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CASE NUMBER: 09-7865

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 10/10/2009

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NATURE OF STORY: LUPER CEMETARY VANDALISM

**LOCATION: LUPER PIONEER CEMETARY ON
WEST BEACON ROAD – EUGENE, OR**

**ARRESTED: Wabel, Jay Allan (age 18) – Castle Rock WA
Bangs, Joseph Christopher (age 19) – Castle Rock WA
Perritt, Matthew Scott (age 18) – Eugene OR**

DETAILS:

On October 12, 2009 the Sheriff's Office received a report of vandalism at Luper Pioneer Cemetery. Volunteers cleaning up the cemetery on that date found headstones overturned and broken. Media coverage of the incident prompted numerous calls from the public who provided information that ultimately led to the recovery of two stolen headstones and additional information regarding the persons responsible for the vandalism.

During the investigation, Sheriff's Deputies identified the above listed subjects (Wabel, Bangs and Perritt) as having participated in the vandalism. On October 21, 2009, all three men were located in the Roseburg area and arrested for Theft I, Criminal Mischief I, Criminal Trespass II, Abuse of a Memorial to the Dead and Tampering with Evidence. All three men are currently lodged in the Lane County Jail.

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