resting site for over 9,000 souls, including veterans from the Civil War through the Gulf War.

Anyone with information regarding this case, or the identity of a possible suspect(s), is asked to contact Detective Jerry Price at (562) 904-2359 or Detective Mark Galindo (562) 904-2326.

To provide information ANONYMOUSLY, call Crime Stoppers by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), or by texting the letters TIPLA, plus your tip, to CRIMES (274637), or by using the web site <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

Press inquiries should be directed to Sergeant Brian Baker at (562) 904-2304 or Lieutenant Phil Rego at (562) 904-2311.