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LINCOLN, CA, June 13, 2007 - One of the Lincoln Police Department's top priorities is to reduce the number of graffiti incidents within the city, particularly gang style graffiti. On June 12, 2007, officers responded to a report of graffiti on Joiner Parkway. Officers recognized the graffiti as similar to previous incidents. Officers noted a particular moniker, and through the assistance of the Lincoln Police Department Communications Dispatcher Lisa McIntosh, they were able to identify a possible suspect.

Officers responded to the suspects address, a 14-year-old male resident of Lincoln, and met with the suspect. Officers noted paint on the juvenile's fingers and discovered the same moniker written on items in the juvenile's room. The officers were able to recover spray paint and "practice" boards at the residence. The juvenile subsequently admitted to several acts of graffiti vandalism and was booked in the Placer County Juvenile Hall for the graffiti crimes.

With a zero tolerance attitude and good police work, several cases of graffiti vandalism have been solved. This type of crime is often an indicator or prelude to more serious gang activity and must be abated to reduce an escalation in other gang activity. Chief Vizzusi wants the community to know that the Lincoln Police Department will continue to aggressively enforce anti-graffiti laws and bring those responsible to justice.

The Lincoln Police Department asks the citizens of Lincoln to call immediately if they see this activity occurring. The public is often the Police Department's eyes and ears. The City of Lincoln will not tolerate gang activity in any form. Those who choose to commit these crimes are put on notice that they are unwelcome in our community.

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